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of the
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Tuesday, April 1, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~

Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Micah 6:8: “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”

Let us pray. O Lord, You have done a great thing, looking to these Representatives and staff new things, in which we will live in Your presence while we do the state’s business. I off to You to follow the teachings to which You have been called each and every day to do the work promised. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Faith and Grace are free gifts. God grant us Your comfort. We ask for Your care on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bless our Armed Forces and those who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MITCHELL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Mullikin

Mr. Speaker,

I rise today to ask that when we adjourn in memory of a great Kershaw Countian, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Mullikin.

I along with others are still in utter shock of Mary Elizabeth's passing this pass Sunday, March 30, 2025. Mary Elizabeth was an attorney and lobbyist with Blue Cross and Blue Shield known for her keen intellect and quick wit, who could walk into any room and light it up. More

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importantly, Mary Elizabeth was a great friend to all who knew and loved her. We keep her parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, co-workers, and friends in our prayers.

Rep. Cody Mitchell

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Sarah Seastrunk, wife of Chaplain Charles Seastrunk.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

April 1, 2025

Mr. Charles F. Reid, Clerk
South Carolina House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The State Election Commission has certified to this office that the Honorable Courtney Waters received the greatest number of votes cast for the State House of Representatives District 113 Special Election held on March 25, 2025.

The attached hereby certifies Courtney Waters as a duly and properly elected member of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
Mark Hammond
Secretary of State

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION

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The Honorable Mark Hammond

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Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The State Election Commission, in its capacity as the State Board of Canvassers, hereby certifies Courtney Waters as the winner of the State House District 113 Special Election held on March 25, 2025, as reflected in the enclosed winner's report. The official results are as follows:

Candidate	Votes
Courtney Waters	389
Write-in Totals	8

Sincerely,
Howard M. Knapp
Executive Director

MEMBER-ELECT SWORN IN

Courtney Waters, Member-elect from District No. 113, presented her credentials and the oath of office was administered to her by the SPEAKER.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

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The Honorable Courtney Waters
South Carolina House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Courtney:

It is with pleasure that I appoint you to serve on the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee, effective immediately. I know that you will serve on this committee with honor and distinction.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,
G. Murrell Smith Jr.
Speaker of the House
Received as information.

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INVITATION

On motion of Rep. HEWITT, with unanimous consent, the following was taken up for immediate consideration and accepted:

March 27, 2025

The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Offices of Parker Poe, 11th Floor, 1221 Main Street, Suite 1100.

Sincerely,

Conner Barker

Senior Coordinator, Southeastern States
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3938 -- Reps. Williams and Luck: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CHARLESTON ROAD IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PIANO ROAD TO THE DARLINGTON/FLORENCE COUNTY LINE "DR. MELVIN LEROY HOWARD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4271 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach,

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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, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, 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, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DONALD RHETT SHULER OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4272 -- Reps. Williams, 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, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, 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,

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Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE GOSPEL RECORDING ARTIST K. JEANETTE OF DARLINGTON, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE RECENT RELEASE OF HER NEW SINGLE, "SHINE," AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4273 -- Reps. Rankin, Gilliam, 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, 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, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BELLVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR PASTOR DARREN ROOD AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LAURENS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 4274 -- Reps. Mitchell, 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, Luck, 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, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HARTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HEAD BASEBALL COACH TONY GAINEY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE 2025 SEASON AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COACHING, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4275 -- Reps. Garvin, 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, 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,

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Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE W. J. KEENAN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4276 -- Reps. Garvin, 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, 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, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON

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WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4277 -- Reps. Grant, 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, 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, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, 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, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR HEAD COACH JOSHUA STALEY OF THE RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED TENURE AND REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN COACHING HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4278 -- Reps. Taylor, Clyburn, Oremus and Hartz: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JUDY FLOYD, DIRECTOR OF CHRIST CENTRAL AIKEN-GRANITEVILLE, AND HER HUSBAND, ROGER FLOYD, FOR THEIR MEANINGFUL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE AGENCY OF CHRIST CENTRAL, TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON THEIR

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RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4279 -- Reps. Yow and Mitchell: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SANDRA ROSE MARTIN BELK UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT AS TOWN OF PAGELAND DEPUTY CLERK, TO COMMEND HER FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 509 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 1, 2025, AS "HIGHER EDUCATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

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

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Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	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	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	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	Stavrinnakis
Taylor	Teepie	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

“5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3045
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 WILLIAMS, CROMER, GILREATH, HIXON,
ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3046
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3127
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 WILLIAMS, ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3163
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 SANDERS

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3201
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3214
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 HIXON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3276
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 HIXON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3285
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 HARTNETT, BUSTOS, J. L. JOHNSON, TEEPLE
and WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3387
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 WILLIAMS and HIXON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3524
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3525
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 WILLIAMS and J. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3603
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 BAUER

