**Wednesday, June 20, 2012**

**(Statewide Session)**

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## Indicates New Matter

 The Senate assembled at 2:00 P.M., 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 Senator ALEXANDER as follows:

The Psalmist reminds us that:

 “Great peace have those who love Your law; nothing can make them stumble.” (Psalm 119: 165)

 Please bow with me as we join our hearts in prayer:

 Holy and Loving God, our prayer today is for each Senator and every staff person who strives to honor You through the work they do. Here in this place -- and on behalf of every woman, man, and child throughout South Carolina -- may these servants draw strength -- and peace -- from You, O Lord. Add Your blessing to all they seek to accomplish so that great benefits may befall our State. In addition, also bless and keep safe our women and men in uniform wherever they might happen to serve. In Your loving name we pray, dear Lord.

Amen.

**Point of Quorum**

 At 2:03 P.M., Senator KNOTTS made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was not present.

**Call of the Senate**

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

Alexander Bright Bryant

Cleary Coleman Courson

Cromer Davis Grooms

Hayes Hutto Knotts

Land Leatherman Leventis

Malloy *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey Nicholson Peeler

Reese Ryberg Scott

Setzler Sheheen Williams

 A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**Recorded Presence**

 Senators McGILL, PINCKNEY, ROSE, ANDERSON, CAMPBELL, FAIR, LOURIE, SHOOPMAN, JACKSON and THOMAS recorded their presence subsequent to the Call of the Senate.

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

**Doctor of the Day**

 Senators COURSON, JACKSON, LOURIE and SCOTT introduced Dr. William D. Anderson of Columbia, S.C., practicing physician at USC Family Practice, Doctor of the Day.

**Doctors of the Day**

 Senators COURSON, JACKSON, LOURIE and SCOTT also introduced Dr. Steven Cromer and Dr. Richard B. Basaly of Columbia, S.C., both 3rd year residents at USC Family Practice, Doctors of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator CAMPBELL, at 2:00 P.M., Senator CAMPSEN was granted a leave of absence until 3:00 P.M.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 1610 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAUREEN MCLAUGHLIN, PROOFREADER FOR THE JOURNAL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1611 -- Senator Shoopman: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES E. BARNES OF GREER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1612 -- Senator Setzler: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JEAN HAGGARD, PRINCIPAL OF PELION HIGH SCHOOL, UPON HER RETIREMENT, TO THANK HER FOR HER MORE THAN FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO WISH HER MUCH FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1613 -- Senator Rankin: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE, HONOR AND COMMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT LEGISLATURE ON ITS SUCCESSFUL, ONGOING EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS STATE ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AND FOR ITS ROLE IN DEVELOPING STRONG LEADERS AND INFORMED CITIZENS IN THIS STATE, AND TO PERMIT ITS USE OF THE SENATE CHAMBERS FOR ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1614 -- Senator Setzler: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE REVEREND LAWRENCE FOY HAYS, JR. OF LEXINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM A DISTINGUISHED PASTORAL MINISTRY OF THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND BLESSINGS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 H. 5410 -- Rep. Harrell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, 1895, WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., OR ANYTIME EARLIER, EACH HOUSE SHALL STAND ADJOURNED TO MEET IN STATEWIDE SESSION AT 12:00 NOON ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012, AND CONTINUE IN STATEWIDE SESSION, IF NECESSARY, UNTIL NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED MATTERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL STAND ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

 Senator COURSON spoke on the Resolution.

**Objection**

 Senator COURSON asked unanimous consent to take the Concurrent Resolution up for immediate consideration.

 Senator SHANE MARTIN objected.

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

 H. 5421 -- Reps. Hamilton, Agnew, Alexander, Allen, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bannister, Barfield, Battle, Bedingfield, Bikas, Bingham, Bowen, Bowers, Brady, Branham, Brannon, Brantley, G. A. Brown, H. B. Brown, R. L. Brown, Butler Garrick, Chumley, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Corbin, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Edge, Erickson, Forrester, Frye, Funderburk, Gambrell, Gilliard, Govan, Hardwick, Harrell, Harrison, Hart, Hayes, Hearn, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, King, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McLeod, Merrill, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Munnerlyn, Murphy, Nanney, J. H. Neal, J. M. Neal, Neilson, Norman, Ott, Owens, Parker, Parks, Patrick, Pinson, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Rutherford, Ryan, Sabb, Sandifer, Sellers, Simrill, Skelton, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, J. R. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Tribble, Vick, Weeks, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE, RECOGNIZE, AND HONOR SOUTH CAROLINA REALTORS ON THE SUCCESS OF ITS PROFESSIONALS IN HELPING ACHIEVE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND MEETING VITAL HOUSING NEEDS IN THIS STATE.

 The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

**POINT OF ORDER**

 H. 5389 -- Rep. McLeod: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT A GOLF CART MAY BE OPERATED AT NIGHT ALONG AN AUTHORIZED ROADWAY WITHIN NEWBERRY COUNTY AS LONG AS IT HAS PROPER HEADLIGHTS AND IS INSURED.

 Senator CROMER asked unanimous consent to make a motion to take up the Bill for immediate consideration.

**Point of Order**

 Senator MALLOY raised a Point of Order that this was a Statewide Bill and not contained in the provisions of H. 5377, the *Sine Die* Resolution.

