**Tuesday, October 18, 2022**

**(Statewide Session)**

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The Senate assembled at 1:00 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 the Chaplain as follows:

Matthew 7:12

In Matthew’s Gospel the Lord Himself says: “ ‘So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.’ ”

Join me friends as we bow in prayer: How powerful is Your unfailingly true lesson, O God, that we are to do to others as we would

want them to do to us -- always. Of course, all of us know full well how difficult it really is to live with such a goal. So forgive us, Lord, for those many times when we have not been the women and men You call us to be. Yet surely here in the Senate of South Carolina, may each of these servants -- Senators and staff aides alike -- always care lovingly for every individual whom they serve, putting the interests of all of our citizens above their own, bringing rich blessings to all. In addition, dear Lord, know that we continue to hold in our thoughts and prayers Senator Grooms and his family in the recent death of the Senator’s father. Now be with us all, O God, as we strive to honor You through everything that we say and do. In Your loving name we pray, dear Lord. Amen.

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

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator CLIMER, at 1:13 P.M., Senator GOLDFINCH was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator SENN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 1386 -- Senators Shealy, Cromer and Young: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR BEING RANKED THE NUMBER ONE UNIVERSITY ON THE "2022 MILITARY TIMES BEST FOR VETS: COLLEGES" MILITARY TIMES LIST.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1387 -- Senator Shealy: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AS "FAMILY LITERACY DAY" AND NOVEMBER 2022 AS "FAMILY LITERACY MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1388 -- Senator Jackson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE IDA DIXON OF RICHLAND COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1389 -- Senators Harpootlian, Young, Setzler and Massey: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL L. LAUGHLIN AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1390 -- Senator Setzler: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CASEY JORDAN HALLMAN FOR HER MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WEST COLUMBIA COMMUNITY.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1391 -- Senator Allen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF JANIE BELLE BLACK FIELDS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1392 -- Senator Fanning: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ENSIGN BARBARA CAROLINA MAY ALDERSON, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED, TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR RECEIVING A QUILT OF VALOR ON VETERANS DAY, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2022, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1393 -- Senator Fanning: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FAIRFIELD MAGNET SCHOOL FOR MATH AND SCIENCE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATING STUDENTS AND TO PRAISE THE ADMINISTRATORS, FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1394 -- Senator Stephens: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SAINT PETER AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1395 -- Senators Scott, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Campsen, Cash, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Fanning, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Grooms, Gustafson, Harpootlian, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Kimpson, Loftis, Malloy, Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McLeod, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Senn, Setzler, Shealy, Stephens, Talley, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED AND NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND LITTLE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BLYTHEWOOD COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1396 -- Senators Garrett and Massey: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT BODY OF THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE AS THEY CELEBRATE THE TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF DR. JOHN DE LA HOWE, WHICH DEEDED PROPERTY TO HOUSE SUCH A SCHOOL.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1397 -- Senators Gustafson, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Campsen, Cash, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Fanning, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Grooms, Harpootlian, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Kimpson, Loftis, Malloy, Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McLeod, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Scott, Senn, Setzler, Shealy, Stephens, Talley, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE PASTOR, STAFF, AND CONGREGATION OF BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CAMDEN, UPON THE OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THEIR HISTORIC SANCTUARY, AND TO WISH THEM MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THEIR GOD AND THEIR COMMUNITY.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., September 27, 2022

Mr. President and Senators:

The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the appointment:

**STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT**

Initial Appointment, State Ethics Commission, with term to commence March 31, 2022, and to expire April 1, 2027:

Bryant Caldwell, 1221 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, SC 29201

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., September 27, 2022

Mr. President and Senators:

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

H. 5399 -- Reps. Lucas, G.M. Smith, McCravy, T. Moore, White, Ligon, Long, Gilliam, Chumley, Burns, Hardee, Bailey, J.E. Johnson, B. Newton, Hewitt, Bustos, Jordan, M.M. Smith, Davis, Hyde, Hixon, West, Hiott, Jones, Caskey, Fry, Thayer, Pope, Forrest, Oremus, Trantham, Bennett, McGarry, Felder, Allison, D.C. Moss, Brittain, Nutt, Haddon, Huggins, G.R. Smith, Magnuson, May, Wooten, B. Cox, Yow, Murphy, Crawford, Bryant and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑41‑05 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

Senator MASSEY moved that the Senate recede from the Senate amendments on H. 5399.