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3645
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 DILLARD and KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3753
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 GUFFEY and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3831
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3832
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3863
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4123
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 RANKIN, BEACH, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON,
SANDERS, MCCABE and HARRIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4134
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 DILLARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4145
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 J. MOORE, BUSTOS and LANDING

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4215
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 CROMER, WHITE, KILMARTIN, GILREATH and
BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4260
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 BURNS, W. NEWTON, LANDING and
M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4261
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 J. MOORE, RIVERS and ANDERSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4270
Date: ADD:
04/01/25 WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 3046
Date: REMOVE:
04/01/25 RIVERS, ANDERSON and GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 4103
Date: REMOVE:
04/01/25 HUFF

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 4216
Date: REMOVE:
04/01/25 GIBSON, MCCRAVY and DUNCAN

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

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CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was taken up:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 25, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to section 57-1-310 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT

Department of Transportation Commission

Term Commencing: 02/15/2026

Term Expiring: 02/15/2030

Seat: At-Large

Vice: Self

Mr. Thomas Rhodes
5145 Lakeshore Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29206

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

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Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	May
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	Morgan	Moss
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic

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interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Bamberg

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Bannister

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Brittain

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas

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Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Caskey

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Edgerton

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Garvin

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's

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Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Gilreath

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Hart

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Henderson-Myers

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Jordan

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Kirby

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Martin

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. McCabe

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. McCravy

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Travis Moore

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Pope

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. G. Murrell Smith Jr.

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Charles Reid

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Spann-Wilder

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Stavrinakis

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Wetmore

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RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Seth Rose

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Kambrell Garvin

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Cody T. Mitchell

H. 3524--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3524 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1410, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION EXEMPTING CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM BASIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER" TO EXCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	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	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	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3525--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3525 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers, Williams and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-211.5, RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES REGARDING CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1200, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CONDUCT OF A VICTIM OR INTERVENOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLECTION OF INJURY, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF "INTERVENOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN UNNECESSARY DEFINITION OF "WITNESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1430, RELATING TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPOUSE ABUSE AND REFERENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND UPDATE THE STATUTE TO REFLECT VICTIM SERVICES, TO REPLACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1510, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM AND WITNESS SERVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-45, RELATING TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES

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AND THE LIST OF "MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE," SO AS TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3525 (LC-3525.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4.C., by striking Section 16-3-1430(14) and inserting:

(14) three representatives appointed by the ~~State Office of Victim Assistance chair of the Victim Services Coordinating Council~~ Department of Crime Victim Compensation for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified for each of the following categories:

(a) one representative of university or campus services;

(b) one representative of a statewide child advocacy organization; and

(c) one crime victim; and

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant

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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	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
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
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4261--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4261 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, J. Moore, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

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ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS "BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH."

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 118; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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	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	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose

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Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--118

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. WOOTEN asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4186 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. KING objected.

S. 392--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 392 -- Senator Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA AS A TECHNOLOGY FIRST STATE, COMMITTED TO THE EXPLORATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ENABLING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS THAT MAY ALLOW ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS WITH DISABILITIES GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE INDEPENDENT AND FULFILLING LIVES.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

H. 4120--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4120 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME

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THE INTERSECTION WHERE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 18 MEETS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN UNION COUNTY "US AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH JASON WILBURN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4121--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4121 -- Reps. Wooten, Caskey, Calhoon, Kilmartin, White and Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS FROM THE 220TH BLOCK TO THE 460TH BLOCK OF CEDARCREST DRIVE IN LEXINGTON COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "DEDICATED IN THE HONOR OF THE VETERANS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY."

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4150--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4150 -- Reps. Wickensimer, Bannister, Beach, Burns, Collins, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Frank, Gilreath, Haddon, Huff, Jones, Morgan, Vaughan and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 FROM MILE MARKER 41 TO MILE MARKER 42 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SGT. W.C. JUMPER HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4158--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME OLD DIBBLE ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM BANKS MILL

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ROAD TO WOODWARD DRIVE "DR. CHARLIE TIMMERMAN MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4215--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4215 -- Reprs. Collins, Bowers, Hiott, Cromer, White, Kilmartin, Gilreath and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE OVER TWELVE MILE RIVER ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 IN PICKENS COUNTY "GENERAL ANDREW PICKENS BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3927--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reprs. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL

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DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

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H. 3046--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoun, M. M. Smith, Davis, Taylor, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR

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FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Bill.

Rep. HOWARD moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 3, which was not agreed to.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the Bill.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE IN CHAIR

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt

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Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Clyburn
Dillard	Gilliard	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rutherford	Waters
Williams		

Total--19

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3927--RECONSIDERED

Rep. HEWITT moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee,

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Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

H. 3927--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL

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Rep. HEWITT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by adjournment, the pending question being consideration of H. 3927.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4213 -- Reps. Calhoun, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, 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, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, 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, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT WORK DONE TO COMBAT THE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM OF CHILD MALTREATMENT, ABUSE, AND NEGLECT AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, AS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 2:07 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MITCHELL, adjourned in memory of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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