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**TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025**

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**  
**(Statewide Session)**

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

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

Joel 2:28

We read in Joel that the Lord declares: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

Bow with me, please: O most blessed Lord. how marvelous indeed are the dreamers, those women and men who envision realistic change, those who strive to find new and ever-better ways to bless the people they are called to serve, those who labor faithfully to make hope real. We praise You for the dreamers in this Senate, Lord -- those Senators and staff members who wisely guide South Carolina while it grows in ever meaningful and exciting ways. Moreover, Lord, we think of the burdens that inevitably fall on the shoulders of these leaders. So we pray that, by Your grace, You will continue to grant each dreamer the gifts they need to keep moving our State and all of our citizens forward. In Your glorious name we pray, dear Lord. Amen.

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

**Call of the Senate**

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

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Grooms	Hembree	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Nutt

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Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

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

**Statewide Appointments**

Initial Appointment, Governing Board of Department of Natural Resources, with the term to commence July 1, 2024, and to expire July 1, 2028

4th Congressional District:

Hope Blackley, 110 Bradford Crossing Drive, Roebuck, SC 29376  
*VICE* Norman F. Pulliam, Sr.

Referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Initial Appointment, Governing Board of Department of Natural Resources, with the term to commence July 1, 2022, and to expire July 1, 2026

3rd Congressional District:

Davy Hite, 130 Ninety Six Highway, Ninety Six, SC 29666 *VICE* Jake Rasor, Jr.

Referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Panel for Dietetics, with the term to commence May 30, 2025, and to expire May 30, 2027

Dietician, Clinical:

Heather Barraco, 4471 Newmans Alley, North Charleston, SC 29405  
*VICE* Robert Lee Duffell-Hoffman

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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Reappointment, South Carolina Panel for Dietetics, with the term to commence May 30, 2025, and to expire May 30, 2027

Dietician, Consulting:

Beth Griffith, 934 Sherwood Circle, Lancaster, SC 29720

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Board of Cosmetology, with the term to commence March 20, 2025, and to expire March 20, 2029

Nail Technician:

Tovah Lewis, 114 Twin Ponds Court, Greenwood, SC 29649 *VICE*  
Melanie C. Thompson

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology, with the term to commence June 30, 2025, and to expire June 30, 2029

Speech-Language Pathologist:

Beth Montgomery, 14 Hillstone Court, Columbia, SC 29212

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Human Affairs Commission, with the term to commence June 30, 2023, and to expire June 30, 2026

2nd Congressional District:

Patrick Palmer, 220 Windsor Point Road, Columbia, SC 29223 *VICE*  
Kimberly Snipes

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Doctor of the Day**

Senator CROMER introduced Dr. March Seabrook of Lexington, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator GROOMS, at 12:09 P.M., Senator CAMPSEN was granted a leave of absence for today.

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**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator RICE, at 1:20 P.M., Senator BLACKMON was granted a leave of absence until 3:20 P.M.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator STUBBS, at 1:22 P.M., Senator ZELL was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator LEBER rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Remarks by Senator LEBER**

Thank you, Mr. PRESIDENT. The oath to the Constitution is important. We have all taken this oath numerous times and we all take it very, very seriously. We have many veterans here. We have many who have taken the oath throughout their lives; throughout young adulthood; all the way into later years. My fellow Senator from Charleston, Senator SUTTON, he's been in the military and he's been in combat. Do you know, Mr. PRESIDENT, that he flew for thirty-two hours straight evicting refugees from Afghanistan on a C-17? I tell my kids that Senator SUTTON is a hero and I mean it. Senator GOLDFINCH has been deployed often throughout the world. He probably has plenty of stories, and I haven't heard all of them, but I'm anxious to hear them. I know there are many veterans here.

The oath to the Constitution -- poll workers take that oath -- all the way up to the President of the United States and everyone in between and it shouldn't be a political thing. It shouldn't be a moment of contention; it's what unites us in America. It spells out the rules, and it spells out the law for us. When you are willing to take that oath, you are basically putting your hand up and saying, "I will play by the rules, and I will follow the laws." Not only will I uphold the laws, but I will also fight for them. I'll do everything I can to fight for equal rights. Equal protection under the law cannot be corrupt, and that is true throughout the world.

Nations that do not have a constitution nor do they respect their constitution have corruption. They have wars. I found it out personally in 1996 as a young U.S. Paratrooper I was deployed to Bosnia for that conflict. They did not honor their constitution. That is a contract for you, and for us with the people. There was nothing but hardship in nations that do not have a constitution and a strict rule of law that they follow.

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Regardless of what party, that is simply the standard that we set and say this is where we draw the line.

