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REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

Psalm 23:1a, 2b

We read that the Psalmist declares: "The Lord is my shepherd. . . he leads me beside still waters. . ."

Let us pray, my friends: Most Holy and ever-blessed God, these days how often do we long for waters that are quiet and tranquil and peaceful -- like those the Psalmist describes. Instead, around the world and surely here in South Carolina, we now and then find ourselves seemingly adrift in a small boat being tossed about by wild ocean waves. So we pray today, Lord, that especially here in the Senate of South Carolina, You will grant our leaders the peace and courage needed as they deal with the challenges of our day. Indeed, may these Senators and their aides be guided and blessed by Your gracious Spirit as they diligently work together to benefit all of our people. In Your loving name we pray, O Lord. Amen.

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

Call of the Senate

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

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Nutt
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker

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Williams

Young

Zell

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointment was transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

Statewide Appointment

Reappointment, South Carolina Board of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, with the term to commence March 15, 2025, and to expire March 15, 2031

1st Congressional District:

Terry Seckinger, 566 Needlerush Parkway, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

The following was received:

Document No. 5360

Agency: Department of Transportation

Chapter: 63

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 57-25-800 through 57-25-830

SUBJECT: Agritourism and Tourism-Oriented Directional Signing

Received by President of the Senate January 14, 2025

Referred to Transportation Committee

Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Withdrawn and Resubmitted February 25, 2025

Doctor of the Day

Senator KIMBRELL introduced Dr. Victoria Pollard of Inman, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator GROOMS, at 12:11 P.M., Senator CAMPSEN was granted a leave of absence for today.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator WALKER, at 12:52 P.M., Senator DEVINE was granted a leave of absence for today.

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Expression of Personal Interest

Senator DAVIS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

- S. 2 Sens. Garrett, Turner and Jackson
- S. 41 Sen. Devine
- S. 51 Sen. Walker
- S. 192 Sen. Zell
- S. 305 Sen. Zell
- S. 330 Sen. Blackmon
- S. 136 Sen. Rice
- S. 156 Sens. Turner and Peeler
- S. 159 Sen. Walker
- S. 183 Sens. Matthews and Walker
- S. 184 Sen. Kimbrell
- S. 264 Sen. Garrett
- S. 291 Sen. Cromer
- S. 318 Sen. Garrett
- S. 346 Sens. Graham and Turner

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

The following co-sponsor was removed from the respective Bill:

- S. 342 Sen. Davis

RECALLED

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.

Senator RANKIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Joint Resolution from the Committee on Judiciary.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

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S. 372 -- Senator Sutton: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE C. T. LOWNDES & COMPANY INSURANCE AGENCY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE AGENCY FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE HORRY COUNTY COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 373 -- Senator Walker: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF MASTER POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" SANTOS CARRIZALES AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 374 -- Senators Martin and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-360, RELATING TO INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES WHO USE THE DEPARTMENT'S DETENTION SERVICES DETAILING THE PER DIEM COSTS AND INVOICE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-1610, RELATING TO EXCLUSIVE CARE AND PAYMENT BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR USE OF THE FACILITIES, SO AS TO DELETE INCONSISTENT LANGUAGE REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS A DAY PER CHILD; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-208, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS, SO AS TO DELETE INCONSISTENT LANGUAGE REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OF TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS A DAY PER CHILD.

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Senator MARTIN spoke on the Bill.

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

S. 375 -- Senators Jackson and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-720, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES AND

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RETIREEES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

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

S. 376 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EXPANDING PHYSICIAN ACCESS ACT OF 2025" AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-39 SO AS TO REMOVE BARRIERS THAT PREVENT HIGH-QUALITY, INTERNATIONALLY LICENSED PHYSICIANS FROM FILLING VACANCIES IN THIS STATE BY ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY TRAINING DUPLICATION WHILE MAINTAINING CARE STANDARDS AND OTHER LICENSURE AND PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS, TO EMPOWER THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO CONTINUE PERFORMING ITS ROLE TO ENSURE ALL INTERNATIONALLY LICENSED PHYSICIAN APPLICANTS HAVE THE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND REVOCATION OF PROVISIONAL LICENSES AND REGULAR LICENSES TO INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIANS SPONSORED BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND CERTAIN OTHER INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIANS.

