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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

of the

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

(STATEWIDE SESSION)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 40:8: “I delight to do your will. O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Let us pray. Father in Heaven, we offer to You with thanksgiving that You bring us to this place to make laws for Your people to carry on with their duties. May they be fair in offering to you great thanks that is happening right here in this place. Grant us faith to believe and be successful in our doing. Bless and preserve our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this vineyard. Bless and keep our Armed Forces and those with 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 yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Reggie Abraham, brother of Rosalind Harriot, which was agreed to.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer family and friends of Reggie Abraham, brother of Rosalind Harriot.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 5, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor’s appointment of:

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

Very Respectfully,

President of the Senate

Received as information.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4152 -- Reps. Gagnon, 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, 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 DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, AS "STO PROGRAMS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONSUMER-FACING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4153 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Pedalino, 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, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY JUNIOR VARSITY COMPETITION CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4154 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Pedalino, 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, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4155 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, 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, 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 CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH YEAR OF THE FOUNDING OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND TO DECLARE MARCH 12, 2025, AS "OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4156 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WEST UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4157 -- Reps. Sanders, 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, 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 HONOR THE ANDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE DIVISION FOR BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF THE YEAR FOR 2024.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4158 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME OLD DIBBLE ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM BANKS MILL ROAD TO WOODWARD DRIVE "DR. CHARLIE TIMMERMAN MEMORIAL ROAD" 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 4159 -- Reps. Pedalino and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS MAY DESIGNATE CERTAIN LAND AS NATIVE AMERICAN RESERVATIONS; AND TO DESIGNATE PREVIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 31 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4160 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT FIVE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, SEVENTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4161 -- Reps. Burns, Huff, Gilreath, Cromer, Duncan, White, Oremus, Lawson, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Frank, Terribile, Haddon and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-36 SO AS TO DECLARE THAT LIFE BEGINS AT THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4162 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-100, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ANYTHING OF VALUE" OR "THING OF VALUE."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4163 -- Reps. Erickson, Bowers, Bradley, Crawford, Davis, Pedalino, Hartnett, Neese, M. M. Smith, Oremus, Lawson, Vaughan, Mitchell, Herbkersman, B. J. Cox, B. Newton, Collins, B. L. Cox, Forrest, Brewer, McGinnis, Burns, Gatch, Haddon, Hager, Hixon, Murphy, Taylor, Whitmire and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 59, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION; TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, MAY NOT JOIN OR AFFILIATE WITH ANY OTHER ENTITY WITHIN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNING, SANCTIONING, OR OPERATING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TRANSFER STUDENTS, HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS, PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND APPEALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4164 -- Reps. Weeks and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3531 SO AS TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT TO A TAXPAYER THAT INVESTS IN A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OR IN A COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4165 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Hartnett, Holman and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "NON-OPIOID TREATMENTS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PRACTITIONERS OFFERING NON-OPIOID TREATMENT.

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

H. 4166 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-92 SO AS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND TIMELY OPTION FOR STUDENTS TO PREVENT UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES BY ENSURING THAT ALL PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THIS STATE HAVE ACCESS TO LEVONORGESTREL/PLAN B, AN EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE, THROUGH THE SCHOOL NURSE OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF A SCHOOL NURSE, ANOTHER DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEVONORGESTREL/B PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR PARTIES INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4167 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION OF MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRRED ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE TREATMENT OR CARE FOR DEMENTIA.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4168 -- Reps. Forrest, Hartz and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-31-1610 AND 5-31-1620 SO AS TO EXEMPT PROPERTY FROM CONNECTING TO MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS IF THE SYSTEM LACKS CAPACITY TO EXTEND SERVICES TO THE PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY LIMITS TO INSTALL A WELL OR SEPTIC TANK IF IT IS MORE ECONOMICAL FOR THE

PROPERTY OWNER THAN CONNECTING TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM.

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

H. 4169 -- Rep. Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-85, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS BY THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-80, RELATING TO ACTS CONSIDERED TO BE THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE, SO AS TO EXPAND SERVICES THAT LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS MAY PERFORM WITHOUT SUPERVISION OR WITH GENERAL SUPERVISION, AND TO PROVIDE DENTAL HYGIENISTS PRACTICING INTERDEPENDENTLY IN PUBLIC HEALTH SETTINGS WITHOUT SUPERVISION MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS PROVIDERS BY MEDICAID AND OTHER PAYERS AND MAY BE DIRECTLY REMIBURSED BY SUCH PAYERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-102, RELATING TO THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS BY DENTISTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS WHO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND REVERSIBLE PREVENTIVE CARE IN CERTAIN SETTINGS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 79 -- Senators Hembree and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER THE PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING, AND TO