This is what we support, and Mr. PRESIDENT, I sadly must report that it is not being honored in Charleston County right now. There are boards and there are commissions in Charleston County that refuse to swear an oath for the Constitution. I don't know what is going on with that. I do not know what their personal story is. I could say I am angry about it but I am mostly sad about it. I think that is the bare minimum that you must do when you are appointed or elected to an office -- is to let the citizens of that area of your jurisdiction, the region, and the folks you are going to serve to let them know you support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of South Carolina.

On our library board right now, eight of eleven members will not swear an oath to the Constitution because they refuse. I asked the Attorney General to make sure I was clear within the bounds of the law, understanding the situation clearly, so I asked him to give me an opinion. I waited a couple of weeks for the opinion to come and when it came, it was exactly as I expected. He stated it was clear in the law that anybody appointed and/or any elected official must swear an oath to the Constitution, but Mr. PRESIDENT, it is worse than that. Not only will they not swear an oath to the Constitution, but they have also made up their own pledge. They have made up their own oath. What could go wrong there? I thought for a second and I wanted to find some comedy in this. Elon Musk said he found some people two hundred, three hundred years old still receiving Social Security. I wish that wasn't the case, Mr. PRESIDENT. They have been given four or five different opportunities to swear an oath to the Constitution and they still refuse. Rob, the chairman of the library board, says this opinion of the Attorney General doesn't have my name on it so I don't have to swear an oath. I don't know -- I have received many letters from the Attorney General with my name on them, but I swore an oath. This doesn't apply to us; this is just a piece of paper. I guess that's what he thinks of the Constitution, too; it's just a piece of paper, but our Founding Fathers made that piece of paper a key to our republic because they did not trust humans; they did not trust human nature. They knew that we needed to be bound by a document that spelled out what we believe in -- what we will follow -- and what we will fight for. That is not how it works, but if you won't swear an oath to the Constitution, you just cannot be in charge of the taxpayers' money. This board has a 45-million-dollar budget, so no one is going to come to your house and make you swear an oath to the Constitution, ever? You don't have to be on the library board either

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or whatever board. I've called around the State -- your county library board -- and they have sworn an oath to the Constitution of South Carolina and the United States. Those Senators from York County, congratulations, but I think the rest of us probably need to be checking with our boards and commissions to see if any of them have made up their own pledges. I hate to think that this, you know, the communist manifesto is what they pledge to, who knows, but the constitution is what binds us together as Americans as well as those who are elected.

It is our deep respect for the Constitution and our pledge to uphold it, before we go and act on behalf of the public; before we go and act for citizens; before we sign contracts with outsiders and use the citizens' money to satisfy those contracts; before we set a policy. We need to let the citizens know we have a standard, and that is the Constitution. I've written a letter, and I've worked closely with Senator GROOMS on this to make sure that I did not get over my head on a lot of this because it is a complicated issue at times. I have written a letter to my county council and I have asked them to remind all those members that I do not want them to have another chance to put their fingers behind their back and swear the oath. I am counting on county council to give me eight people who will raise their hand and show their respect to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of South Carolina. It is not a partisan thing for me; it is very important to me. I have not met anybody with common sense who is against me on this -- who thinks I am wrong, no one. So, I am asking the Senate to back me up and support me on this issue. I encourage you to check on your boards and commissions throughout the State because we have got to have a standard and our Constitution is our record; it is our standard. It is where we start before we begin a day of governing. The Constitution is where we start. Thank you.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senators RANKIN and HEMBREE rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Senator MATTHEWS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Senator DEVINE rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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**Remarks by Senator DEVINE**

Thank you, Mr. PRESIDENT. Members of the Senate, today I rise to humbly honor and pay tribute to a true South Carolina treasure. A woman whose soulful voice and extraordinary talent have left an indelible mark on the music industry and this community. Angela Laverne Brown, more popularly known as Angie Stone, was born and raised here in Columbia, S. C. Her journey is one of resilience, passion and undeniable brilliance. From her early days of singing at First Nazareth Baptist Church, which is just a couple blocks down the street here on Gervais Street, to becoming an internationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and actress. Her artistry has transcended generations and genres.

At sixteen-years old, she formed the groundbreaking rap trio “The Sequence”, the first all-female rap group which paved the way for female artists of hip hop for generations. In the late 1990s, she was signed to Arista Records by Clive Davis and released her debut solo album in 1999. Her signature sound, a fusion of R&B, soul and jazz has given us timeless classics like “No More Rain in the Clouds” and “Brother”. Songs that speak to the heart and uplift the soul and celebrate the richness of our culture. Her incredible contributions to music have earned her widespread recognition including three Grammy nominations, two Soul Train Lady of Soul Awards and the Soul Music Icon Award at the Black Music Honors Hall of Fame. Additionally, she received an NAACP Image Award nomination and has been recognized by various organizations for her artistic achievements and dedication to uplifting others through her music. She has been inducted into the C.A. Johnson Hall of Fame, here in Columbia, and in the Hall of Fame of the Columbia Housing Authority. Beyond the stage and the studio, Ms. Stone also used her platform to give back to the community, mentoring young artists and advocating for health awareness.

