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**SENATE JOURNAL
2024 SESSION**

ONE HUNDRED FORTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, January 17, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, you’ve given us another day and another year, and we thank you and praise you for that. We thank you for your grace and love and mercy as you continue on with us, and we praise you for it. Thank you for all that you do. Guide and direct us here. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Sawyer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, December 21, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawyer, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

January 5, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

I regret to inform you Corey Viers has withdrawn his name from consideration for an appointment on the North Carolina Mining Commission.

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B.291, I am pleased to nominate Thomas D. Freeman of Mitchell County to serve as a mining industry representative on the North Carolina Mining Commission and hereby submit his name for confirmation by the North Carolina General Assembly.

I am grateful for their willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Tim Moore	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Dan Blue	Mr. James White

MODIFICATION OF A 2023-2024 SENATE COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Rule 31, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appointed Senator Johnson to the **Health Care Committee**, effective December 4, 2023.

Pursuant to Senator Sawyer's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, January 18, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father God, thank you for this day, and thank you for the beauty of this day. Thank you for the creation of this earth and of us. We thank you for salvation by grace, Father. We thank you for all that you do. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Craven announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 17, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

January 18, 2024

Upon motion of Senator Craven, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2023-11, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, February 14, at 12:00 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. We thank you on this day, as always, for your love and your grace and your mercy toward us. We just pray that you’ll bless us and guide and direct us here today. Bless these school children that are with us. We thank you for all that you do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, January 18, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 12:17 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, February 15, at 9:00 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

February 13, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

February 14, 2024

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-293.2, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment to continue to serve on the North Carolina Oil and Gas Commission and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the General Assembly:

- The Honorable Karen A. Howard of Chatham County, member of a county board of commissioners of a county located in a region of NC that has oil and gas potential
- The Honorable Rebecca Wyhof Salmon, elected official of a municipal government located in a region of NC that has oil and gas potential
- Mr. John D. White II of Wake County, representative of a publicly traded natural gas company

I am grateful for their willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Tim Moore	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Dan Blue	Mr. James White

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, February 15, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Reverend Hal Roach, Senate Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, from Wendell, North Carolina, as follows:

"Father, thank you for the beauty of this day. We are indeed blessed to live in such a beautiful state. Lord, from Murphy to Manteo we are witness to the awesome splendor and majesty of your creation. So, Father, we ask now that you would continue to lead, guide, and direct this state, all those who serve in this chamber, their staffs, and their families to your honor and glory. We make this prayer in the name, which is above every other name, the name of Jesus. Amen."

February 15, 2024

Senator Rabon announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 14, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 9:14 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2023-11, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 13, at 12:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Chaudhuri:

S.B. 762, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN HANDLING CERTAIN CHALLENGES TO CANDIDACY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

February 14, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-291, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment to continue serving on the North Carolina Mining Commission and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the General Assembly:

February 15, 2024

- Mr. Samuel T. Bratton of Wake County, mining industry representative
- Mr. Brian K. North of Guilford County, mining industry representative

I am grateful for their willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Tim Moore	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Dan Blue	Mr. James White

Pursuant to Senator Rabon's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us, another week you've given us. Thank you for your grace and mercy that extends to us every day. We thank you for this time of year and all year round that we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Savior. Father, we praise you in Jesus' name today. Amen."

Senator Alexander announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, February 15, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Alexander, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 14, at 10:00 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

March 13, 2024

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

February 28, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-77 (a1), I am pleased to nominate Mr. James C. Gillen of Henderson County for reappointment to the North Carolina Industrial Commission for a term beginning on July 1, 2024 and hereby submit his name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for Mr. Gillen's willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Tim Moore	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Dan Blue	Mr. James White

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, March 14, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

March 14, 2024

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day. We thank you for the gift of life and all the experiences of life. We thank you for all that you do for us, and we praise you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 13, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2023-11, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, April 10, at 12:00 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. We pray that you’ll protect us all tomorrow as some different weather comes our way tomorrow. We pray that you’ll protect us and guide over us. Help us in everything we say and everything we do, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Galey announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, March 14, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 12:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 11, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

April 10, 2024

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

April 9, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Philip E. Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear Senator Berger:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-45.1(a10), I am pleased to nominate the following individual as Special Superior Court judge:

- A. Todd Brown to fill the vacancy created on December 30, 2021.

With this letter, I withdraw my prior nomination to fill this vacancy and submit Mr. Brown's name for confirmation by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

I am grateful for Mr. Brown's willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Attached is his biographical information for your review. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Dan Blue Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk
The Honorable Robert Reives Mr. James White, House Principal Clerk

Pursuant to Senator Galey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

April 10, 2024

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 11, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, I thank you for another day you’ve given us. We thank you for life and life every day, and thank you for eternal life through you, dear Lord. We pray that you’ll protect us today. Help us during these storms. Guide and direct us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 9:34 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2023-11, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, April 24, at 12:00 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 24, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us, and we thank you for life and liberty. We pray that you’ll continue to bless and keep our friends safe in Israel. We pray that you’ll bless these children that are here with us today and give them safe traveling mercies home. Bless us here as we do the work of the people of North Carolina. We pray that you’ll have your hand upon us and bless us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