PROVIDE NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 157 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Graham and Garrett: 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 IN 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 ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

On motion of Rep. GATCH, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 276 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-400, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT NETWORK; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-410, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Bailey | Bannister | Bauer |
| Beach | Bernstein | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brewer | Brittain |
| Burns | Bustos | Calhoon |
| Caskey | Chapman | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | 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 | Mitchell | Montgomery |
| T. Moore | Morgan | Moss |
| Murphy | Neese | B. Newton |
| W. Newton | Oremus | Pace |
| Pedalino | Pope | Rivers |
| Robbins | Rose | Sanders |
| Schuessler | Sessions | G. M. Smith |
| M. M. Smith | Spann-Wilder | Stavrinakis |
| Taylor | Teeple | Terribile |
| Vaughan | Weeks | Wetmore |
| White | Whitmire | Wickensimer |
| Williams | Willis | Wooten |
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**Total Present--112**

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

Rep. STAVRINAKIS signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, March 5.

**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. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. REESE a leave of absence for the day to attend a funeral.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. RANKIN a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. Stephanie Scott of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. MARTIN presented to the House the Fort Mill High School "Lady Yellow Jackets" 2024 5-A Division 2 Girls' Swimming State Champions.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. BEACH presented to the House the Powdersville High School "Patriots" 3-A State Championship Volleyball Team.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the Soda City FC Fall 2024 UPSL National Champions.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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. 3025 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | CRAWFORD |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3039 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | WETMORE and STAVRINAKIS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3044 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | GAGNON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3046 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | B. NEWTON, HIXON and GAGNON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3256 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | CHAPMAN |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3489 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | M. M. SMITH |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3497 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | SANDERS, WILLIS, BREWER, HIOTT, HIXON, CASKEY, WICKENSIMER, HENDERSON-MYERS, YOW, MITCHELL, HART, BAMBERG and GARVIN |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3580 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | WETMORE |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3638 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | LIGON, MCCABE, PEDALINO, FORREST and HADDON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3752 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | CHAPMAN |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3802 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | SANDERS and BOWERS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4005 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | HARTNETT and TEEPLE |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4068 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | SCHUESSLER |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4103 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | CHAPMAN |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4129 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | BAMBERG |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4144 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | LIGON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4145 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | GILLIAM, BAUER and WETMORE |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4146 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/06/25 | SANDERS |

**H. 4002--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

Rep. Burns proposed the following Amendment No. 1o H. 4002 (LC-4002.PH0002H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. (A) The powers, duties, responsibilities, assets, and liabilities of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District are transferred and devolved upon the governing body of Greenville Countydissolved.

(B) The chairmen of the commission and the governing body shall cooperate with one another in executingshall ensure that all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of all powers, duties, responsibilities, assets, and liabilitiesdissolve the commission are executed as required by this act.

(C) The commission shall cease waste collections of any type on December 31, 2025

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

SECTION X. In preparation for the closure of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District, the commission shall:

(A) mail three separate notices by United States Postal Service to all property owners informing the owner of the need to select a new private waste provider. The notice must:

(1) be approved in advance by the Chairman of the Greenville Legislative Delegation;

(2) include a list of any private providers desiring to be listed on the notice along with the phone number and website for the provider;

(3) include a draft county property tax bill clearly showing where the existing millage and sanitation fees will be removed on future tax notices; and

(4) be mailed on or about August 1, 2025, October 15, 2025, and December 1, 2025.

(B) provide two job fair opportunities for all commission employees to be interviewed by private waste providers on or about August 1, 2025 and September 15, 2025;

(C) sell all real and personal property on widely-accepted government surplus websites between January 15, 2026 and May 15, 2026;

(D) prepare an orderly and itemized accounting of all books and records, including but not limited to, general ledgers, checkbooks, and financial records of any type through May 31, 2026 and deliver the books and records in-person to the Greenville County Administrator for safekeeping before June 30, 2026;

(E) provide immediate notice to any affected party that the Greenville County Sanitation District is ordered to cease waste collections on or before December 31, 2025;

(F) all bonds and debts of any type must be satisfied in full;

(G) remit any and all remaining funds whether in cash or securities of any type to the Greenville County Treasurer with notice to the Greenville County Administrator for disbursement by ordinance of the Greenville County Council in its discretion.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 3 and inserting:

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. VAUGHAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bradley | Brewer | Brittain |
| Burns | Bustos | Calhoon |
| Caskey | Chapman | Clyburn |
| B. L. Cox | Crawford | Cromer |
| Davis | Duncan | Edgerton |
| Erickson | Forrest | Frank |
| Gagnon | Garvin | Gatch |
| Gibson | Gilliam | Gilliard |
| Gilreath | Grant | Guest |
| Guffey | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Harris | Hartnett |
| Hartz | Hayes | Henderson-Myers |
| Herbkersman | Hewitt | Hiott |
| Hixon | Holman | Hosey |
| Howard | J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson |
| Jordan | Kilmartin | Kirby |
| Landing | Lawson | Ligon |
| Long | Lowe | Luck |
| Magnuson | Martin | May |
| McCabe | McCravy | McGinnis |
| Mitchell | Montgomery | T. Moore |
| Morgan | Moss | Murphy |
| Neese | B. Newton | W. Newton |
| Oremus | Pace | Pedalino |
| Pope | Rivers | Robbins |
| Sanders | Schuessler | G. M. Smith |
| M. M. Smith | Spann-Wilder | Taylor |
| Teeple | Terribile | Vaughan |
| Weeks | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Wooten |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--97**

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Cobb-Hunter | Dillard | Govan |
| Jones | King | McDaniel |
| Wickensimer |  |  |

**Total--7**

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

**H. 4002--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. VAUGHAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4002 be read the third time tomorrow.

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

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

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.

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

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.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. LOWE moved that H. 4025, the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, be set for Special Order on Monday, March 10, 2025, immediately after second reading of S. 157, and for Special Order on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, immediately after third reading of S. 157, and after roll call every day thereafter until given second reading, which was agreed to.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. LOWE moved that beginning Monday, March 10, 2025, and while debating H. 4025 on second reading that the bills on the Calendar, excluding S. 157, be printed by number only, which was agreed to.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. LOWE moved that when the House adjourns today that it adjourn to meet in Local Session tomorrow, Friday, March 7, 2025, and then convene in Statewide Session at 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2025, which was agreed to.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. LOWE moved that H. 4026, the Joint Resolution appropriating the Capital Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, be set for Special Order immediately following second reading of H. 4025, and immediately after roll call every day thereafter, and continue each day until receiving second reading, which was agreed to.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. LOWE moved that H. 4025 be set for Special Order for third reading immediately after second reading of H. 4026, and immediately after roll call every day thereafter, and continue each day thereafter until given third reading, which was agreed to.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. LOWE moved that H. 4026 be set for Special Order for third reading immediately after third reading of H. 4025, and immediately after roll call every day thereafter until given third reading, which was agreed to.

**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, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon and Gagnon: 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. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 11, which was agreed to.

**H. 3497--RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Oremus, Sanders, Willis, Brewer, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Henderson-Myers, Wickensimer, Yow, Mitchell, Bamberg, Hart and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. FRANK made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**RULE 5.10 WAIVED, PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15**

Rep. JORDAN moved to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

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

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | 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 | Jones |
| Jordan | Kilmartin | King |
| Kirby | Landing | Lawson |
| Ligon | Long | Lowe |
| Luck | Magnuson | Martin |
| May | McCabe | McCravy |
| McDaniel | McGinnis | Mitchell |
| Montgomery | T. Moore | Morgan |
| Moss | Murphy | B. Newton |
| W. Newton | Oremus | Pace |
| Pedalino | Pope | Rivers |
| Robbins | Rose | 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--109**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, Rule 5.10 was waived, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3497 (LC-3497.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 38-90-20(A), by adding an item to read:

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining insurance coverage whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company’s duty to defend a claim.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 61-2-145(C) and inserting:

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on‑premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on‑premises consumption after five o’clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or termination.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 61-2-145(E) and inserting:

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on‑premises consumption, which remains open after five o’clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on‑premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A person qualifies if the person and the entity for which the person obtained the license or permit:

(1) stops serving alcohol by twelve o’clock a.m. A person meeting the requirements of this item may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional one hundred thousand dollars for each hour earlier until six o’clock p.m.;

(2) completes an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3;

(3) has less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales; or

(4) is a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(5) A person meeting the requirements of items (2) or (3) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars each. An entity meeting the requirements of item (4) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A person complying with any combination of items (1)‑(4) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the entity complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on‑premises consumption, which remains open after five o’clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on‑premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license.