After being diagnosed with diabetes in 1999, she became a spokesperson for FACE Diabetes, Fearless African Americans Connected and Empowered program, which helps African Americans understand their risk for diabetes and how to control it. And although she had international acclaim, South Carolina was still home to her. It was not unusual to see her around town eating at a restaurant, in the beauty salon or shopping in our local stores. I remember the last time I saw Angie, she was right here in October at C.A. Johnson’s homecoming. She was graciously taking pictures with all the people who wanted to see her and cheering on her alma mater. She carried our city and our State with pride. Angie never forgot where she came from, and today I want to take a moment to ensure that South Carolina never forgets

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her. Angie was tragically killed Saturday morning in an automobile accident while leaving a performance in Mobile, Alabama, on her way to perform a halftime show for the CIAA in Baltimore. Thousands of tributes from people were posted from all over the world -- from celebrities to political icons to everyday people. A lot of people had no idea that Angie Stone was from right here in Columbia, S.C. She was bigger than life and contributed to so many things. Her contributions to the arts and culture are immeasurable and her impact will be felt for generations to come. So it is with great pride that I recognize and ask that the Senate recognize and celebrate her legacy in this Chamber today, and so Mr. PRESIDENT, I would ask unanimous consent that at the next appropriate time the Senate adjourn in the memory of Angie Brown better known as Angie Stone.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 330 Sen. Young

S. 399 Sens. Hembree and Reichenbach

**RECALLED AND ADOPTED**

H. 4111 -- Reps. Williams, Mitchell, Luck, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J.E. Johnson, J.L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G.M. Smith, M.M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis and Wooten: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT NASCAR RACING IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ECONOMY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE

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DARLINGTON RACEWAY ON ITS HISTORIC SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON AND CONTINUING TO HOST TWO NASCAR RACE WEEKENDS THAT GENERATE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST TREASURED ATTRACTIONS, AND TO NAME THE WEEKS AROUND BOTH RACES, THE OFFICIAL THROWBACK WEEKEND OF NASCAR, MARCH 30 THROUGH APRIL 6, 2025, AND THE TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUGUST 24 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025, AS "DARLINGTON RACEWAY WEEK," TWO WEEKS TOO TOUGH TO TAME.

Senator DAVIS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Resolution from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

The Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Senator DAVIS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to take the Resolution up for immediate consideration.

There was no objection.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution. The question then was the adoption of the Resolution.

On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was adopted and ordered returned to the House.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 403 -- Senator Reichenbach: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC. SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING FOR WINNING THE 2024 COOLEST THING MADE IN SOUTH CAROLINA CONTEST.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 404 -- Senators Young, 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, Leber,

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Martin, Massey, Matthews, Nutt, Ott, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams and Zell: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF DR. CHARLIE W. TIMMERMAN SR. AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 405 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

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

S. 406 -- Senators Martin and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2790 SO AS TO MAKE A VEHICLE OWNER OR OPERATOR LIABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 56-5-2770; BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-235 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OPERATOR OF A SCHOOL BUS TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IF A VEHICLE DOES NOT STOP WHEN THE DRIVER HAD AMBER SIGNALS ACTUATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1335, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A VEHICLE'S REGISTRATION FOR FAILURE TO PAY TOLL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL SUSPEND A VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR AN OUTSTANDING JUDGMENT FOR PASSING A SCHOOL BUS.

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

S. 407 -- Banking and Insurance Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RELATING TO RETENTION OF BANK RECORDS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5289, PURSUANT TO THE

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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. 408 -- Banking and Insurance Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5290, 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. 409 -- Banking and Insurance Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RELATING TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR STATE-CHARTERED CREDIT UNIONS TO MAKE ARM LOANS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5293, 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. 410 -- Banking and Insurance Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RELATING TO STATE BANK DIVIDENDS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5292, 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.

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S. 411 -- Banking and Insurance Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RELATING TO AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED FOR FEDERALLY CHARTERED INSTITUTIONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5283, 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. 412 -- Banking and Insurance Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RELATING TO INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS RE DIVIDENDS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5281, 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. 413 -- Banking and Insurance Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RELATING TO RECORD RETENTION FOR CREDIT UNIONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5285, 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. 414 -- Banking and Insurance Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS BY STATE-CHARTERED CREDIT UNIONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5286, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE

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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. 415 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE TERM "LICENSED"; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-1110, RELATING TO ADOPTION BY A STEPPARENT OR RELATIVE, SO AS TO APPLY TO CHILDREN PLACED WITH RELATIVES OR FICTIVE KIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2320, RELATING TO THE KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PROGRAM, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM AGE OF A KINSHIP FOSTER PARENT FROM TWENTY-ONE TO EIGHTEEN AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO USE DIFFERENT STANDARDS WHEN LICENSING RELATIVES AND FICTIVE KIN; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2400, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN WHO MAY BE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME, SO AS TO REMOVE THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT LIMITATIONS FROM KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS.