April 11, 2024

Senator Rabon announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 11, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 12:22 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 25, at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
April 24, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Roy Cooper on April 15, 2024, Jerry Alan Branson has been administered the oath of office as a Member of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2023-2024 General Assembly. Representative Branson has been seated to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Jon Hardister from the 59th District.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A. TODD BROWN AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator P. Newton requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.J.R. 487, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Pursuant to Senator Rabon's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

April 24, 2024

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 25, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Bill Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we praise you today and thank you for this day—another day you’ve given us. We thank you for all that you do for us, and we pray that you’ll continue to bless and guide and direct us here. Bless these folks that are visiting with us today. Bless our staff. We pray that you’ll help us as we go forward in this session this year. Thank you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Settle, the Senate adjourns at 10:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, April 29, at 12:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

Bills and a resolution filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Bode:

S.B. 763, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Barnes, Ford and Craven (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 764, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Galey and Jarvis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 765, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD A MEMBER FROM THE HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW TO THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

April 25, 2024

By Senator McInnis:

S.B. 766, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES TO PROVIDE THAT A TOWN ORDINANCE MAY BE FINALLY ADOPTED ON THE DATE INTRODUCED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Galey and Overcash (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 767, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY HOW A CREDITOR MAY ENFORCE AN OBLIGATION TO PAY ATTORNEYS' FEES IN A DEBT INSTRUMENT AND TO REMOVE THE DEFAULT RATE FOR THESE FEES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon:

S.R. 768, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 769, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Corbin:

S.B. 770, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 10, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO FUND TWO JAIL INSPECTOR POSITIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29, 2023.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

April 25, 2024

S.B. 764, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 766, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES TO PROVIDE THAT A TOWN ORDINANCE MAY BE FINALLY ADOPTED ON THE DATE INTRODUCED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.R. 768, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 25.

The resolution is re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 769, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 770, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

April 25, 2024

ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, April 29, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you today. You have given us another day and another week, and we don’t take that lightly. It says in your Word that we will bless Israel because you say you will bless those that bless Israel and curse them that don’t. We pray that we’ll be on the right side and continue to bless those folks and keep them safe. Bless us here. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 25, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 12:11 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Mayfield:

S.B. 771, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WOODFIN TO BILL AND COLLECT STORMWATER UTILITY FEES IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROPERTY TAXES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 426, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO WITHDRAW THE 2021 NPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR AQUACULTURE AND REVISE IT TO BE SUBSTANTIVELY IDENTICAL TO THE PREVIOUS GENERAL PERMIT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4, 2023.

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The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 823 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 18, 2023.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 765, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD A MEMBER FROM THE HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW TO THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 767, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY HOW A CREDITOR MAY ENFORCE AN OBLIGATION TO PAY ATTORNEYS' FEES IN A DEBT INSTRUMENT AND TO REMOVE THE DEFAULT RATE FOR THESE FEES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, April 30, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you again for another day, and we thank you for all that you do for us and for protecting us and keeping us safe. We pray that you'll be with the families of those in law enforcement that lost their lives yesterday. Protect and

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comfort those families, and help them get through this difficult time, and help their law enforcement brethren. We thank you for all that you do for us. Guide and direct us. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, April 29, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 9:44 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Sawrey, Lee (Primary Sponsors) and Ford:

S.B. 772, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Jarvis:

S.B. 773, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 774, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES TO PROHIBIT CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING AS AN ALLOWABLE USE IN ANY ZONING DISTRICT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Lee:

S.B. 775, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis, Corbin and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 776, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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Referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Adcock (Primary Sponsor); Bode, Chaudhuri and Grafstein:

S.B. 777, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FREE AND CHARITABLE CLINICS TO AID THE ALLIANCE MEDICAL MINISTRY AND URBAN MINISTRIES OPEN DOOR CLINICS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Adcock (Primary Sponsor); Bode, Grafstein and Marcus:

S.B. 778, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA READING SERVICE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 508 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on October 25, 2023.

The House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, May 1.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

April 30, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

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Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-15.3 (c), I am pleased to nominate the Honorable Joe Sam Queen of Haywood County for appointment to the North Carolina Employment Security Board of Review for a term beginning on July 1, 2024, and hereby submit his name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for Mr. Queen's willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Tim Moore	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Dan Blue	Mr. James White

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 10, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO FUND TWO JAIL INSPECTOR POSITIONS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30450, which changes the title to read **H.B. 10** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Alexander for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 764, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 772, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 776, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 769, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15417, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 1, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

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By Senators Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor); Batch, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 779, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO USE TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THIS PROHIBITION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Applewhite:

S.B. 780, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Applewhite:

S.B. 781, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE'S PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador (Primary Sponsor); Marcus, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 782, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE C.W. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Applewhite:

S.B. 783, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor) and Moffitt:

S.B. 784, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CURRITUCK COUNTY TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PURPOSES OF ENGAGING IN BEACH EROSION CONTROL AND FLOOD AND HURRICANE PROTECTION WORKS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 10 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 764, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 769 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 772, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 776, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with a favorable report.