 The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

 The Bill was not taken up for consideration.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

 On motion of Senator BRYANT, with unanimous consent, the following appointment was taken up for immediate consideration:

**Appointment Reported**

 Senator RYBERG from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry polled out favorably:

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority, with the term to commence August 15, 2009, and to expire August 15, 2013

At-Large:

 Mary L. Sieck, 5904 Morning Star Road, Lake Wylie, SC 29710 *VICE* Eddie Bines

**Poll of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee**

**Polled 16; Ayes 16; Nays 0; Not Voting 0**

**AYES**

Ryberg Setzler Leventis

O’Dell Reese Ford

Alexander Leatherman Bryant

Bright Cleary Lourie

Massey Nicholson Williams

Rose

**Total--16**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has sustained the veto by the Governor on R.284, H. 3127 by a vote of 49 to 62:

 (R284, H3127) -- Reps. Rutherford, G.R. Smith, Clyburn, Weeks, Whipper and R.L. Brown: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24‑21‑1010 SO AS TO PERMIT A PERSON WHO APPLIES FOR A PARDON FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF PAROLES AND PARDONS RECOMMEND THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS, TO ALLOW RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF THE STATUTE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR PERSONS PARDONED FOR A VIOLENT CRIME, TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION FEE, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE BY WHICH CRIMINAL RECORDS MAY BE EXPUNGED AND A NONPUBLIC RECORD MAINTAINED.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has sent the following veto to the Senate:

 (R246, H5315) -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Whipper and R.L. Brown: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 3, 2012, THROUGH JANUARY 4, 2012, BY THE STUDENTS OF STALL HIGH SCHOOL IN CHARLESTON COUNTY WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED DUE TO A GAS LEAK ARE EXEMPT FROM THE MAKE‑UP REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

 The veto was ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE CONCURRENCE**

 S. 1607 -- Senators Hayes, Leventis, Peeler, Malloy, Cromer, Sheheen, Coleman and Gregory: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND SARAH NUCKLES, COMMISSIONER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE REPRESENTING DISTRICT 5, AND TO WISH HER WELL IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

 Returned with concurrence.

 Received as information.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE MOTION PERIOD.**

**RECALLED**

 H. 5410 -- Rep. Harrell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, 1895, WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., OR ANYTIME EARLIER, EACH HOUSE SHALL STAND ADJOURNED TO MEET IN STATEWIDE SESSION AT 12:00 NOON ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012, AND CONTINUE IN STATEWIDE SESSION, IF NECESSARY, UNTIL NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED MATTERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL STAND ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

 Senator COURSON made a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Judiciary.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and ordered placed on the Calendar in the masthead position for consideration tomorrow.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator PEELER, the Senate agreed to dispense with the Motion Period.

**Remarks by Senator GREGORY**

 Senator, a Point was raised earlier about why are we coming down to the wire on two of the most critical issues of the session. Could it be, Senator, because we probably wasted the equivalent of 20 days on endless Points of Personal Interest, introductions and playing to the ETV cameras for the purpose of re-election? We have wasted so much time on Points of Personal Interest that are supposed to last five minutes, but regularly last 30 minutes or longer. Now we are here the last 24 hours trying to get a Bill passed that affects the future of thousands of South Carolinians when we could have gotten it done months ago had we not squandered the time on insignificant matters.

 On motion of Senator ROSE, the remarks by Senator GREGORY were ordered printed in the Journal.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF THE VETOES.**

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has sent the following veto to the Senate:

 (R233, H4033) -- Reps. Patrick and Loftis: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORIZED PROJECTS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO BE FUNDED BY A COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX INCLUDE DREDGING, DEWATERING, CONSTRUCTION OF SPOIL SITES, AND DISPOSAL OF SPOIL MATERIALS; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 5‑37‑40, 5‑37‑50, AND 5‑37‑100, ALL AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MAY BE CREATED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE WIDENING AND DREDGING OF WATERWAYS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF OWNERS OF OWNER‑OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AT THE TIME THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IS CREATED.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the veto by the Governor on R.233, H. 4033 by a vote of 82 to 24:

 (R233, H4033) -- Reps. Patrick and Loftis: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORIZED PROJECTS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO BE FUNDED BY A COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX INCLUDE DREDGING, DEWATERING, CONSTRUCTION OF SPOIL SITES, AND DISPOSAL OF SPOIL MATERIALS; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 5‑37‑40, 5‑37‑50, AND 5‑37‑100, ALL AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MAY BE CREATED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE WIDENING AND DREDGING OF WATERWAYS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF OWNERS OF OWNER‑OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AT THE TIME THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IS CREATED.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**VETO SUSTAINED, RECONSIDERED AND OVERRIDDEN**

 (R233, H4033) -- Reps. Patrick and Loftis: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORIZED PROJECTS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO BE FUNDED BY A COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX INCLUDE DREDGING, DEWATERING, CONSTRUCTION OF SPOIL SITES, AND DISPOSAL OF SPOIL MATERIALS; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 5‑37‑40, 5‑37‑50, AND 5‑37‑100, ALL AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MAY BE CREATED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE WIDENING AND DREDGING OF WATERWAYS WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF OWNERS OF OWNER‑OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AT THE TIME THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IS CREATED.

 On motion of Senator CLEARY, with unanimous consent, the veto of the Governor was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senator CLEARY spoke on the veto.

 Senator DAVIS spoke on the veto.

 Senator CLEARY moved that the veto of the Governor be overridden.

 The question was put, “Shall the Act become law, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?”

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

**Ayes 26; Nays 14**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Campbell

Cleary Coleman Elliott

Hayes Hutto Jackson

Knotts Land Leatherman

Leventis Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry* Matthews McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Pinckney

Reese Scott Sheheen

Verdin Williams

**Total--26**

**NAYS**

Bright Bryant Courson

Cromer Davis Fair

Gregory *Martin, Shane* Massey

Peeler Rose Ryberg

Shoopman Thomas

**Total--14**

 Having failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote, the veto of the Governor was sustained, and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**(R233, H4033)--Motion to Reconsider Adopted**

 Having voted on the prevailing side, Senator CROMER moved to reconsider the vote whereby the veto was sustained.

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

**Ayes 32; Nays 10**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Campbell

Cleary Coleman Courson

Cromer Elliott Grooms

Hayes Hutto Jackson

Knotts Land Leatherman

Leventis Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry* Massey Matthews

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Pinckney Reese Scott

Setzler Sheheen Thomas

Verdin Williams

**Total--32**

**NAYS**

Bright Bryant Davis

Fair Gregory *Martin, Shane*

Peeler Rose Ryberg

Shoopman

**Total--10**

 The motion to reconsider was adopted.