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

S. 416 -- Senators Hembree and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-210, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR WHICH TRUSTEES MAY EXPEL, SUSPEND, OR TRANSFER PUPILS; PETITIONS FOR READMISSION; AND EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, OR TRANSFER, SO AS TO PROHIBIT EXPELLED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS INCLUDING ATTENDING DAY OR NIGHT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR RIDING A SCHOOL BUS, TO FURTHER PROHIBIT SUSPENDED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS EXCEPT FOR ATTENDING DAY OR NIGHT

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SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-235, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION OF A STUDENT DETERMINED TO HAVE BROUGHT A FIREARM TO SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO BE EXPELLED FOR NO LESS THAN ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR KNOWINGLY BRINGING A FIREARM TO A SCHOOL, TO ESTABLISH THE EXPULSION HEARING BE CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO ALLOW AN EXPELLED STUDENT TO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ALTERNATIVE SETTINGS TO INCLUDE VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-250, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF PUPILS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT A BOARD MAY TRANSFER A PUPIL WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION AND INPUT FROM THE PRINCIPAL AT THE RECEIVING SCHOOL.

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

S. 417 -- Senator Verdin: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 12, 2025, AS "OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH YEAR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.

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

S. 418 -- Senators Devine and Jackson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF GRAMMY-AWARD-NOMINATED ENTERTAINER AND COLUMBIA NATIVE ANGIE STONE, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

H. 3259 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, B. L. Cox, Ligon and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-128 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS OR AGENTS FROM CONSIDERING THE WORK-RELATED DRIVING

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RECORD OF A FIRST RESPONDER IN DETERMINING THE PREMIUM RATE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER'S PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY.

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

H. 3447 -- Reps. Rutherford and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 3571 -- Reps. Hiott, Guffey, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino, Neese and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "LARGE PROJECT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING" AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY AN EXCAVATION OR DEMOLITION AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-

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80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICE OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN EXCAVATOR TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGE TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSE, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

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

H. 3629 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO SET PRICING VALUES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70, RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO

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REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE  
FORESTS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and  
Forestry.

H. 3828 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO  
REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME  
THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH  
CAROLINA HIGHWAY 187 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY  
29 IN ANDERSON COUNTY "PAUL ROBINSON EARLE  
MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE  
MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING  
THIS DESIGNATION.

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

H. 3840 -- Rep. Hartnett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO  
NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HARBORVIEW ROAD AND  
FORT SUMTER DRIVE ON JAMES ISLAND IN CHARLESTON  
COUNTY "THOMAS LEE READ MEMORIAL INTERSECTION"  
AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS  
LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

H. 3872 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Bauer and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE  
"HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING  
SECTION 50-1-320 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT POLICIES AND  
PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO NET LOSS OF  
DEPARTMENT MANAGED LAND FOR HUNTING AND FISHING.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and  
Forestry.

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H. 3893 -- Reps. Hiott, Bowers and Collins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 153 AND UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 123 IN PICKENS COUNTY "SENATOR LARRY A. MARTIN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

H. 3947 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, McCabe, Vaughan and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-340, RELATING TO BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE NONRESIDENT BROKERS AND NONRESIDENT ASSOCIATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

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

H. 3952 -- Reps. Mitchell, Luck, Williams and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

H. 3972 -- Reps. Hosey, Govan and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 389 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF NEESES TO THE ORANGEBURG/AIKEN COUNTY LINE "BENJAMIN F.

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CORBETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.

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

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES TO THIRD PARTIES NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS AUTHORITY, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CHARGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY CHARGE A SANITATION FEE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL RETIRE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, TO EXEMPT EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE RENEWED OR EXTENDED.