By Senator Sawyer for the **Transportation Committee**:

S.R. 768, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

H.B. 593, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING TANDEM TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER LENGTH LIMITATIONS ON A CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROAD IN MACON COUNTY, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40572, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Barnes for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

H.B. 426, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO WITHDRAW THE 2021 NPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR AQUACULTURE AND REVISE IT TO BE SUBSTANTIVELY IDENTICAL TO THE PREVIOUS GENERAL PERMIT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30457, which changes the title to read **H.B. 426** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT A RULE DESIGNATING JOCKEY'S RIDGE STATE PARK AS AN AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN UNTIL PERMANENT RULES ARE ADOPTED; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSULT WITH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS PRIOR TO GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENTS ON STATE PROPERTY; AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY BUILT-UPON AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STORMWATER PROGRAMS AND SPECIFY THAT CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL TURF IS NOT BUILT-UPON AREA, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

"Father, we just thank you for your faithfulness, for your mercy, for the grace that you give us. God, we know that you have gathered us here from all corners of this state to be present in this General Assembly at this particular time in history. We may not know what that's all about, but you do because you know the end from the very beginning. So, Lord, as we come and give of ourselves and of our time—time away from our families, from our jobs—Lord, we just pray that you will give us the wisdom we need to make the decisions that we need to make that will bring both honor to the people of North Carolina and honor to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 30, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for today to Senator Salvador.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Gage Jackson, Dunn; Jacob McHatton, Pine Level; Sarah Nti, Morrisville; Avery Pickard, Burlington; and Zoe Zhang, Chapel Hill.

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, May 9.

CALENDAR

A bill on today's calendar is taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 508 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

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Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-49) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 508 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill, Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces the President *Pro Tempore*'s appointment of Senator Jackson, Chair; Senator Hise and Senator Lee as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Woodard, the words spoken by Senator Waddell are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR WADDELL: "On Monday, April 29, 2024, tragedy unfolded in Charlotte. The U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force, comprised of officers from multiple agencies, was conducting an investigation in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's North Division when an armed suspect opened fire. In total, eight officers were struck during the gunfire. The officers were rushed to area hospitals. Three U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force Officers tragically succumbed to their injuries upon arrival to the hospital, and one CMPD officer fought for his life; tragically he passed. Please allow me to call the names of the officers involved. Fallen Officers: Deputy U.S. Marshal Thomas Weeks was a 13-year veteran of the U.S. Marshals Office; CMPD Officer Joshua Eyer, a six-year veteran; North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections Officer Sam Poloche, a 14-year veteran; North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections Officer William Elliott, a 14-year veteran. Injured Officers: CMPD Officer Christopher Tolley, hired in May of 2006; CMPD Officer Michael Giglio; hired in February 2021; CMPD Officer Jack Blowers, hired in February of 2023; Statesville Police Department Corporal Casey Hoover, who has been with the department for eight years. Ladies and gentlemen, this tragedy was unconscionable, and my prayers go out to those who were injured as well as those who are no longer with us. And let us not forget their families. Tragedies such as these undermine the very safety of our communities and our country. Please remember them in your daily prayers. Thank you so much."

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Waddell, the Senate adjourns at 4:24 p.m., in memory of the four officers lost in Charlotte this week: Joshua Eyer, Thomas M. Weeks, Jr., Samuel Poloche, and William "Alden" Elliott, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
May 1, 2024

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 508 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Lambeth, Chair

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

H.B. 823 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40577, which changes the title to read **H.B. 823** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA PERSONAL EDUCATION STUDENT ACCOUNTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM, is adopted and engrossed.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Jackson, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 508** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

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The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S508-PCCS45412-MH-7.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 508** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER AMENDATORY MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on the calendar of Thursday, May 2, for adoption.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
May 1, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 508 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER AMENDATORY MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 2, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

May 2, 2024

Prayer is offered by The Honorable W. Ted Alexander, Senator from Cleveland County, as follows:

“Lord, we come to you humbly today, asking that you instill in us a deep and true repentance within our hearts for our lack of prayers, for our ignoring you, for our selfishness, for our spite, our pride, and un-forgivingness. Forgive us, Lord, individually and as a state and country, so that we can experience peace. We do now pray, Lord, for the families of the law enforcement officers killed in Charlotte this week. We ask that you comfort them and bring good somehow out of this very evil act and that the peace that passes all understanding will be imparted to all the families in the entire community. We ask, Lord, for your continued peace, through Christ, upon each and every one of us here in the General Assembly, our state, and our country. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 1, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Grafstein, Senator Hunt, Senator McInnis, Senator Perry, and Senator Salvador.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 764, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 769 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 772, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

May 2, 2024

S.B. 776, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, upon second reading.

Senator Corbin offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

H.B. 10 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY, upon second reading.

Senator B. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-0).

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-16).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (28-16) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

H.B. 823 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA PERSONAL EDUCATION STUDENT ACCOUNTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM, upon second reading.

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-16).

Senator Robinson offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-16).

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Murdock.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (28-15) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 508 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER AMENDATORY MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION, for adoption.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Krawiec and Senator Marcus.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (39-2).