(6) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of on‑premises consumption of alcohol.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 61-3-100(7) and inserting:

(7) “Employee” means a person who is employed for at least ten hours a week by a permittee or a licensee.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 61-3-110(A) and inserting:

(A) An entity may not qualify for the liquor liability mitigation program pursuant to Section 61‑2‑145(E)(2) unless all employees who are employed as an alcohol server or a manager on permitted or licensed premises obtain, within one hundred twentysixty calendar days of employment, an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If a permittee or licensee functions or is employed as an alcohol server or manager on the permitted or licensed premises, then the permittee or licensee must also complete training on responsible alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. An alcohol server shall not consume alcohol or be mentally or physically impaired by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 61-3-110(C) and inserting:

(C) Failure to produce a copy of an alcohol server certificate when an alcohol server has been employed for one hundred twentysixty calendar days subjects the permittee or licensee to noncompliance with Section 61‑2‑145(E).

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) This section does not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, grossly negligent, or intentional or conduct involving the use, sale, or possession of alcohol or the illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2930 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine. If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate in and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy‑five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant has successfully completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2933 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine. If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy‑five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2945 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-5-2945. (A) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle which act or neglect proximately causes moderate bodily injury to another person is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, second degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished by a mandatory fine of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned up to ten years.

(B) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately causes great bodily injury or death to another person, is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, first degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished:

(1) by a mandatory fine of not less than five thousand one hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than fifteen years when great bodily injury results;

(2) by a mandatory fine of not less than ten thousand one hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than twenty-five years when death results.

(C) A part of the mandatory sentences required to be imposed by this section must not be suspended, and probation must not be granted for any portion.

(B)(D) As used in this section, “great bodily injury” means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ. As used in this section, “moderate bodily injury” means physical injury that involves prolonged loss of consciousness, or that causes temporary or moderate disfigurement or temporary loss of the function of a bodily member or organ, or injury that requires medical treatment when the treatment requires the use of regional or general anesthesia or injury that results in a fracture or dislocation. Moderate bodily injury does not include a one‑time treatment and subsequent observation of scratches, cuts, abrasions, bruises, burns, splinters, or any other injuries that do not ordinarily require extensive medical care.

(C)(1)(E)(1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted pursuant to this section. For suspension purposes of this section, convictions arising out of a single incident must run concurrently.

(2) After the person is released from prison, the person shall enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for:

(a) three years when great bodily injury results and five years when a death occurs; or

(b) one year when the conviction was for felony driving under the influence, second degree.

(D)(F) One hundred dollars of each fine imposed pursuant to this section must be placed by the Comptroller General into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Public Safety for the Highway Patrol.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2951(I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(I)(1) Except as provided in item (3), the period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, an arrested person who has no previous convictions for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or a law of another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, and who has had no previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) six months for a person who refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950; or

(b) one monththree months for a person who takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(2) The period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, a person who has been convicted previously for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or another law of this State or another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or another drug within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, or who has had a previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) for a second offense, nine monthsone year if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or two six months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more;

(b) for a third offense, twelve eighteen months if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or three nine months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more; and

(c) for a fourth or subsequent offense, fifteen monthstwo years if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or four monthsone year if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(3)(a) In lieu of serving the remainder of a suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, a person may enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle equal to the length of time remaining on the person's suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit. If the length of time remaining is less than three months, the ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for three months.

(b) The person must receive credit for the number of days the person maintained an ignition interlock restriction on the temporary alcohol license.

(c) Once a person has enrolled in the Ignition Interlock Device Program and obtained an ignition interlock restricted license, the person is subject to Section 56-5-2941 and cannot subsequently choose to serve the suspension.

SECTION X. The South Carolina Department of Insurance must publish an annual report summarizing liquor liability insurance rate trends, including the number and amount of premium increases, the reasons cited for the increases, and any regulatory actions taken. The annual report must be sent to the Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee by January thirtieth of each year.

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3497 (LC-3497.HA0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4, by deleting Section 61-3-130 from the bill.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KILMARTIN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar, the pending question being consideration of Amendment No. 2.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. MAGNUSON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**H. 3497--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 2:

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Oremus, Sanders, Willis, Brewer, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Henderson-Myers, Wickensimer, Yow, Mitchell, Bamberg, Hart and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2o H. 3497 (LC-3497.HA0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4, by deleting Section 61-3-130 from the bill.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KILMARTIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | B. L. Cox |
| Crawford | Cromer | Davis |
| Dillard | Duncan | Edgerton |
| Erickson | Forrest | Gagnon |
| Garvin | Gatch | Gibson |
| Gilliam | Gilliard | Gilreath |
| Govan | Grant | Guest |
| Guffey | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Harris | Hart |
| Hartnett | Hartz | Hayes |
| Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hiott | Hosey | 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 | T. Moore | Morgan |
| Moss | Murphy | Neese |
| B. Newton | W. Newton | Oremus |
| Pace | Pedalino | Pope |
| Rivers | Robbins | Rose |
| 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:

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| Howard |  |  |

**Total--1**

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3497 (LC-3497.HA0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 5, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 56-5-2956. A person who is convicted of violating Sections 56-5-2930 or 56-5-2933 must obtain automobile liability insurance as ordered in the discretion of the judge, provided that under no circumstances the order must include, at a minimum, an amount of automobile liability insurance for a person convicted for a first offense must be at two-hundred fifty thousand dollars for at least one year.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WHITE explained the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. JORDAN raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 3 was not germane to H. 3497.