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

H. 4086 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER SR.

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MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Senator CROMER from the Committee on Banking and Insurance submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 163 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 47 TO TITLE 34 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNING AUTHORITY FROM ACCEPTING OR REQUIRING PAYMENT USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATING IN A TEST OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY; TO PERMIT INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES USING DIGITAL CURRENCY FOR TRANSACTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL ASSETS MAY NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR DISPARATE TAX TREATMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION MAY BE TAXED IF THE TAXATION IS THE SAME AS IF THE TRANSACTION USED UNITED STATES LEGAL TENDER; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL CURRENCY OPERATIONS MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO DISPARATE ZONING TREATMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL ASSET MINING BUSINESS OPERATIONS SHALL NOT PLACE ANY ADDITIONAL STRESS ON THE ELECTRICAL GRID FOR WHICH THEY ARE CONNECTED AND TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL MINING BUSINESSES MUST PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UPON REQUEST; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE ENGAGED IN DIGITAL MINING OPERATIONS DO NOT HAVE TO OBTAIN CERTAIN LICENSES AND THAT THOSE WHO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES RELATED TO DIGITAL MINING OR STAKING ARE NOT OFFERING A SECURITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CAN PROSECUTE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OR BUSINESS THAT FRAUDULENTLY CLAIM TO BE OFFERING DIGITAL ASSET MINING AS SERVICE OR STAKING AS A SERVICE; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Senator CROMER from the Committee on Banking and Insurance submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Senator CROMER from the Committee on Banking and Insurance submitted a favorable report on:

S. 220 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Appointment Reported**

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

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**Statewide Appointment**

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, with the term to commence April 6, 2025, and to expire April 6, 2031

Veterinary Technicians:

Kendall Bak, 712 Kilarney Road, Summerville, SC 29483-5183 *VICE*  
William Liger

Received as information.

**Appointments Reported**

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

**Statewide Appointments**

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Real Estate Commission, with the term to commence June 30, 2022, and to expire June 30, 2026

Public:

Thomas F. Dugas, 120 Woodland Way, Greenville, SC 29601-3840  
*VICE* George H. O'Kelly

Received as information.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Athletic Commission, with the term to commence June 30, 2022, and to expire June 30, 2026

1st Congressional District:

Coleman Bates, 944 Kincade Dr., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464-4518

Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., February 27, 2025

Mr. President and Senators:

The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the Senate to:

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

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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.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

**Motion to Ratify Adopted**

At 1:35 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the House of Representatives was invited to attend the Senate Chamber for the purpose of ratifying Acts at a mutually convenient time.

A message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, with unanimous consent, the Senate agreed that, when the Senate adjourns today, it stands adjourned to meet at 11:45 A.M. tomorrow for the purpose of attending the Joint Assembly.  
**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR.**

**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,

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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.

**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.

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

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 ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE IN ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH

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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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

**Amendment No. 1A**

Senator RANKIN proposed the following amendment (SJ-157.BJ0004S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-27-1105(7)(f) and inserting:

(f) any costs incurred by (i) the commission or the Office of Regulatory Staff for any outside consultants, including counsel and advisors; and (ii) the qualified independent third party selected by the commission, to the extent retained in connection with the securitization of storm recovery costs.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-27-1105(12) and inserting:

(12) The term “qualified independent third party” means a person or entity with relevant expertise in accounting, finance, or utility regulation, sufficient to make the professional judgments necessary to certify compliance as required by Section 58-27-1110(C)(6)(a). The qualified independent third party shall be designated and retained by the commission to participate in the pre-bond issuance review process established by the commission pursuant to Section 58-27-1110(C)(2)(h). The role and responsibilities of the qualified independent third party are further detailed in Section 58-27-1110(C)(6). The qualified independent third party’s certification of compliance is intended to inform the commission’s decisions alongside other evidence in the proceeding.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-27-1105(17)(c) and (d) and inserting:

(c) with respect to storm recovery costs that the electrical utility expects to incur, any difference between costs expected to be incurred and actual, reasonable, and prudent costs incurred, including carrying costs and financing costs associated with any difference between costs expected to be incurred and actual, reasonable and prudent costs incurred, or any other rate-making adjustments appropriate to fairly and reasonably assign or allocate storm cost recovery to customers over time, shall be addressed in a future general rate proceeding, regardless of whether the electrical utility elects to seek review and approval of

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principal costs prior to or after filing a petition for a financing order and issuing storm recovery bonds pursuant to Section 58-27-1110(B), as may be facilitated by other orders of the commission issued at the time or prior to such proceeding; provided, however, any review of financing costs shall be limited to reconciling any estimated financing costs with actual financing costs incurred and that the commission's adoption of a financing order and approval of the issuance of storm recovery bonds may not be revoked or otherwise modified. Any over-recovered costs, including carrying costs and financing costs, shall be ordered by the commission to be returned to the electrical utility's customers in the next possible proceeding, over a period established by the commission.