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The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on May 1 that the House has adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 508, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 12:07 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor) and Sawyer:

S.B. 785, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING FOR STATE AGENCIES ON A ROTATING BASIS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Burgin and Sawyer:

S.B. 786, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCLUDE FREESTANDING PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AS HOSPITALS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS UNDER THE MEDICAID HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND STABILIZATION PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THOSE PAYMENTS THROUGH INCREASED HOSPITAL ASSESSMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor) and Burgin:

S.B. 787, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REDEFINING THE TERMS “HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITY” AND “HOSPICE RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY” FOR PURPOSES OF THE HOSPITAL LICENSURE ACT AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION, TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF STATE LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS PERTAINING TO THESE FACILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mayfield (Primary Sponsor) and Meyer:

S.B. 788, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PROPOSITION WAGERS ON COLLEGE AND AMATEUR SPORTS AND TO PROHIBIT IN-PERSON SPORTS WAGERS AT A SPORTS FACILITY HOSTING A COLLEGE SPORTS EVENT BEFORE AND DURING THE EVENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Burgin and Marcus:

S.B. 789, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A STATE-RUN HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey and Lee (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 790, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A VEXATIOUS CONDUCT STANDARD FOR COMPLAINANTS FILING GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, TO DEFINE A STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, AND TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Marcus (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 791, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO STUDY AND ABATE OCULAR MELANOMA IN NORTHERN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Marcus (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Batch and Chaudhuri:

S.B. 792, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP AN OPERATIONAL PLAN TO CREATE A DIGITAL APPLICATION TO REPORT THREATS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 777, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FREE AND CHARITABLE CLINICS TO AID THE ALLIANCE MEDICAL MINISTRY AND URBAN MINISTRIES OPEN DOOR CLINICS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 778, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA READING SERVICE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 780, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE FAYETTEVILLE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 781, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE'S PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 782, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE C.W. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 783, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

H.B. 591 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 27, 2023.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 834 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO EVALUATE WHETHER A JUVENILE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROCEED, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 8, 2023.

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The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 237 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO ESTABLISH AN ENHANCED SENTENCE IF A DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE AND THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK, HOOD, OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4, 2023.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 495, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED AND TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 27, 2023.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 785, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING FOR STATE AGENCIES ON A ROTATING BASIS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 786, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCLUDE FREESTANDING PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AS HOSPITALS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS UNDER THE MEDICAID HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND STABILIZATION PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THOSE PAYMENTS THROUGH INCREASED HOSPITAL ASSESSMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 787, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REDEFINING THE TERMS "HOSPICE INPATIENT FACILITY" AND "HOSPICE RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE HOSPITAL LICENSURE ACT AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF

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HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION, TO SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OF STATE LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS PERTAINING TO THESE FACILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 791, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO STUDY AND ABATE OCULAR MELANOMA IN NORTHERN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 792, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP AN OPERATIONAL PLAN TO CREATE A DIGITAL APPLICATION TO REPORT THREATS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 790, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A VEXATIOUS CONDUCT STANDARD FOR COMPLAINANTS FILING GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, TO DEFINE A STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, AND TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 784, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CURRITUCK COUNTY TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PURPOSES OF ENGAGING IN BEACH EROSION CONTROL AND FLOOD AND HURRICANE PROTECTION WORKS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 6, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. Thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way. We pray that you’ll continue to bless those families of law enforcement in Charlotte and around our state that have lost loved ones. Continue to bless our friends in Israel. We thank you for all that you do. Help us here this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Sawyer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 2, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawyer, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 508, AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER AMENDATORY MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Jackson (Primary Sponsor) and Lazzara:

S.B. 793, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE JONES COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD MAY MAKE ANNUAL RATHER THAN QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ABC SYSTEM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jackson and Lazzara (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 794, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PART-TIME VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER IN JONES COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 795, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Marcus and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 796, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HISTORICALLY AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN AS SMITHVILLE IN THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 797, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTION TRIGGER TO FUND NORTH CAROLINA'S FUTURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators McInnis (Primary Sponsor); Burgin, Lazzara, Lowe and Sawyer:

S.B. 798, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO DONATE SURPLUS STATE VEHICLES TO NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AUTO REPAIR PROGRAMS AND TO DIVIDE SALES PROCEEDS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THIS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Overcash:

S.B. 799, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES OCCURRING ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF STANLEY ARE FILLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Woodard (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Batch, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 800, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS AND PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS IN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY EMS OR RESCUE AND LIFESAVING DEPARTMENTS MAY RECEIVE A WAIVER OF TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES WHEN ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Adcock (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 801, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE AND AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY OF NALOXONE

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NASAL SPRAY IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Johnson, Lazzara, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus and Salvador:

S.B. 802, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor); Batch, Grafstein, Marcus and Robinson:

S.B. 803, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE HOMES OF HOPE ADOPTION TAX CREDIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor); Batch, Grafstein, Lowe, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 804, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE NORTH CAROLINA NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP FOR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND TO REQUIRE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR FAFSA APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY JUNE 15, 2024.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Batch, Grafstein, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 805, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AWARDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES A FIVE PERCENT APPRECIATION PAY INCREASE IN THE 2024-2025 AND 2025-2026 FISCAL YEARS AND A ONE-TIME FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR BONUS IN THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR AND PROVIDING A TWO PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Batch, Grafstein, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 806, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FOR THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor); Batch, Grafstein, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 807, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LIVESTOCK VETERINARY CARE ACCESS AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Grafstein, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Meyer, Murdock and Salvador:

S.B. 808, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE MEDICAID FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Chaudhuri, Marcus, Murdock and Robinson:

S.B. 809, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Batch, Murdock and Robinson:

S.B. 810, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF DUE DILIGENCE FUNDS ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING COALITION TO BE USED TO SUPPORT HOMEBUYER EDUCATION SERVICES IN THIS STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 811, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE AGE WITH DIGNITY ACT TO CREATE A CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Marcus, Murdock and Robinson:

S.B. 812, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TAX BURDEN ON STUDENT DEBT RELIEF.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Grafstein, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Garrett, Marcus and Murdock:

S.B. 813, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 814, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 815, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Smith, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Lowe, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 816, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Smith, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 817, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE LONGEVITY PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Smith, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 818, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 819, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT PROVISIONS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Lowe, Marcus, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 820, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE HOURLY RATE OF THE MINIMUM SALARY FOR NONCERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO BE AT LEAST SEVENTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Marcus, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 821, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Grafstein, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Marcus, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 822, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CHILD TAX DEDUCTION AMOUNT, TO CREATE THE CHILD CARE STABILIZATION FUND TO ASSIST IN STABILIZING THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE AND ENSURE ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE, TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE PROVIDER SUPPORT PROGRAM TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN THIS STATE, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett and Robinson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 823, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE KELLIN FOUNDATION'S INTEGRATED HEALTH CENTER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett and Robinson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 824, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 825, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE AN ONGOING, INCREASED SOURCE OF FUNDS ABOVE THE BASE BUDGET FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM AND THE NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC., TO RAISE THE BASE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR NC PRE-K SITES BY THREE PERCENT FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN EARLY EDUCATION TEACHERS AND DIRECTORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Marcus, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 826, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Smith, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 827, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A HOMEBUYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WHO WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS AND TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR UNREIMBURSED BUSINESS EXPENSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 828, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CREATION, POSSESSION, AND DISSEMINATION OF VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS CREATED, ADAPTED, OR MODIFIED BY ANY MEANS TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE THAT A MINOR IS ENGAGED IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ASSISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ENFORCING THE LAWS AS AMENDED BY THIS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 829, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 830, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE APPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM AND TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Marcus, Mayfield, Hunt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Meyer, Murdock, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 831, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS FROM THE SALES TAX.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Grafstein, Marcus, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 832, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FROM HARMFUL TOXINS IN DRINKING WATER BY REQUIRING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH

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MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS FOR CHEMICALS THAT ARE PROBABLE OR KNOWN CARCINOGENS OR ARE OTHERWISE TOXIC AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THOSE ACTIVITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 833, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX RELIEF TO SMALL BUSINESSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Smith, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Marcus and Robinson:

S.B. 834, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Grafstein, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Marcus and Robinson:

S.B. 835, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING FROM RETALIATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT REPORT THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE OR OTHER IMPROPER OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 836, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION INCREASES TO MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Smith, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 837, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICES MADE BY MILITARY VETERANS AND ADDRESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF MILITARY VETERANS BY ENHANCING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUPPORT NETWORKS, AND THE OVERALL WELL-BEING OF VETERANS IN THIS STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Murdock, Batch, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Mohammed, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 838, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA MOMNIBUS ACT OF 2024.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Murdock, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Blue, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Mohammed, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 839, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING STATE EMPLOYEES WITH PAID LEAVE DURING AND FOLLOWING A PREGNANCY LOSS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Marcus and Smith:

S.B. 840, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LACTATION CONSULTANT TRAINING PROGRAMS AT NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY AND JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Meyer, Mohammed, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 841, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING UP TO THREE CONSECUTIVE WORKDAYS OF PAID BEREAVEMENT LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES ON DEATH OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Marcus, Mohammed and Smith:

S.B. 842, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Marcus and Robinson:

S.B. 843, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE FREEDOM FROM FENTANYL ACT TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF VAPOR PRODUCTS NEAR CHILD CARE FACILITIES, SCHOOLS, CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND RELIGIOUS PLACES OF WORSHIP; TO CREATE A FENTANYL MISUSE TASK FORCE; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PURCHASE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO DISTRIBUTE FREE OF CHARGE TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Grafstein, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 844, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Batch, Grafstein, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Marcus, Mohammed, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 845, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND STANDARDS SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Marcus, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 846, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY SCHOOL WALK ZONES, SETTING LOWER SPEED LIMITS IN SCHOOL WALK ZONES, CREATING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENT FUND, AND INCREASING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR INJURING A MINOR IN A CROSSWALK, SCHOOL ZONE, OR SCHOOL WALK ZONE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 847, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND STANDARDS SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Lowe, Marcus, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 848, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY ROE AND CASEY PROTECTIONS; TO PRESERVE WOMEN'S ACCESS TO OUT-OF-STATE ABORTIONS; TO CRIMINALIZE THE INTERFERENCE WITH A WOMAN SEEKING AN ABORTION; TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INTERFERES WITH A WOMAN SEEKING AN ABORTION; TO DECLARE THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT PREGNANCY SHALL NOT BE LIMITED; TO PROHIBIT THE TRACKING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION; TO CLARIFY THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO ABORTIONS ARE NOT CRIMINALLY LIABLE; AND TO PROHIBIT GEOFENCING WITHIN A ONE-MILE RADIUS OF A HEALTHCARE FACILITY THAT PROVIDES ABORTIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Marcus, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 849, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER TO RESTRICT TEMPORARILY A PERSON'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON POSES A DANGER OF PHYSICAL HARM