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

S. 377 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-42-40 SO AS TO ENABLE CERTAIN HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE SERVICES USING TELEHEALTH TO CLIENTS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE A NECESSARY DEFINITION, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES ON LICENSING BOARDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO ENABLING CERTAIN PHYSICIANS TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE SERVICES USING TELEHEALTH TO CLIENTS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PHYSICIANS, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, AND TO PROVIDE

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RELATED DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 378 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-43-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR DETERMINING IF ACTS ARE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PHARMACY PRACTICE OR ARE DELEGABLE UNDER SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PHARMACIST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE PRESCRIBING OF DRUGS, DRUG CATEGORIES, AND DEVICES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF PERSONS OR FACILITIES LICENSED OR PERMITTED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, SO AS TO INCLUDE ACTS OR OMISSIONS WITHIN THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY THAT FAIL TO MEET THE STANDARD PROVIDED BY OTHER QUALIFIED LICENSEES OR REGISTRANTS IN THE SAME OR SIMILAR SETTING.

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

S. 379 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO PROHIBIT NEW DEFERRED PRESENTMENT LICENSES FROM BEING ISSUED; TO PROVIDE THAT NEW DEFERRED PRESENTMENT LOANS AND LOAN RENEWALS MAY NOT BE MADE AFTER JUNE 30, 2025; TO PROVIDE THAT OUTSTANDING LOANS AFTER JUNE 30, 2025 MAY BE SERVICED UNDER A PAYMENT PLAN; TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING DEFERRED-PRESENTMENT LICENSEES MAY TRANSITION WITHIN THE NATIONWIDE MULTISTATE LICENSING SYSTEM WITHOUT COST FROM BEING LICENSED AS A DEFERRED PRESENTMENT PROVIDER TO BEING LICENSED AS A SUPERVISED LENDER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE EXISTING LICENSING PERIOD; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 39 OF TITLE 34.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 380 -- Transportation Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RELATING TO SPECIFIC INFORMATION SERVICE SIGNING, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5358, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

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Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 381 -- Senator Blackmon: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 2025 AS "MYOSITIS AWARENESS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

S. 382 -- Senator Tedder: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HELEN MUNNERLYN UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP SOUTH CAROLINA, TO COMMEND HER FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 383 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTHONOTARY WARBLER RECOGNITION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-613 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (PROTONOTARIA CITREA) AS THE OFFICIAL STATE MIGRATORY BIRD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

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S. 384 -- Senator Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 108 OF 2021 TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY IN GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF CLUSTER SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

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

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Taylor, Weeks, Hart and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND

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BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE

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DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION

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COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

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TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO.

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

Appointment Reported

Senator MARTIN from the Committee on Corrections and Penology submitted a favorable report on:

Statewide Appointment

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, with term coterminous with Governor

Director:

Jake Gadsden, Jr., 914 Stradley Lane, Chapin, SC 29036-7130 *VICE*
Jerry Adger

Received as information.

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

**READ THE THIRD TIME
SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the House:

S. 101 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-50, RELATING TO INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF FIREFIGHTERS BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SO AS TO REVISE AND CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS.

OBJECTION

S. 143 -- Senators Devine and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE OR WERE DATING TO THE LIST OF PERSONS DEFINED AS "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE A PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL COUNSEL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADULT AS A PERSON WHO CAN PETITION ON BEHALF OF MINORS IN THE PERSON'S HOUSEHOLD.

Senator DEVINE objected to consideration of the Bill.

OBJECTION

S. 180 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE OR WERE DATING TO THE LIST OF PERSONS DEFINED AS "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE A PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL COUNSEL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADULT AS A PERSON WHO CAN PETITION ON BEHALF MINORS IN THE PERSON'S HOUSEHOLD.

Senator DEVINE objected to consideration of the Bill.