(d) due to the significant and unprecedented damage caused by the 2024 hurricane referred to as Hurricane Helene to public and private property in South Carolina, including widespread destruction of utility infrastructure and the extraordinary expenses incurred by electrical utilities to repair, restore, and rebuild that infrastructure, the electrical utility is authorized to include as storm recovery costs, for Hurricane Helene only, its cost of capital from the date of the storm through the issuance of storm recovery bonds. This cost of capital shall be determined by the actual interest rate paid by the utility to borrow funds necessary to cover the restoration and recovery efforts after Hurricane Helene through the issuance of storm recovery bonds, provided that the interest rate percentage does not exceed the utility's total weighted average cost of capital percentage as established in its most recent base rate case general rate proceeding, adjusted for income tax savings associated with the interest rate component. This subsection shall not be construed to limit, modify, or otherwise affect the electrical utility's ability to seek recovery of carrying costs in future securitizations under this article, except as specifically provided herein for Hurricane Helene.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 58-27-1110(B) and inserting:

(B) If the principal costs the electrical utility proposes to finance using storm recovery bonds were not already subject to review by the commission in a general rate proceeding, then the electrical utility must, at its discretion, either file a petition with the commission for review and approval of those costs no later than one hundred eighty days before filing a petition for a financing order pursuant to this section, or, alternatively, defer the review and approval of such costs to either a future base general rate proceeding or a separate proceeding established by the commission at the request of the electrical utility in consultation with the Office of Regulatory Staff. If the electrical utility chooses to

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defer the review and approval of such costs, it shall file a report with the commission updating the reconciliation of estimated costs to actual costs incurred at least twice per calendar year until the costs are reconciled. If the electrical utility does not file a petition with the commission for review and approval of such costs within one calendar year following the issuance of the storm recovery bonds, the Office of Regulatory Staff may, at its discretion, file a petition with the commission to initiate a proceeding for review and approval of such costs. In either case, reconciliation of estimated costs to actual costs shall be subject to review pursuant to Section 58-27-1105(17)(c).

(1) Any petition for review and approval of the principal costs shall be accompanied by direct testimony, exhibits, and supporting workpapers supporting the petition, testimony, and exhibits. Such workpapers may be filed under seal to the extent necessary to protect confidential, proprietary, or sensitive information. The electrical utility shall provide functional exhibits and workpapers to the Office of Regulatory Staff and to the commission, subject to any appropriate confidentiality designations.

(2) If the electrical utility must file a petition for review and approval of the principal costs, the electrical utility shall not be required to provide additional notice prior to filing a petition for a financing order pursuant to this section; otherwise, the utility shall file a notice of its intent to file a petition for a financing order not less than thirty days prior to filing any such petition.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 58-27-1110(C)(6)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(a) Such issuance advice letter shall be in the form approved in a financing order and include the final terms of the storm recovery bond issuance, up-front financing costs and on-going financing costs. Such issuance advice letter shall include a certification from the electrical utility, the primary underwriter(s), and a qualified independent third-party designated by the commission, as a condition to closing, certifying whether the sale of storm recovery bonds complies with the requirements of this article and the financing order. The certifications of the electrical utility and qualified independent third-party shall certify whether the issuance of recovery bonds and the imposition and collection of a storm recovery charge will in fact provide quantifiable net benefits to customers on a present-value basis as compared to the costs that would have been incurred absent the issuance of storm recovery bonds. The certifications of the electrical utility, primary underwriter(s), and qualified independent third-party shall certify whether the structuring,

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marketing, and pricing of the storm recovery bonds will in fact result in the lowest storm recovery charges consistent with market conditions at the time the storm recovery bonds were priced and the terms set forth in the financing order. The qualified independent third-party designated by the commission shall review the issuance advice letter and deliver its independent certification to the commission along with any other information it believes the commission should consider as to the commission's decision in subitem (b)(c) no later than one business day after the filing of the issuance advice letter by the electric utility which will contain the aforementioned certifications.

(b) Once the qualified independent third party is designated and retained by the commission, the qualified independent third party shall independently participate in the pre-bond issuance review process established by the commission pursuant to Section 58-27-1110(C)(2)(j). The qualified independent third party shall have the authority to request and receive all necessary documents, data, and information from the electrical utility to fulfill its responsibilities and ensure compliance with Section 58-27-1110(C)(6)(a). The qualified independent third party shall also have the ability to communicate directly with the parties to the proceeding as needed to carry out its duties. The qualified independent third party's communications with the commission shall be limited solely to docket filings or, if requested by the commission, participation in a post-pricing meeting involving the electrical utility, the qualified independent third party, and other parties. The structure and details of the docket filings and such a meeting, including the handling of any confidential information, shall be determined by the commission in accordance with applicable procedural rules and orders.