**(R233, H4033)--Veto Overridden**

 The question then was put, “Shall the Act become law, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?”

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

**Ayes 31; Nays 11**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Campbell

Cleary Coleman Courson

Cromer Elliott Grooms

Hayes Hutto Jackson

Knotts Land Leatherman

Leventis Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry* Matthews McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Pinckney

Reese Scott Setzler

Sheheen Thomas Verdin

Williams

**Total--31**

**NAYS**

Bright Bryant Davis

Fair Gregory *Martin, Shane*

Massey Peeler Rose

Ryberg Shoopman

**Total--11**

The necessary two-thirds vote having been received, the veto of the Governor was overridden, and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**VETO CARRIED OVER**

(R265, S580) -- Senator Setzler: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 40‑18‑140, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CHAPTER 18, TITLE 40 PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHAPTER DOES NOT APPLY TO A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE CHAPTER MUST NOT BE APPLIED TO A PERSON BASED SOLELY ON HIS BEING ENGAGED IN COMPUTER OR DIGITAL FORENSIC SERVICES OR CERTAIN NETWORK OR SYSTEM VULNERABILITY TESTING; AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO ENACT THE “COMPUTER AND DIGITAL FORENSICS REGISTRY ACT”, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THE CHIEF OF SLED CERTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF COMPUTER FORENSICS BUSINESSES INCLUDING THE MAINTENANCE OF A COMPUTER FORENSICS REGISTRY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE AND FUNDING OF THE REGISTRY, TO REQUIRE A PARTY SEEKING TO OPERATE AS A DIGITAL FORENSICS BUSINESS REGISTER WITH SLED IN A SPECIFIED MANNER, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS FROM THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER.

 The veto of the Governor was taken up for immediate consideration.

 On motion of Senator SETZLER, the veto was carried over.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

P. O. Box 11369

Columbia, SC 29211

June 18, 2012

The Honorable Glenn F. McConnell

State House, First Floor, East Wing

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate,

 I am vetoing and returning without my approval R275, S.1167, a Bill that primarily relates to tax increment financing.

 Under current law, no portion of a county may be subjected to a local sales and use tax rate of more than one percent. This Bill was amended to eliminate this limit for counties that have such a tax as of July 1, 2012, and use the proceeds for schools or other government expenses.

 I have vetoed this Bill because it is an invitation to raise taxes on our families and businesses. One penny is enough.

Sincerely,

Nikki R. Haley

**VETO OVERRIDDEN**

 (R275, S1167) -- Senator Lourie: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 31‑6‑85 SO AS TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY AND ONE OR MORE TAXING DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PARTIAL OR MODIFIED PARTICIPATION IN A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; TO AMEND SECTION 31‑6‑80, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAW, SO AS TO CLARIFY AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAW; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LIMITATION APPLICABLE TO THE NUMBER OF CERTAIN LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED IN A COUNTY AREA DOES NOT APPLY IN A COUNTY AREA IN WHICH, AS OF JULY 1, 2012, THERE WAS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO A LOCAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX, THE REVENUES OF WHICH MUST BE USED TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, OTHER SCHOOL PURPOSES, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE USES.

 The veto of the Governor was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senator LOURIE moved that the veto of the Governor be overridden.

 The question was put, “Shall the Act become law, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?”

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

**Ayes 34; Nays 9**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Campbell

Cleary Coleman Courson

Cromer Elliott Ford

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hutto Jackson Knotts

Land Leatherman Leventis

Lourie Malloy *Martin, Larry*

Massey Matthews McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Pinckney

Reese Scott Setzler

Sheheen Shoopman Thomas

Williams

**Total--34**

**NAYS**

Bright Bryant Campsen

Davis Fair *Martin, Shane*

Peeler Rose Verdin

**Total--9**

The necessary two-thirds vote having been received, the veto of the Governor was overridden, and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 20, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has sustained the veto by the Governor on R.275, S. 1167 by a vote of 65 to 40:

 (R275, S1167) -- Senator Lourie: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 31‑6‑85 SO AS TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY AND ONE OR MORE TAXING DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PARTIAL OR MODIFIED PARTICIPATION IN A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; TO AMEND SECTION 31‑6‑80, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAW, SO AS TO CLARIFY AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAW; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LIMITATION APPLICABLE TO THE NUMBER OF CERTAIN LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED IN A COUNTY AREA DOES NOT APPLY IN A COUNTY AREA IN WHICH, AS OF JULY 1, 2012, THERE WAS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO A LOCAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX, THE REVENUES OF WHICH MUST BE USED TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, OTHER SCHOOL PURPOSES, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE USES.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 20, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has reconsidered the vote whereby the veto was sustained and has overridden the veto by the Governor on R.275, S. 1167 by a vote of 79 to 22:

 (R275, S1167) -- Senator Lourie: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 31‑6‑85 SO AS TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY AND ONE OR MORE TAXING DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PARTIAL OR MODIFIED PARTICIPATION IN A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT; TO AMEND SECTION 31‑6‑80, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PURPOSES OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAW, SO AS TO CLARIFY AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING LAW; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LIMITATION APPLICABLE TO THE NUMBER OF CERTAIN LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED IN A COUNTY AREA DOES NOT APPLY IN A COUNTY AREA IN WHICH, AS OF JULY 1, 2012, THERE WAS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO A LOCAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX, THE REVENUES OF WHICH MUST BE USED TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, OTHER SCHOOL PURPOSES, OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE USES.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the veto by the Governor on R296, H. 4082 by a vote of 108 to 2:

 (R296, H4082) -- Reps. Vick, Edge, Hiott, Hayes, R.L. Brown, Jefferson, Bowers, Anthony, Skelton, Williams, McLeod, G.M. Smith, Weeks, Gilliard, Agnew, Horne, Funderburk, Tribble, Pinson, Clemmons and Neilson: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 38‑7‑20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, 2.25 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL REVENUE OF THIS TAX MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION AND USED BY IT FOR FIREFIGHTING AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**VETO OVERRIDDEN**

(R296, H4082) -- Reps. Vick, Edge, Hiott, Hayes, R.L. Brown, Jefferson, Bowers, Anthony, Skelton, Williams, McLeod, G.M. Smith, Weeks, Gilliard, Agnew, Horne, Funderburk, Tribble, Pinson, Clemmons and Neilson: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 38‑7‑20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017, 2.25 PERCENT OF THE ANNUAL REVENUE OF THIS TAX MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION AND USED BY IT FOR FIREFIGHTING AND FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT.