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CARRIED OVER

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(E) THROUGH (F), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(N) THROUGH (S), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
READ THE SECOND TIME**

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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (SJ-51.BJ0002S), which was adopted:

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Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 4 and inserting:

SECTION 4. ~~In the event Santee Cooper wishes to pursue a proposal in a response to its request for proposal that involves any transfer of interest in real property by Santee Cooper, the proposal must first be approved, rejected, or modified by the Joint Bond Review Committee in accordance with Section 58-31-240.~~ Any transaction pursuant to this Joint Resolution by Santee Cooper that involves any transfer of interest in real property is subject to the provisions of Section 58-31-240.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Resolution.

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

Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Nutt	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

**Total--43
NAYS**

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Total--0

There being no further amendments, the Resolution, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

OBJECTION

S. 125 -- Senators Johnson and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Senator VERDIN objected to consideration of the Bill.

READ THE SECOND TIME

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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Senator BENNETT explained the Bill.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin

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Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Nutt	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--43

NAYS

Total--0

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

AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME

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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Amendment No. 1

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Senator HEMBREE proposed the following amendment (SEDU-136.DB0001S), which was withdrawn:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 17-1-65(B) and inserting:

(B) The State must dismiss all charges pending against a person for unlawful possession of a handgun pursuant to Section 16-23-20 that were nullified by if the charges occurred prior to the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024, notwithstanding the savings clause contained in SECTION 25 of that act. However this section does not mandate a dismissal, if such unlawful possession of a handgun charge was used as probable cause for another offense arising from the same incident, this section does not mandate that those associated charges be dismissed. was charged in conjunction with any other criminal offense arising out of the same facts and circumstances, unless those charges were also dismissed. Dismissal of the Section 16-23-20 charge pursuant to this section may not serve as a basis or support for any civil action due to the arrest of the Section 16-23-20 charge by law enforcement officers or prosecutors.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

Senator TEDDER spoke on the amendment.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 2

Senator HEMBREE proposed the following amendment (SEDU-136.DB0003S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 17-1-65(B) and inserting:

(B) The State must dismiss all charges pending against a person for unlawful possession of a handgun pursuant to Section 16-23-20 that were nullified by if the charges occurred prior to the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024, notwithstanding the savings clause contained in SECTION 25 of that act. However this section does not mandate an immediate dismissal, if such unlawful possession of a handgun charge was used as probable cause for another offense arising from the same incident, this section does not mandate that those associated charges be dismissed. was charged in

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conjunction with any other criminal offense arising out of the same facts and circumstances. Upon the disposition of those associated offenses the unlawful possession of a handgun offense under the prior Section 16-23-20 must be dismissed pursuant to this section and expunged provided a person has not previously had an expungement under subsection (A). Dismissal of the Section 16-23-20 charge pursuant to this section may not serve as a basis or support for any civil action due to the arrest of the Section 16-23-20 charge by law enforcement officers or prosecutors.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Nutt	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--43

NAYS

Total--0

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There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME

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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Amendment No. 1

Senator HEMBREE proposed the following amendment (SEDU-156.DB0002S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-3-80(C) and inserting:

(C) It is not a defense pursuant to this section that a decedent contributed to his own death by his purposeful, knowing, reckless, or negligent injection, inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of the controlled substance or by his consenting to the administration of the controlled substance by another person, unless there exists clear and convincing evidence that the decedent intended to commit suicide. ~~A person charged with a violation of this section may also be charged for any other applicable drug related offense to include an assisted suicide pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-3-1090.~~ This section does not prohibit a person from being arrested, charged or prosecuted for any other applicable offense, whether or not the offense arises from the same circumstances as provided in this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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The “ayes” and “nays” were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Nutt	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--43

NAYS

Total--0

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

CARRIED OVER

S. 157 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Graham: 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

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ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

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

AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 159 -- Senators Turner, Garrett, Climer, Adams, Graham, Alexander, Young and Walker: A BILL 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 THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE, AND TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Amendment No. 1

Senator HEMBREE proposed the following amendment (SJ-159.MB0001S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-13-135(C) and inserting:

(C) Acts committed in different counties that have been aggregated in one count may be indicted and prosecuted in any one of the counties in which the acts occurred. In a prosecution for a violation of this section, the State is not required to establish and it is not a defense that some of the acts constituting the crime did not occur within one city, county, or local jurisdiction. However, nothing in this subsection may be interpreted to allow a circuit solicitor or persons in the circuit solicitor's employ to prosecute cases outside of the circuit where the circuit solicitor was elected without the consent of the resident circuit solicitor Attorney General.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