(b)(c) Unless otherwise provided in the financing order, by no later than noon on the fourth business day after the final terms of the storm recovery bonds are determined, the commission shall either accept the issuance advice letter or deliver an order to the electrical utility to prevent the issuance of the storm recovery bonds.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator RANKIN 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 41; Nays 0**

**AYES**

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

**Total--41**

**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  
READ THE SECOND TIME**

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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

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The Committee on Education proposed the following amendment (SEDU-79.DB0005S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-18-1115(A) and inserting:

(A) The Department of Education is directed to establish a five-year pilot program by May 1, 2025, that will permit a school ~~that has received an overall rating of "Excellent", "Below Average", or "Unsatisfactory" on its annual report card for at least two consecutive years, or is located in a critical geographic area as defined in Section 59-26-20(j)~~, to hire noncertified teachers in a ratio of up to ten percent of its entire teaching staff. This pilot does not include individuals seeking employment as work-based, career, and technical education teachers. The State Board of Education, through the Department of Education, shall approve guidelines that at a minimum include the following:

(1) the requirement that a noncertified teacher must possess a suitable baccalaureate or graduate degree for the position he is hired to teach and must have at least five years of relevant workplace experience;

(2) procedures for requiring noncertified teachers to participate in the evaluation process pursuant to Section 59-26-30(B)(4) and (5);

(3) initial and ongoing training and support requirements; and

(4) the requirement that a noncertified teacher must demonstrate enrollment in an educator certification program within three years of employment, including any state-approved alternative or traditional route program.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-18-1115(D) and inserting:

(D) Beginning November 1, 2026, the Department of Education shall submit an annual report that includes recommendations for improving, expanding, or continuing the pilot program to the General Assembly. ~~At the end of the five year pilot program, the~~ The annual status report submitted by November 1, 2029, shall include a recommendation regarding continuance of the program beyond June 30, 2030.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-18-1115(E)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(E)(1) The Department of Education shall establish procedures for the registration, ~~and~~ and clearance and approval of all noncertified teachers working in any public school pursuant to this section. Teachers shall submit the required documentation and fees to the Department of Education, which shall include, but are not limited to:

- (a) a completed registration form;
- (b) any associated fee; and

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(c) transcripts, which shall be subject to review; and

~~(d) FBI, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Clearinghouse checks.~~

~~(2) An individual whose South Carolina educator certificate has been suspended or revoked shall not be employed as a noncertified teacher. If a noncertified teacher commits an offense covered by the Code of Conduct as promulgated by the State Board of Education, then the State Board of Education is authorized to revoke the non-certified teacher's registration~~  
(2) An individual applying for registration as a noncertified teacher must undergo a state criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and a national criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results of these criminal records checks must be reported to the Department of Education. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are authorized to retain the fingerprints for identification and certification purposes and for notification of the department regarding criminal charges. Costs of conducting a criminal history background check must be borne by the applicant. The Department of Education shall keep information received pursuant to this section confidential, except that such information may be disclosed to the State Board of Education as may be necessary. The results of these criminal record checks must not be shared outside the department.

~~(3) An individual whose South Carolina educator certificate has been suspended or revoked shall not be employed as a noncertified teacher during the term of suspension or revocation. If a noncertified teacher is dismissed, resigns, or is otherwise separated from employment with a district following allegations of misconduct, the district superintendent shall report to the Chair of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education the educator's name and registration information. Upon a finding of just cause as defined in Section 59-25-160, the State Board of Education is authorized to revoke the noncertified teacher's registration.~~

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

SECTION X. Chapter 3, Title 23 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 23-3-90. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this section governs the authorizations and procedures that apply when an agency in this State is authorized by statute to request state and federal

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criminal history record checks to be conducted by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), supported by fingerprints.

(B) SLED is authorized to retain these fingerprints and to provide notification to authorized recipients of any criminal history record changes. Retained fingerprints may be searched by future submissions to SLED, including latent fingerprint searches, and appropriate responses may be sent to authorized recipients.

(C) SLED, upon the request of an authorized recipient, may submit fingerprints collected to the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system and the FBI is authorized to retain these fingerprints within the NGI system. Retained fingerprints may be searched by future submissions to the NGI system, including latent fingerprint searches, and appropriate responses may be sent to SLED and authorized recipients.

(D) The results of these criminal history record checks and notifications must only be reported to SLED and authorized recipients and cannot be further disseminated.

(E) SLED may charge a reasonable fee for the collection and retention of fingerprints. SLED may charge an additional reasonable fee to agencies who elect to receive notifications from the NGI system.

(F) The following definitions apply to this section:

(1) "Agency" means offices, departments, bureaus, and other subdivisions associated with a particular government agency's organizational structure.