 The veto of the Governor was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senator HUTTO spoke on the veto.

 Senator KNOTTS moved that the veto of the Governor be overridden.

 Senator COLEMAN spoke on the veto.

 Senator LEVENTIS spoke on the veto.

 Senator GREGORY spoke on the veto.

 Senator MASSEY spoke on the veto.

 The question was put, “Shall the Act become law, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?”

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Bryant

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Courson Cromer Davis

Elliott Fair Ford

Gregory Hayes Hutto

Jackson Knotts Land

Leatherman Leventis Lourie

Malloy *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey Matthews McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Rose Ryberg Scott

Setzler Sheheen Shoopman

Thomas Verdin Williams

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

Bright

**Total--1**

The necessary two-thirds vote having been received, the veto of the Governor was overridden, and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has sent the following veto to the Senate:

 (R258, H4821) -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Pitts, Murphy, Horne, Hearn, McCoy, Stavrinakis, Bannister and Harrison: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 8‑21‑310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COURT FEES AND COSTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING OF COURT DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS FROM AN INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC FILING (E‑FILING) SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE THAT FEES GENERATED FROM E‑FILING ARE TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF COURT TECHNOLOGY.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the veto by the Governor on R.258, H. 4821 by a vote of 93 to 14:

 (R258, H4821) -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Pitts, Murphy, Horne, Hearn, McCoy, Stavrinakis, Bannister and Harrison: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 8‑21‑310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COURT FEES AND COSTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING OF COURT DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS FROM AN INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC FILING (E‑FILING) SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE THAT FEES GENERATED FROM E‑FILING ARE TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF COURT TECHNOLOGY.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**VETO OVERRIDDEN**

(R258, H4821) -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Pitts, Murphy, Horne, Hearn, McCoy, Stavrinakis, Bannister and Harrison: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 8‑21‑310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COURT FEES AND COSTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING OF COURT DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS FROM AN INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC FILING (E‑FILING) SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE THAT FEES GENERATED FROM E‑FILING ARE TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF COURT TECHNOLOGY.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to take up the veto of the Governor for immediate consideration.

 There was no objection.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN spoke on the veto.

 Senator moved that the veto of the Governor be overridden.

 The question was put, “Shall the Act become law, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?”

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

**Ayes 39; Nays 3**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Campbell

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Ford Gregory

Grooms Hayes Hutto

Jackson Knotts Land

Leatherman Leventis Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

Matthews McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Pinckney Rankin

Reese Rose Ryberg

Scott Setzler Sheheen

Shoopman Verdin Williams

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

Bright Bryant Peeler

**Total--3**

The necessary two-thirds vote having been received, the veto of the Governor was overridden, and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has sent the following veto to the Senate:

 (R239, H4886) -- Rep. Willis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAY MISSED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2012, BY THE STUDENTS OF FOUNTAIN INN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED DUE TO BAT INFESTATION, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

Respectfully submitted,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the veto by the Governor on R.239, H. 4886 by a vote of 87 to 10:

 (R239, H4886) -- Rep. Willis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAY MISSED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2012, BY THE STUDENTS OF FOUNTAIN INN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED DUE TO BAT INFESTATION, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**VETO SUSTAINED**

(R239, H4886) -- Rep. Willis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAY MISSED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2012, BY THE STUDENTS OF FOUNTAIN INN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED DUE TO BAT INFESTATION, IS EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

 On motion of Senator COURSON, with unanimous consent, the veto of the Governor was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senator RYBERG spoke on the veto.

 The question was put, “Shall the Act become law, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding?”

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

**Ayes 9; Nays 33**

**AYES**

Campsen Ford Hayes

Leatherman Leventis Pinckney

Reese Sheheen Verdin

**Total--9**

**NAYS**

Alexander Anderson Bright

Bryant Campbell Cleary

Coleman Courson Cromer

Davis Elliott Fair

Gregory Grooms Hutto

Jackson Knotts Land

Malloy *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Rankin

Rose Ryberg Scott

Setzler Shoopman Williams

**Total--33**

Having failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote, the veto of the Governor was sustained, and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Motion to Reconsider Carried Over**

 Having voted on the prevailing side, Senator FAIR noted a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the veto was sustained and moved to carry over the motion to reconsider.

 The motion to reconsider was carried over.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE.**

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that the Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for Ratification:

 S. 1088 -- Senators McConnell, Ford and Knotts: A BILL TO AMEND STATUTES CREATING CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS WHOSE MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED OR ELECTED BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WHICH ARE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE RULE 19, RELATING TO THE STATE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION, THE STATE COMMISSION ON MINORITY AFFAIRS, THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, THE DIVISION FOR THE REVIEW OF THE FOSTER CARE OF CHILDREN, THE CHILDREN’S TRUST FUND OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND THE BOARD OF JUVENILE PAROLE, NAMELY, SECTION 1‑13‑40, SECTION 1‑31‑10, SECTION 8‑13‑310, SECTION 58‑3‑20, SECTION 58‑31‑20, SECTION 63‑11‑700, SECTION 63‑11‑920, AND SECTION 63‑19‑610 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ASSIGNED TO SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO THE 2010 CENSUS.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the Report of the Committee of Conference on:

 H. 3400 -- Rep. Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63‑3‑530, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT IN CERTAIN MATTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATES WHEN THE CHILD TURNS EIGHTEEN OR GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, WHICHEVER IS SOONER.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

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Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the Report of the Committee of Conference on:

 H. 4008 -- Reps. Harrison, H.B. Brown, G.R. Smith, Knight, Atwater, Branham, Viers, Bannister, Dillard, Erickson, Hamilton, Hearn, Hosey, Limehouse, D.C. Moss, Patrick, Pinson, Sandifer, G.M. Smith, J.R. Smith, Stringer, Toole, Willis, Bingham and Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑7‑390 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THERE IS NO MONETARY LIABILITY, AND NO CAUSE OF ACTION IS CREATED, BY A HOSPITAL UNDERTAKING OR PERFORMING CERTAIN ACTS IF NOT DONE WITH MALICE; BY ADDING SECTION 44‑7‑392 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN HOSPITAL PROCEEDINGS AND DATA, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND INFORMATION RESULTING FROM THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOVERY OR SUBPOENA AND MAY NOT BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL ACTION UNLESS THE HOSPITAL HAS WAIVED CONFIDENTIALITY OR THE DATA, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, OR INFORMATION ARE OTHERWISE AVAILABLE AND SUBJECT TO DISCOVERY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OUTCOME OF A PRACTITIONER’S APPLICATION FOR HOSPITAL STAFF MEMBERSHIP OR CLINICAL PRIVILEGES, INCLUDING THE PRIVILEGES REQUESTED OR APPROVED, IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL, THAT THE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE CONFIDENTIAL, AND THAT THE APPLICATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PHYSICIAN OR FROM THE PRACTICE WHERE THE PHYSICIAN WORKS; TO PROVIDE THAT A PRACTITIONER SUBJECT TO A DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING MAY RECEIVE DATA, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PRACTITIONER, EVEN IF OTHERWISE CONFIDENTIAL, TO PROVIDE THAT RELEASE OF SUCH DATA, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, AND INFORMATION IS NOT A WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY, AND TO PROHIBIT DISCLOSURE BY THE PRACTITIONER TO THIRD PARTIES, OTHER THAN COUNSEL; TO PROVIDE THAT DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY A HOSPITAL THROUGH REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, THE JOINT COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, OR THE NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK IS NOT A WAIVER OF A PRIVILEGE OR CONFIDENTIALITY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN AFFECTED PERSON MAY FILE AN ACTION TO ASSERT A CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND A MOTION TO ENJOIN THE HOSPITAL FROM RELEASING DATA, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, OR INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, THE NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK, OR THE JOINT COMMISSION THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE RELEASED AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES TO FURTHER ADDRESS SUCH CLAIMS, INCLUDING AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES WHEN SUCH A CLAIM IS UNREASONABLY ASSERTED; BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-394 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES WHEN A CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY IS ASSERTED IN A JUDICIAL PROCEEDING, INCLUDING AN AWARD OF ATTORNEYS FEES WHEN SUCH A CLAIM IS UNREASONABLY ASSERTED; AND TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON AND PROCEDURES FOR OFFERING TESTIMONY IN A MEDICAL OR HOSPITAL MALPRACTICE CASE BY A PERSON WHO WAS A WITNESS TO THE CARE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE MALPRACTICE CASE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑71‑10, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR MEMBERS OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY STANDARDS COMMITTEES, HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF COMMITTEES, AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO REVIEW PATIENT RECORDS, SO AS TO EXCLUDE FROM IMMUNITY MEMBERS OF A HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFF COMMITTEE AND TO INCLUDE IMMUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO STUDY PATIENT RECORDS.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

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Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has requested and was granted Free Conference Powers and has appointed Reps. Sandifer, Gambrell and Hayes to the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the House on:

 H. 4801 -- Reps. Sandifer, Gambrell, Bowen, Whitmire, Agnew, Thayer, Putnam and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT OF OCONEE AND ANDERSON COUNTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT AND THE MANNER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT MUST NOT CONTRACT FOR OR UNDERTAKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW FRESHWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2016.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 20, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the Report of the Committee of Free Conference on:

 H. 4801 -- Reps. Sandifer, Gambrell, Bowen, Whitmire, Agnew, Thayer, Putnam and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT OF OCONEE AND ANDERSON COUNTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT AND THE MANNER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT MUST NOT CONTRACT FOR OR UNDERTAKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW FRESHWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2016.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**H. 4801--FREE CONFERENCE POWERS GRANTED**

**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

 **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEEOF FREE**

 **CONFERENCE ADOPTED**

 H. 4801 -- Reps. Sandifer, Gambrell, Bowen, Whitmire, Agnew, Thayer, Putnam and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT OF OCONEE AND ANDERSON COUNTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT AND THE MANNER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT MUST NOT CONTRACT FOR OR UNDERTAKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW FRESHWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2016.

 On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, with unanimous consent, the Report of the Committee of Conference was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senator ALEXANDER spoke on the report.

**H. 4801--Free Conference Powers Granted**

**Free Conference Committee Appointed**

 H. 4801 -- Reps. Sandifer, Gambrell, Bowen, Whitmire, Agnew, Thayer, Putnam and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT OF OCONEE AND ANDERSON COUNTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT AND THE MANNER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT MUST NOT CONTRACT FOR OR UNDERTAKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW FRESHWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2016.

 Senator ALEXANDER requested that Free Conference Powers be granted.

 The question then was the granting of Free Conference Powers.

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

**Ayes 37; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Bright

Bryant Campbell Cleary

Coleman Courson Cromer

Davis Fair Grooms

Hayes Hutto Jackson

Knotts Land Leatherman

Leventis Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McGill Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Reese Rose

Ryberg Scott Setzler

Sheheen Shoopman Thomas

Williams

**Total--37**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 Free Conference powers were granted.

 Whereupon, Senators ALEXANDER, HUTTO and BRYANT were appointed to the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the Senate and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

 The question then was adoption of the Report of the Committee of Free Conference.