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TO SELF OR OTHERS, TO PROMOTE GUN SAFETY BY STRENGTHENING THE LAW GOVERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS, TO REQUIRE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, TO MAKE THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBLE FOR PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, TO REINSTATE THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A PISTOL FOR PRIVATE SALES, AND TO EXEMPT FIREARM SAFETY AND STORAGE ITEMS FROM THE SALES TAX.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Marcus and Robinson:

S.B. 850, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 851, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD XYLAZINE TO THE LIST OF SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO EFFECTUATE THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 852, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE SALE OF FIREARMS AND TO APPROPRIATE NONRECURRING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CREATE AND DISSEMINATE A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT MAKING THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE LAW REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR THE SALE OF FIREARMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Robinson, Blue, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Grafstein, Marcus and Smith:

S.B. 853, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE AWARD OF NEW OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO ENACT OTHER ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND PERSONAL EDUCATION STUDENT ACCOUNTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Marcus, Grafstein, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Mohammed, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 854, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY; AND

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APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR MEDICAID MATERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Grafstein and Murdock:

S.B. 855, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CREATE AND SUPPORT LOCAL JUDICIALLY MANAGED ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY COURTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor) and Grafstein:

S.B. 856, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE REASONS FOR WHICH AN EMERGENCY JUDGE MAY BE ASSIGNED.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor) and Lowe:

S.B. 857, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PLACE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AROUND HOME SERVICE AGREEMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 858, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Marcus, Grafstein, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Chaudhuri, Mohammed and Smith:

S.B. 859, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REDIRECTING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS TO INSTEAD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF EVIDENCE-BASED MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS; AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Smith, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Grafstein and Robinson:

S.B. 860, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EMPOWER SMALL AND SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Marcus and Robinson:

S.B. 861, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SERVICE TAX AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE REPEAL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite and Robinson:

S.B. 862, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO TIER ONE COUNTIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 863, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SMALL BUSINESSES TO ELIMINATE STATE INCOME TAXES ON A PORTION OF REVENUE IF USED FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 864, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chaudhuri, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Hunt, Lowe and Smith:

S.B. 865, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON VARIOUS CELL PHONE POLICIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Marcus, Meyer, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 866, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT AND RESTORE WETLANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor) and Grafstein:

S.B. 867, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN MINIMUM EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jackson, Hise, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Lowe, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Smith:

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S.B. 868, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Meyer, Salvador, Murdock (Primary Sponsors) and Mohammed:

S.B. 869, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BABY BOND TRUST FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THAT FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Settle (Primary Sponsor); Alexander, Burgin, Hise and P. Newton:

S.B. 870, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AND FUND THE DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA FLAGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS AND IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey (Primary Sponsor) and Adcock:

S.B. 871, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PATIENTS THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES TO TREAT LIFE-THREATENING OR SEVERELY DEBILITATING ILLNESSES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Krawiec and P. Newton:

S.B. 872, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SCHOOL BUS CAMERA RECORDED IMAGES AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATING A FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUS CAMERAS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Hunt, Marcus, Murdock, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 873, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT TO APPEAL THE BANNING OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus and Robinson:

S.B. 874, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO AWARD ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Lowe and Marcus:

S.B. 875, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA MOMNIBUS ACT OF 2024.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Barnes, Chaudhuri and P. Newton:

S.B. 876, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM BY AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES FOR REFORM, HOLD HARMLESS CHILD CARE FACILITIES WHILE THE COMMISSION IMPLEMENTS STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM.

Referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 877, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FERTILITY MEDICATION UNDER CERTAIN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS THAT OFFER FERTILITY TREATMENT COVERAGE AND UNDER THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Marcus, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 878, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REDUCING PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE, REENACTING THE CHILD TAX CREDIT, INCREASING THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR ON LABOR DAY 2024 AND GRANTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FLEXIBILITY TO SET A HIGHER LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE, INCREASING THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT FOR THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER, CREATING A HOMEBUYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE NORTH

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CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WHO WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES AND CREATING THE EMPLOYER GRANT FUND TO OFFSET COSTS INCURRED BY EMPLOYERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Applewhite, Corbin, Krawiec and P. Newton:

S.B. 879, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Salvador, Robinson, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Murdock and Smith:

S.B. 880, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF FRAUDULENT DEEPPAKES IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ENFORCEMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus and Robinson:

S.B. 881, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND MIDDLE-CLASS HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Marcus, Meyer (Primary Sponsors) and Applewhite:

S.B. 882, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO STUDY THE USE OF CONSENT TO DEVIATIONS BY INSURERS TO CHARGE CONSUMERS IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM RATE THAT IS APPLICABLE IN NORTH CAROLINA AS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE AND TO REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND TRANSPARENCY TO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Grafstein, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Hunt, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 883, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE SAFETY IN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS BY REQUIRING SECURITY DRILLS; TO ENHANCE SAFETY IN DAY CARE CENTERS BY REQUIRING SECURITY DRILLS; TO ENHANCE SAFETY IN ADULT DAY CARE AND ADULT

DAY HEALTH PROGRAMS BY REQUIRING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Sawrey (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Batch and Hunt:

S.B. 884, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SAFE DRINKING WATER TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE NEUSE AND CAPE FEAR RIVER BASINS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Murdock, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors) and Smith:

S.B. 885, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ALLOW THE USE OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTION, SURROGACY, AND ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING RELATED TO THIS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Moffitt, Sawyer, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Krawiec and P. Newton:

S.B. 886, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY BY THE SHERIFF; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR WILLFUL AND WANTON DAMAGE TO THE RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER; TO PROHIBIT THE FRAUDULENT RENTAL, LEASE, OR ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OR LEASE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY; AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL LEASE AGREEMENTS BE IN WRITING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Lowe:

S.B. 887, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Alexander:

S.B. 888, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF CLEVELAND COUNTY WATER TO INCLUDE THE TOWN OF FALLSTON.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Alexander, Britt, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Hunt, Krawiec and P. Newton:

S.B. 889, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT OR AFFRAY AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND TO CRIMINALIZE EXPOSING CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO FENTANYL OR OTHER HARMFUL DRUG OR CHEMICAL AGENTS; TO APPROPRIATE NONRECURRING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DISTRIBUTE AS GRANTS TO USE FOR EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS; AND TO AMEND THE LABOR LAWS TO SET THE MINIMUM WAGES OF PARAMEDICS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND REQUIRE FREE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND SUPPORT FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Marcus, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 890, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SCOPE AND PUNISHMENT OF HATE CRIMES; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A HATE CRIMES STATISTICS DATABASE; AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH TRAINING ON IDENTIFYING, RESPONDING TO, AND REPORTING HATE CRIMES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Robinson, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Hunt, Mohammed and Smith:

S.B. 891, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS AND MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND HISTORICALLY MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Marcus, Meyer, Hunt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock and Smith:

S.B. 892, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT VOTER IDENTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 893, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FIREARM SAFETY AND STORAGE ITEMS FROM THE SALES TAX AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR POSSESSING, CARRYING, OR HAVING ACCESS TO A FIREARM IN A PROHIBITED AREA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Batch, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors) and Smith:

S.B. 894, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING THE SALE, RESALE, AND OFFER FOR SALE OR RESALE OF ADMISSION TICKETS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 895, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS HELD BY PARENTS RELATED TO THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILD AND TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS HELD BY STUDENTS RELATED TO THEIR OWN EDUCATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 896, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RAISE SALARIES FOR TEACHERS, STATE EMPLOYEES, COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA; TO PROVIDE A COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR RETIREES; TO EXPAND THE WAGES PROGRAM STATEWIDE; AND TO CREATE A TAX CREDIT FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYERS EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF FIVE PERCENT OF WAGES PAID TO EMPLOYEES DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR OR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Batch, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hunt, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 897, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE RURAL BROADBAND INITIATIVE FUND TO ADVANCE RURAL BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENHANCE TECHNOLOGICAL ACCESSIBILITY FOR RURAL COLLEGES IN THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lowe (Primary Sponsor); Hunt and Krawiec:

S.B. 898, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REAL TIME INTELLIGENCE CENTER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Batch, Mayfield, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Bode, Grafstein, Marcus, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 899, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING, MAKING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING, UPDATING MAMMOGRAPHIC BREAST DENSITY PATIENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSES OF EDUCATING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ABOUT THE CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF BREAST CANCER SCREENING AND DIAGNOSIS AND THE UPDATES TO THE MAMMOGRAPHIC BREAST DENSITY PATIENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Sawyer's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 7, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Warren Daniel, Senator from Burke County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we praise you and thank you for another day you've given us. We pray that we will take advantage of it to serve and honor you most of all and do the work of the people of North Carolina. God bless us and help us here today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Burgin announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, May 6, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Moffitt, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Sanderson:

S.B. 900, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE TOWN.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 198 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, referred to the **Transportation Committee** on May 18, 2023, with sequential referrals to the **Judiciary Committee**, the **Finance Committee**, the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**, and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referrals to the **Judiciary Committee** and the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** are stricken.