(2) "Authorized recipients" means the agency authorized to receive criminal history record information (CHRI) by a statute that has been approved by the FBI pursuant to Pub. L. 92-544 or any other applicable federal law.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 3 and inserting:  
SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.  
Section 1 of this bill shall remain in effect until June 30, 2030, unless extended by the General Assembly.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator TURNER 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 42; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	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

**Total--42**

**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. 176 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-20, CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. (Abbreviated title)

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

**OBJECTION**

S. 184 -- Senators Johnson, Young, Adams, Ott, Sutton and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-710 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR LIABILITY FOR A PERSON OR ESTABLISHMENT WHO

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UNLAWFULLY FURNISHES ALCOHOL TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INJURES A THIRD PARTY BASED UPON WHAT THE FURNISHER KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES; TO SPECIFY WHEN THE RIGHT OF ACTION IS NOT AVAILABLE, AND TO PROVIDE THE EVIDENTIARY STANDARD FOR VISIBLE INTOXICATION.

Senator TURNER objected to consideration of the Bill.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

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.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Senator REICHENBACH explained the Bill.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 0**

**AYES**

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

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED  
READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 3247 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Pedalino, Chumley, Bowers, Hixon, Yow, Mitchell, Ligon, Rivers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Education proposed the following amendment (SEDU-3247.KG0001S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-1-462 and inserting:

Section 59-1-462. Each school district shall adopt a policy that authorizes a student to be excused from school absences, not to exceed ten school days per school year, to participate in ~~any work-based learning~~ a Career and Technical Student Organization experience in which student participation and learning outcomes are directed by a certified teacher for assessment of competencies. Participation in such a ~~work-based learning~~ Career and Technical Student Organization experience may include, but is not limited to, scheduled events of

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state-level Future Farmers of America (FFA) organizations, the national FFA organization, and 4-H programs as part of organized competitions or exhibitions. The student and his parent or legal guardian are responsible for obtaining and completing assignments missed while the student participates in any such ~~work based learning~~Career and Technical Student Organization experiences.

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 42; Nays 0**

### AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
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**Total--42**

### 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.

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

At 1:33 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE SPECIAL ORDERS.**

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 244 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Rice, Turner, Climer, Williams, Bennett, Cromer, Grooms, Blackmon and Chaplin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-38-15, RELATING TO THE APPORTIONMENT OF PERCENTAGES OF FAULT AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR DRUG EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A JURY OR THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF FAULT OF THE CLAIMANT, THE DEFENDANT, AND OF ANY NONPARTY WHOSE ACT OR OMISSION WAS A PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE CLAIMANT'S ALLEGED DAMAGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-20 RELATING TO RIGHT OF CONTRIBUTION; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-30 RELATING TO FACTORS DETERMINING PRO RATA LIABILITY OF TORTFEASORS; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-40 RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTION; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-710 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-720 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS PROHIBITED FROM RECOVERING DAMAGES IF THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWINGLY RIDES AS A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE OPERATED BY A DRIVER WHO IS VISIBLY INTOXICATED OR WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WOULD BECOME INTOXICATED; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT AND JUDGEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UPON ENTERING JUDGMENT AGAINST A LICENSEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO

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PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL LIABILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-590, RELATING TO REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMITS AND DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND A PERMIT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT AND JUDGMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-100 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING SERVER AND MANAGER TRAINING; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AND APPROVAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PERMIT OR LICENSE; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO SALES TO INTOXICATED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ESTABLISHMENT LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR LIQUOR BY THE DRINK PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY PROVIDE THESE BEVERAGES TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING, REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION, FEES, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IF A PERSON LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION EXCEEDS ITS AGGREGATE LIMIT PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-3-670, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY

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SECTIONS 15-3-640 THROUGH 15-3-660 ARE NOT AVAILABLE AS DEFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS CONSIDERED MATERIAL ONLY IF IT EXISTS WITHIN A COMPLETED BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR FACILITY WHICH HAS RESULTED IN PHYSICAL HARM TO A PERSON OR SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF A BUILDING OR ITS SYSTEMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6540, RELATING TO PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE; BY ADDING SECTION 15-7-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CIVIL ACTION TRIED AGAINST AN UNKNOWN DEFENDANT MUST BE TRIED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-150, RELATING TO UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-160, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CARRIERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES IN THE MANDATORY OFFER OF UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE OCCURRENCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS FOR BAD FAITH INVOLVING A LIABILITY.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

Senator JOHNSON explained the Bill.

Senator MASSEY spoke on the Bill.

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

**Motion Adopted**

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

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**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senator DEVINE, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Ms. Angie Stone of Columbia, S.C. Angie was an American soul singer and songwriter who had several albums and hits during her career. Angie was born and raised in Columbia where she sang in the choir at a local Baptist church and cheered for C.A. Johnson High School. She later began acting on Broadway and appeared in several movies. Angie was a loving mother and doting grandmother who will be dearly missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:10 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:45 A.M.

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