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

**Ayes 37; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Bright

Bryant Campbell Cleary

Coleman Courson Cromer

Davis Fair Grooms

Hayes Hutto Jackson

Knotts Land Leatherman

Leventis Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McGill Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Reese Rose

Ryberg Scott Setzler

Sheheen Shoopman Thomas

Williams

**Total--37**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, the Report of the Committee of Free Conference to H. 4801 was adopted as follows:

**H. 4801--Free Conference Report**

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

 The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

 H. 4801 -- Reps. Sandifer, Gambrell, Bowen, Whitmire, Agnew, Thayer, Putnam and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT OF OCONEE AND ANDERSON COUNTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT AND THE MANNER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT MUST NOT CONTRACT FOR OR UNDERTAKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW FRESHWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2016.

 Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

 That the same do pass with the following amendments:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

 / SECTION 1. Section 6-13-230 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 6‑13‑230(A)(1). The district shall must be operated and managed by a board of directors to be known as the Pioneer Rural Water District Board of Oconee and Anderson Counties which shall constitute constitutes the governing body of the district. The board shall must consist of five resident electors of the area who shall be appointed by the Governor, upon the recommendation of a majority of those persons attending a meeting of residents of the area held pursuant to at least one week’s notice in a local newspaper giving the time and place of the meeting. The chairman and secretary of the meeting shall certify the names of those recommended to the Governor. The original appointments must be for a term of two years for two appointees, for four years for two appointees, and for six years for one appointee. All terms after the initial appointments shall be for six years. All appointees shall hold office until their successors shall have been appointed and qualify. The initial terms of office shall begin as of June 8 1965. Any vacancy shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. Immediately after appointment, the board shall meet and organize by the election of one of its members as chairman, one as vice chairman, one as secretary and one as treasurer. The offices of the secretary and treasurer may be combined in the discretion of the board five residents of the district’s service area who are qualified electors of Anderson or Oconee county. Board members serving on this section’s effective date shall serve the remainder of their terms pursuant to their appointment and until their successors are elected and qualified. Upon the expiration of the term of each member serving on this section’s effective date, the member’s term will be for three years and until a successor is elected and qualified. The members must be elected to represent distinct territories within the district’s service area. A vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

 (2) Each board member must be elected by the qualified customers of Pioneer Rural Water District who are both (a) residents of the district’s service area and (b) qualified electors of Anderson or Oconee county. For purposes of this section, “resident” is an individual domiciled in Anderson or Oconee county. Each qualified customer is entitled to one vote, provided that only one vote is cast per household.

 (B) Sixty days prior to an election to fill a board member’s seat, a meeting of the qualified customers from the board member’s territory shall be held to nominate an individual or individuals who reside in that territory and are qualified customers with service from the district within that territory. The nominated individual or individuals’ names shall be placed on the ballot at the annual meeting. If more than two persons are nominated, only the two individuals receiving the highest number of votes will have their names placed on the ballot. Notice of a district or territory meeting must be provided as follows: (1) posted in at least one newspaper with general circulation in the district’s service area fifteen days prior to the meeting; (2) posted on Pioneer Rural Water District’s website for at least 15 days prior to the meeting; and (3) written notice, in a conspicuous font, at least 24 point bold font, included with the water bill to customers eligible to vote in the district or territory meeting, as applicable, for the billing cycle immediately preceding the meeting.”

 SECTION 2. Section 6‑13‑240 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 277 of 2004, is further amended to read:

 “Section 6‑13‑240. (A) The district, acting through its governing body, is hereby vested with all such powers as may be necessary or incidental to carry out its purposes, functions and responsibilities including, but without limitation, the following:

 (1) To have perpetual succession.

 (2) To sue and be sued.

 (3) To adopt, use and alter a corporate seal.

 (4) To define a quorum for meetings.

 (5) To maintain a principal office.

 (6) To make bylaws for the management and regulation of its affairs.

 (7) To build, construct, maintain and operate ditches, tunnels, culverts, flumes, conduits, mains, pipes, dikes, dams and reservoirs.

 (8) To build, construct, maintain and operate distribution systems for the distribution of water for domestic or industrial use.

 (9) To acquire and operate any type of machinery, appliances or appurtenances, necessary or useful in constructing, operating and maintaining the system.

 (10) To contract for or otherwise acquire a supply of water and sell water for industrial or domestic use.

 (11) To prescribe rates and regulations under which such water shall be sold for industrial and domestic use.

 (12) To enter into contracts of long duration for the purchase and sale of water with persons, private corporations, municipal corporations, or public bodies or agencies.

 (13) To prescribe such regulations as it shall deem necessary to protect from pollution all water in its pipes, tanks, reservoirs, distribution systems or elsewhere within its system.

 (14) To make contracts of all sorts and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying on of the business of the district.

 (15) To acquire, purchase, hold, use, lease, mortgage, sell, transfer and dispose of any property, real, personal or mixed, or any interest therein.

 (16) To make use of county and state highway rights of way in which to lay pipes and lines in such manner and under such conditions as the appropriate officials in charge of such rights of way shall approve.

 (17) Subject always to the limitations of Section 15, Article VIII, of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, to make use of all the streets and public ways of an incorporated municipality for the purpose of laying pipes and lines.

 (18) To alter and change county and state highways wherever necessary to construct the system under such conditions as the appropriate officials in charge of such highways shall approve.

 (19) To exercise the power of eminent domain for any corporate function. The power of eminent domain may be exercised through any procedure prescribed by Sections 28‑5‑10 through 28‑5‑390 and Sections 57‑5‑310 through 57‑5‑590, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as now or hereafter constituted, it being the intent of this provision that further amendments and modifications of these code provisions shall be deemed to amend and revise correspondingly the powers granted by this paragraph. Provided, that the power of eminent domain conferred hereunder shall not extend to the property of any public utility that the utility could have acquired under its power of eminent domain.