The SPEAKER stated it was a difficult call for him to make. He stated that he thought the amendment was likely germane to the bill. He stated further that the appropriateness of the amendment as a matter of law was a decision for the body. He overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. WHITE continued speaking.

Rep. WHITE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. WHITE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | B. L. Cox |
| Crawford | Cromer | Davis |
| Dillard | Duncan | Edgerton |
| Erickson | Forrest | Gagnon |
| Garvin | Gatch | Gibson |
| Gilliam | Gilliard | Gilreath |
| Govan | Grant | Guest |
| Guffey | 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 |
| McGinnis | Mitchell | Montgomery |
| T. Moore | Morgan | Moss |
| Murphy | Neese | B. Newton |
| W. Newton | Oremus | Pace |
| Pedalino | Pope | Rivers |
| Robbins | Rose | 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--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.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was out of town on business during the vote on H. 3497 that deals with liquor liability. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

**H. 3497--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3497 be read the third time tomorrow.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. GILREATH asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4010 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HIXON objected.

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

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

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: 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 TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

**H. 3021--SENT TO THE SENATE**

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, Willis, Brewer, Gibson and Hiott: 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.

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

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Bannister | Bauer | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | B. L. Cox |
| Crawford | Cromer | Davis |
| Dillard | Duncan | Edgerton |
| Erickson | Forrest | Frank |
| Gagnon | Gatch | Gibson |
| Gilliam | Gilliard | Gilreath |
| Govan | Grant | Guest |
| Guffey | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Hart | Hartnett |
| Hartz | 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 | T. Moore |
| Morgan | Moss | Murphy |
| Neese | B. Newton | W. Newton |
| Oremus | Pace | Pedalino |
| Pope | Rivers | Robbins |
| Rose | 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--108**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3021. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Beach

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. MURPHY moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4170 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, 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, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4171 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, 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, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4172 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, 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, 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, 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 DR. RICHARD PERRY PINCKNEY, PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT LANDER UNIVERSITY, AND TO EXPRESS DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR HIS BROAD EXPERTISE AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4173 -- Reps. Davis, 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, 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 DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO TOM F. HUDSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 4174 -- Reps. B. Newton and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDIT, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE "RELATED PERSON"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-80, RELATING TO THE JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDIT, SO AS TO SPECIFY RELATED PERSONS THAT MAY BE DESIGNATED AS SUCH BY A QUALIFYING BUSINESS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4175 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Pope, Ligon and Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1125 SO AS TO EXCLUDE WAGES EARNED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM THE CALCULATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME AND TO PROHIBIT THE WITHHOLDING OF TAXES ON SUCH WAGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4176 -- Reps. Murphy, Brewer, Gatch, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Rutherford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Rose, Robbins and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "I-95 ECONOMIC AND EDUCATION STIMULUS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAMING COMMISSION THAT MAY AWARD CASINO LICENSES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTS**

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on March 6, 2025, at 12:00 noon and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 1, S. 253) -- Senators Peeler, Grooms, Alexander, Turner and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEND CERTAIN FUNDS TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE CONSULTANT FOR REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE OF THE ALIXPARTNERS FORENSIC ACCOUNTING REPORT, TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER, THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ACCOUNTING REPORT, TO PROVIDE A DETAILED TIMELINE OF SUCH, AND TO ISSUE A REPORT ON THE STATUS THEREOF, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE CONSULTANT TO ISSUE A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF SUCH IMPLEMENTATION.

(R. 2, S. 271) -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025; AND TO SUSPEND SECTION 2-20-15 FOR ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND 2026.

(R. 3, S. 282) -- Senator Zell: AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

(R. 4, H. 3438) -- Reps. Pope, B. Newton and Ligon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES ORDINANCE NUMBER 3421 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, BY THE YORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE CATAWBA INDIAN RESERVATION, AS REQUESTED BY THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION.

(R. 5, H. 3523) -- Reps. J.E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus and Hartz: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16‑13‑135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

(R. 6, H. 3792) -- Rep. Pedalino: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 106 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY INTO THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT ITS PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:07 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, adjourned in memory of Reggie Abraham, brother of Rosalind Harriot, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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