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

**Ayes 17; Nays 26**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Cash

Climer Corbin Gambrell

Garrett Grooms Kimbrell

Loftis Martin Peeler

Reichenbach Rice Talley

Turner Verdin

**Total--17**

**NAYS**

Allen Bennett Campsen

Cromer Davis Fanning

Gustafson Harpootlian Hembree

Hutto Jackson *Johnson, Kevin*

*Johnson, Michael* Malloy Massey

Matthews McElveen McLeod

Sabb Scott Senn

Setzler Shealy Stephens

Williams Young

**Total--26**

The motion to recede from the Senate amendments failed.

Senator MASSEY moved that the Senate insist on its Senate amendments on H. 5399.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 6**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Bennett

Campsen Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Garrett

Grooms Gustafson Harpootlian

Hembree Hutto Jackson

*Johnson, Michael* Kimbrell Loftis

Martin Massey Matthews

McElveen Peeler Rankin

Reichenbach Rice Senn

Setzler Shealy Stephens

Talley Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

Allen *Johnson, Kevin* Malloy

McLeod Sabb Scott

**Total--6**

The motion passed.

**SENATE INSISTS ON THEIR AMENDMENTS**

H. 5399 -- Reps. Lucas, G.M. Smith, McCravy, T. Moore, White, Ligon, Long, Gilliam, Chumley, Burns, Hardee, Bailey, J.E. Johnson, B. Newton, Hewitt, Bustos, Jordan, M.M. Smith, Davis, Hyde, Hixon, West, Hiott, Jones, Caskey, Fry, Thayer, Pope, Forrest, Oremus, Trantham, Bennett, McGarry, Felder, Allison, D.C. Moss, Brittain, Nutt, Haddon, Huggins, G.R. Smith, Magnuson, May, Wooten, B. Cox, Yow, Murphy, Crawford, Bryant and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑41‑05 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate insisted upon its amendments to H. 5399 and asked for a Committee of Conference.

Whereupon, Senators MASSEY, MATTHEWS and CASH were appointed to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., October 18, 2022

Mr. President and Senators:

The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Reps. McCravy, Pope and Wetmore to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House on:

H. 5399 -- Reps. Lucas, G.M. Smith, McCravy, T. Moore, White, Ligon, Long, Gilliam, Chumley, Burns, Hardee, Bailey, J.E. Johnson, B. Newton, Hewitt, Bustos, Jordan, M.M. Smith, Davis, Hyde, Hixon, West, Hiott, Jones, Caskey, Fry, Thayer, Pope, Forrest, Oremus, Trantham, Bennett, McGarry, Felder, Allison, D.C. Moss, Brittain, Nutt, Haddon, Huggins, G.R. Smith, Magnuson, May, Wooten, B. Cox, Yow, Murphy, Crawford, Bryant and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑41‑05 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

**Motion Adopted**

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senator CROMER, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Albert John Dooley, Sr. of Lexington, S.C. A.J. was a graduate of Lexington High School and the University of South Carolina Law School. He was a retired attorney and lifelong member of St. David Lutheran Church where he served in many capacities. A.J. was a member of the Lexington County District One School Board, Lexington County Council, Lexington Chamber of Commerce, Lexington Lions Club and was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate. A.J. was inducted into the Lexington High School Hall of Fame where he was the announcer for the football games for over 30 years. A.J. was a loving father and devoted grandfather who will be dearly missed.

and

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senators VERDIN, ADAMS, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, CAMPSEN, CASH, CLIMER, CORBIN, CROMER, DAVIS, FANNING, GAMBRELL, GARRETT, GOLDFINCH, GROOMS, GUSTAFSON, HARPOOTLIAN, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, KEVIN JOHNSON, MICHAEL JOHNSON, KIMBRELL, KIMPSON, LOFTIS, MALLOY, MARTIN, MASSEY, MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, McLEOD, PEELER, RANKIN, REICHENBACH, RICE, SABB, SCOTT, SENN, SETZLER, SHEALY, STEPHENS, TALLEY, TURNER, WILLIAMS and YOUNG, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Lawrence Grooms of St. Stephen, S.C. Mr. Grooms was the father of our beloved Senator Larry Grooms. Lawrence was a star high school athlete at St. Stephen High School. He was the owner of Grooms Oil Company, a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of First Baptist Church of St. Stephen. He loved sports, the outdoors, Clemson Tigers and meeting new people. He lived a life full of adventure, love and laughter. Lawrence was a loving father and devoted grandfather who will be dearly missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:35 P.M., on motion of Senator GROOMS, the Senate adjourned under the provisions of S. 1325, the *Sine Die* Resolution.

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