 (20) To appoint officers, agents, employees and servants, to prescribe the duties of such, to fix their compensation and to determine if and to what extent they shall be bonded for the faithful performance of their duties.

 (21) To make contracts for construction and other services; provided, that such contracts shall be let on competitive bidding and shall be awarded to the lowest responsible qualified bidder.

 (22) To borrow money and to make and issue negotiable bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, payable from all or any part of the revenues derived from the operation of its system. The sums borrowed may be those needed to pay all costs incident to the construction and establishment of the system, and any extensions, additions and improvements thereto, including engineering costs, legal costs, construction costs; the sum needed to pay interest during the period prior to which the system, or any extension, addition or improvement thereof, shall be fully in operation; such sum as is needed to supply working capital to place the system in operation; and all other expenses of any sort that the district may incur in establishing, extending or enlarging the system. Neither the full faith and credit of the State of South Carolina, nor Oconee and Anderson Counties, shall be pledged for the payment of the principal and interest of the obligations, and there shall be on the face of each obligation a statement, plainly worded, to that effect. Neither the members of the board, nor any person signing the obligations, shall be personally liable thereon. To the end that a convenient procedure for borrowing money may be prescribed, the district shall be fully empowered to avail itself of all powers granted by Chapters 17 and 21 of this title, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as now or hereafter constituted, it being the intent of this provision that further amendments and modifications of the code provisions shall be deemed to amend and revise correspondingly the powers granted by this paragraph. In exercising the power conferred upon the district by such code provisions, the district may make or omit all pledges and covenants authorized by any provision thereof, and may confer upon the holders of its securities all rights and liens authorized by law. Notwithstanding contrary provisions in the code, the district may:

 (a) Disregard any provision requiring that bonds have serial maturities, and issue bonds in such form and with such maturities as the district shall determine.

 (b) Provide that its bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness be payable, both as to principal and interest, from the net revenues derived from the operation of its system, as such net revenues may be defined by the district.

 (c) Covenant and agree that upon it being adjudged in default as to the payment of any installment of principal or interest upon any obligation issued by it, or in default as to the performance of any covenant or undertaking made by it, in such event the principal of all obligations of such issue may be declared forthwith due and payable, notwithstanding that any of them may not have then matured.

 (d) Confer upon a corporation trustee the power to make disposition of the proceeds from all borrowings and of all revenues derived from the operation of the system, in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the authority as an incident to the issuance of any notes, bonds or other types of securities.

 (e) Dispose of bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness at public or private sale, and upon such terms and conditions as it shall approve.

 (f) Make provision for the redemption of any obligations issued by it prior to their stated maturity, with or without premium, and on such terms and conditions as the district shall approve.

 (g) Covenant and agree that any cushion fund established to further secure the payment of the principal and interest of any obligation shall be in a fixed amount.

 (h) Covenant and agree that no free service will be furnished to any person, municipal corporation, or any subdivision or division of the State.

 (i) Prescribe the procedure, if any, by which the terms of the contract with the holders of its obligations may be amended, the number of obligations whose holders must consent thereto, and the manner in which consent shall be given.

 (j) Prescribe the events of default and terms and conditions upon which all or any obligations shall become or may be declared due before maturity and the terms and conditions upon which such declarations and their consequences may be waived.

 (23) To extend its system or systems, within Oconee and Anderson Counties, beyond the defined limits of the district to provide services to those living outside the district and outside any incorporated municipality when, in the discretion of the board, it is feasible and practicable so to do, in which case any person or agency receiving such service shall be subject to the same rules, regulations and requirements concerning services being received from the district as persons residing within the district. The board may, in its discretion, establish rates and charges higher than those within the district for the extension of its system and the provision of services beyond the limits of the district.

 (24) To construct, operate, or maintain sewer lines or to contract with other entities to construct, operate, or maintain sewer lines. The authority granted in this item does not give the district the power to construct or operate a sewerage treatment facility.

 (B) Before the board makes an investment in a facility or any other action that obligates the water district for one million dollars or more, it must provide for an independent audit by a certified public accountant or public accountant or firm of these accountants who have no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the district or in an entity which may benefit financially from the transaction to be audited. This audit must include the potential impact of the board’s action on its ratepayers and must be presented to the district’s customers at a meeting prior to entering into the action prompting the audit. Notice of a meeting pursuant to this subsection must be provided to customers of the district as follows: (1) posted in at least one newspaper with general circulation in the district’s service area fifteen days prior to the meeting; (2) posted on Pioneer Rural Water District’s website for at least 15 days prior to the meeting; and (3) written notice, in a conspicuous font, in at least 24 point bold font, included with the water bill to all customers for the billing cycle immediately preceding the meeting.

 (C) Within thirty days of receiving the audit and prior to its presentation to the customers, the board must submit the audit to the Office of Regulatory Staff for the Office of Regulatory Staff to verify the audit’s assumptions.

 (D) Any action taken by the board must be made in the ratepayers’ best interests. Best interests must include consideration of, but not limited to, the public interest of the ratepayers, financial integrity of the water district, and economic development of the area to be provided with service by the water district.”

 SECTION 3. Section 6-13-250 of the Code of Laws is amended to read:

 “Section 6-13-250. The rates charged for services furnished by the system, as constructed, improved, enlarged and extended, shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by any state bureau, board, commission or like instrumentality or agency thereof. However, the board must provide to the Office of Regulatory Staff by July 1st each year, for information purposes, in such form as the Office of Regulatory Staff may designate, schedules showing all rates, service rules and regulations, and forms of service contract established by the board.”

 SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

 Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Thomas C. Alexander /s/Rep. William E. Sandifer III

/s/Sen. Kevin L. Bryant /s/Rep. Michael W. Gambrell

Sen. C. Bradley Hutto /s/Rep. Jackie E. Hayes

 On Part of the Senate. On Part of the House.