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Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Nutt	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--43

NAYS

Total--0

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 183 -- Senators Adams, Fernandez, Alexander, Garrett, Leber, Kimbrell, Matthews and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM THE CATEGORIZATION OF FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

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The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (SJ-183.MB0001S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-3-80(A) and inserting:

(A) A person who, ~~in exchange for anything of value,~~ knowingly and unlawfully delivers, dispenses, or otherwise provides a controlled substance to another person in violation of the provisions of Section 44-53-370 or 44-53-375 commits the felony offense of drug-induced homicide if the proximate cause of the death of any other person is the injection, inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of any amount of the controlled substance.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator ADAMS explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator HEMBREE proposed the following amendment (SEDU-183.DB0001S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-3-80(C) and inserting:

(C) It is not a defense pursuant to this section that a decedent contributed to his own death by his purposeful, knowing, reckless, or negligent injection, inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of the controlled substance or by his consenting to the administration of the controlled substance by another person, unless there exists clear and convincing evidence that the decedent intended to commit suicide. ~~A person charged with a violation of this section may also be charged for any other applicable drug-related offense to include an assisted suicide pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-3-1090.~~ This section does not prohibit a person from being arrested, charged or prosecuted for any other applicable offense, whether or not the offense arises from the same circumstances as provided in this section.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

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The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Nutt	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--43

NAYS

Total--0

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

CARRIED OVER

S. 219 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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

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CARRIED OVER

S. 264 -- Senators Peeler, Climer, Ott, Johnson, Kimbrell, Williams, Turner, Rice, Corbin, Bennett and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY WITHOUT EXPRESS WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF THE OWNER.

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

READ THE SECOND TIME

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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution.

Senator TURNER explained the Resolution.

The question being the second reading of the Resolution.

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

Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
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Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

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Total--43

NAYS

Total--0

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

OBJECTION

S. 318 -- Senators Goldfinch, Alexander, Johnson, Fernandez, Gambrell, Stubbs, Grooms, Climer, Leber, Cash, Kimbrell, Davis, Young, Peeler, Corbin, Turner, Rice, Verdin and Garrett: A JOINT RESOLUTION SO AS TO ENACT THE "COMMISSION ON FISCAL RESTRAINT AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY"; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; TO PRIORITIZE SPENDING CUTS AND ESTABLISH A DATE THAT THE SPENDING CUTS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S OTHER DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; AND TO SUNSET THE COMMISSION.

Senator HUTTO objected to consideration of the Bill.

AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME

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: A BILL 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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Amendment No. 1

Senator HEMBREE proposed the following amendment (SJ-3523.MB0002S), which was adopted:

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Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-13-135(C) and inserting:

(C) Acts committed in different counties that have been aggregated in one count may be indicted and prosecuted in any one of the counties in which the acts occurred. In a prosecution for a violation of this section, the State is not required to establish and it is not a defense that some of the acts constituting the crime did not occur within one city, county, or local jurisdiction. However, nothing in this subsection may be interpreted to allow a circuit solicitor or persons in the circuit solicitor's employ to prosecute cases outside of the circuit where the circuit solicitor was elected without the consent of the ~~resident circuit solicitor~~ Attorney General.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
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Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

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Total--43

NAYS

Total--0

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 2 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Davis, Devine, Turner and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES. (ABBREVIATED TITLE)

Point of Order

Senator MARTIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 275 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-10, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITIONS SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CHARGING STATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1060, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY OR OTHER PROVIDER THAT OFFERS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SHALL DO SO ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS UNDER THE SAME FEES AND CONDITIONS OFFERED TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AND TO REGULATE REVENUE.

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Point of Order

Senator MARTIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 307 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR A PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM, TO OUTLINE INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

Point of Order

Senator MARTIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

ADOPTED

S. 310 -- Senators Leber, Zell, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Blackmon, Campsen, Cash, Chaplin, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Graham, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Martin, Massey, Matthews, Nutt, Ott, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams and Young: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL, THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDHOOD CANCER TASK FORCE, THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS OF THE STATE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A ST. JUDE AFFILIATE PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

Motion Adopted

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:42 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 1:00 P.M.

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