**Friday, March 5, 2021**

**(Local Session)**

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 The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the ACTING PRESIDENT, Senator McELVEEN.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 641 Sens. Hembree, Goldfinch, Williams and Sabb

**HOUSE BILLS RETURNED**

 The following House Bill and Resolutions were read the third time and ordered returned to the House with amendments:

 H. 3589 -- Reps. Allison, Lucas, M.M. Smith, Calhoon, Felder and Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59‑19‑350, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS OF CHOICE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN STATUTES AND REGULATIONS, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THESE SCHOOLS AS BEING SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION, TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY ESTABLISH MULTIPLE SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION, AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AND RENEWING STATUS AS A SCHOOL OF INNOVATION.

 On motion of Senator HEMBREE.

 H. 3608 -- Reps. Lucas, G.M. Smith, Allison, Whitmire and McGarry: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ADDRESS A FUNDING SHORTFALL FOR THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACTING ACT 135 OF 2020 DUE TO FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTIES CAUSED BY THE COVID‑19 VIRUS, BY APPROPRIATING NINE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR THE 2020‑2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

 On motion of Senator MALLOY.

 H. 3609 -- Reps. Lucas, G.M. Smith, Allison, Whitmire, Huggins, Ballentine, Wooten, Calhoon, McGarry, M.M. Smith, Yow, Jefferson, R. Williams, Wheeler, K.O. Johnson, Haddon, Magnuson, Morgan, Henegan, B. Newton, Anderson, Govan, Murray, Davis, Hixon, Taylor, Oremus, Blackwell, W. Newton, Herbkersman, Bradley and Weeks: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO RESTORE TEACHER STEP INCREASES THAT WERE SUSPENDED BY ACT 135 OF 2020 DUE TO FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTIES CAUSED BY THE COVID‑19 VIRUS, BY APPROPRIATING FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS TO PROVIDE FOR TEACHER STEP INCREASES FOR THE 2020‑2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

 On motion of Senator MALLOY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 11:06 A.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet next Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 12:00 Noon.

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