, and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 20, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that the Report of the Committee of Free Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for Ratification:

 H. 4801 -- Reps. Sandifer, Gambrell, Bowen, Whitmire, Agnew, Thayer, Putnam and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑230, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PIONEER RURAL WATER DISTRICT OF OCONEE AND ANDERSON COUNTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DISTRICT AND THE MANNER OF THEIR APPOINTMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 6‑13‑240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT ACTING THROUGH ITS GOVERNING BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT MUST NOT CONTRACT FOR OR UNDERTAKE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW FRESHWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2016.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., June 19, 2012

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the Report of the Committee of Conference on:

 S. 1229 -- Senators O’Dell and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38‑47‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LICENSES REQUIRED FOR ADJUSTERS, SO AS TO ADD EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSURE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑47‑20, RELATING TO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS FOR LICENSING NONRESIDENT ADJUSTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHERE A NONRECIPROCAL AGREEMENT EXISTS BETWEEN THIS STATE AND ANOTHER STATE, AN APPLICANT FOR A NONRESIDENT ADJUSTER’S LICENSE WHO HOLDS A LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE MAY RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA WITHOUT LOSING THE BENEFITS OF THE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT IF HE COMPLIES WITH OTHER APPLICABLE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**S. 1229--ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

S. 1229 -- Senators O’Dell and Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38‑47‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LICENSES REQUIRED FOR ADJUSTERS, SO AS TO ADD EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSURE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑47‑20, RELATING TO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS FOR LICENSING NONRESIDENT ADJUSTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHERE A NONRECIPROCAL AGREEMENT EXISTS BETWEEN THIS STATE AND ANOTHER STATE, AN APPLICANT FOR A NONRESIDENT ADJUSTER’S LICENSE WHO HOLDS A LICENSE IN ANOTHER STATE MAY RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA WITHOUT LOSING THE BENEFITS OF THE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT IF HE COMPLIES WITH OTHER APPLICABLE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

 The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

 A message was sent to the House accordingly.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE**

**CARRIED OVER**

 H. 3066 -- Reps. G.R. Smith, Daning, Ballentine, Harrison, Allison, Hamilton, G.M. Smith, Bingham, Long, Henderson, Erickson, Horne, Willis, Weeks, McLeod, Pope, Simrill, Lucas, Norman, D.C. Moss, Clemmons, Harrell, Atwater, Bedingfield, Funderburk and Edge: A BILL TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 2011” INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND SECTION 1‑30‑10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT BY ADDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 1‑30‑125 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AS AN AGENCY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BE HEADED BY A DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO TRANSFER TO THIS NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT CERTAIN OFFICES AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, AND OTHER AGENCIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL AND OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE ABOVE; BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 2 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND THE PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OVERSIGHT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1‑11‑20, AS AMENDED, 1‑11‑22, 1‑11‑55, 1‑11‑56, 1‑11‑58, 1‑11‑65, 1‑11‑67, 1‑11‑70, 1‑11‑80, 1‑11‑90, 1‑11‑100, 1‑11‑110, 1‑11‑180, 1‑11‑220, 1‑11‑225, 1‑11‑250, 1‑11‑260, 1‑11‑270, 1‑11‑280, 1‑11‑290, 1‑11‑300, 1‑11‑310, AS AMENDED, 1‑11‑315, 1‑11‑320, 1‑11‑335, 1‑11‑340, 1‑11‑435; 2‑13‑240, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3; 10‑1‑10, 10‑1‑30, AS AMENDED, 10‑1‑40, 10‑1‑130, 10‑1‑190, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 10, 10‑11‑50, AS AMENDED, 10‑11‑90, 10‑11‑110, 10‑11‑140, 10‑11‑330; 11‑9‑610, 11‑9‑620, 11‑9‑630, 11‑35‑3810, AS AMENDED, 11‑35‑3820, AS AMENDED, 11‑35‑3830, AS AMENDED, 11‑35‑3840, AS AMENDED, 13‑7‑30, AS AMENDED, 13‑7‑830, AS AMENDED; 44‑53‑530, AS AMENDED, AND 44‑96‑140; 48‑46‑30, 48‑46‑40, 48‑46‑50, 48‑46‑60, 48‑46‑90, 48‑52‑410, 48‑52‑440, AND 48‑52‑460; AND BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑185 RELATING TO VARIOUS AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT PROVISIONS SO AS TO CONFORM THEM TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OR TO SUPPLEMENT SUCH PROVISIONS.

 On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the Report of the Committee of Conference was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN spoke on the Report of the Committee of Conference.

 Senator SHEHEEN spoke on the Report of the Committee of Conference.

 On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the Report of the Committee of Conference was carried over.

 **H. 4967--FREE CONFERENCE POWERS GRANTED**

**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

 H. 4967 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE 1976 CODE RELATING TO STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS ARE COMPUTED, TO INCREASE PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS, TO REPEAL INCREASES IN RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, TO PHASE OUT THE TEACHER AND EMPLOYEE RETENTION INCENTIVE, TO PROVIDE FOR “CLASS THREE” MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW MEMBERS, AND TO INCLUDE OTHER CHANGES TO STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS. *(ABBREVIATED TITLE)*

 On motion of Senator RYBERG, with unanimous consent, the Report of the Committee of Conference was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senator RYBERG spoke on the Report.

 Senator RYBERG requested that Free Conference Powers be granted.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Anderson Bright

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Courson

Cromer Davis Elliott

Fair Ford Gregory

Grooms Hayes Hutto

Jackson Knotts Land

Leatherman Leventis Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

Matthews McGill Nicholson

O’Dell Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Rose

Ryberg Scott Setzler

Sheheen Shoopman Verdin

Williams

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 Free Conference powers were granted.

 Whereupon, Senators SETZLER, RYBERG and ALEXANDER were appointed to the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the Senate and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Motion Adopted**

 On motion of Senator COURSON, with unanimous consent, the Senate agreed that, when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned to meet at 11:00 A.M. tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 6:37 P.M., on motion of Senator COURSON, the Senate adjourned under the provisions of H. 5377, the *Sine Die* Resolution, to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

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