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 794, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PART-TIME VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER IN JONES COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 796, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HISTORICALLY AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN AS SMITHVILLE IN THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 868, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 840, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LACTATION CONSULTANT TRAINING PROGRAMS AT NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY AND JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 884, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SAFE DRINKING WATER TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE NEUSE AND CAPE FEAR RIVER BASINS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 898, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REAL TIME INTELLIGENCE CENTER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Jarvis for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 766, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES TO PROVIDE THAT A TOWN ORDINANCE MAY BE FINALLY ADOPTED ON THE DATE INTRODUCED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45461, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 770, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35369, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day and your love to us today. Thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way to help the farmers’ crops, and we appreciate that. It takes them to feed us all, and we appreciate the rain. We thank you for all the ladies that are here today representing the Republican Women of North Carolina. We pray that you’ll guide and direct them and give them safe traveling mercies home. Bless us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 7, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Woodard:

S.B. 901, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM AND DURHAM COUNTY TO USE ELECTRONIC MEANS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Woodard:

S.B. 902, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Corbin:

S.B. 903, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE METHOD OF ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Blue:

S.B. 904, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GARNER TO ALLOW THE TOWN TO IMPOSE FACILITY IMPACT FEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Woodard:

S.B. 905, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE COUNTY OF DURHAM TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR TEACHERS, POLICE OFFICERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DURHAM COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 906, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Meyer:

S.B. 907, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION AND TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE NONPARTISAN PLURALITY METHOD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Meyer:

S.B. 908, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE PLURALITY METHOD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 426 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT A RULE DESIGNATING JOCKEY'S RIDGE STATE PARK AS AN AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN UNTIL PERMANENT RULES ARE ADOPTED; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSULT

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WITH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS PRIOR TO GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENTS ON STATE PROPERTY; AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY BUILT-UPON AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STORMWATER PROGRAMS AND SPECIFY THAT CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL TURF IS NOT BUILT-UPON AREA, with a favorable report.

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING TANDEM TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER LENGTH LIMITATIONS ON A CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROAD IN MACON COUNTY, with a favorable report.

By Senator Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 876, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM BY AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES FOR REFORM, HOLD HARMLESS CHILD CARE FACILITIES WHILE THE COMMISSION IMPLEMENTS STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTING STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

By Senator McInnis for the **Transportation Committee**:

H.B. 198 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10561, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 942, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STANDING UP TO HATE AND LEADING WITH OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Ford, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 31** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H31-PCCS40605-BK-2.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 31** (Conference Committee Substitute) A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on the calendar of Thursday, May 9, for adoption.

Pursuant to Senator Sawrey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 9, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Kandie D. Smith, Senator from Pitt County, as follows:

"Dear Lord, we thank you for allowing us to see a day that we have never seen before. We thank you for the ability, for the activity of our limbs, for a clear mind, and for calm hearts. We ask that you be with each and every one of us as we do your work and take care of the people of North Carolina. We pray that you'll give us a strong mind and a willingness to put aside our selfish ambitions. We pray for this country, this state, and our cities. We know that the decisions we make won't be easy, but we consider how we can spur one another towards love. Thank you for putting us together to use the strength of our diversity, knowing that each of us have unique roles in fulfilling your ultimate goal of uplifting your kingdom. May we, at this time, continue to honor and to serve you. In your precious Son, Jesus, we pray, and we give thanks. Amen."

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 8, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Craven, Senator Hunt, Senator Johnson, Senator Lowe, Senator Marcus, Senator Murdock, and Senator Rabon.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Will Attaway, Ruffin; Scotty Burrow, Asheboro; Danika Edleman, Raleigh; Owen Lambe, Wilmington; Rachel Noble, Kinston; and Kennady Temple, Cameron.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING TANDEM TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER LENGTH LIMITATIONS ON A CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROAD IN MACON COUNTY.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT

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WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, May 16.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 31 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, for adoption.

The Senate adopts the Conference Report (42-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 426 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT A RULE DESIGNATING JOCKEY'S RIDGE STATE PARK AS AN AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN UNTIL PERMANENT RULES ARE ADOPTED; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSULT WITH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS PRIOR TO GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENTS ON STATE PROPERTY; AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY BUILT-UPON AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STORMWATER PROGRAMS AND SPECIFY THAT CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL TURF IS NOT BUILT-UPON AREA, upon second reading.

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 426** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE JOCKEY'S RIDGE AS AN AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSULT WITH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL

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OPERATIONS PRIOR TO GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENTS ON STATE PROPERTY; AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY BUILT-UPON AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STORMWATER PROGRAMS AND SPECIFY THAT CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL TURF IS NOT BUILT-UPON AREA.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, the words spoken by Senator Woodard are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR WOODARD: “Colleagues, as many of you saw this week, our colleague Paul Lowe lost his mother last Friday. A number of us had the chance to visit with Senator Lowe and LaGail and other family members last night in Winston-Salem. And we got to hear wonderful things about Senator Lowe’s mother, Betty Harris-Jackson. So, I hope you all will keep Senator Lowe, LaGail, and all the family in your prayers as Mrs. Harris-Jackson’s body is returned to her home in Seattle and buried next week. Mr. President, I ask, if it’s permissible, if we could adjourn today in memory of Mrs. Betty Harris-Jackson.”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Woodard, the Senate adjourns at 10:33 a.m., in memory of Mrs. Betty Harris-Jackson, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, May 13, at 3:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 802, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 795, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 871, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PATIENTS THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES TO TREAT LIFE-THREATENING OR SEVERELY DEBILITATING ILLNESSES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 900, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE TOWN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 13, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, you've blessed us with another day and another week, and we thank you for that. We pray that we'll continue to do your business this week here in this General Assembly. We pray that you'll continue to bless the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Council of State. Bless the staff here as we continue to work. We thank you for all that you do. We praise you in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Senator Sawyer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 9, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawyer, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:20 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 166 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

Pursuant to Senator Sawyer's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for this day, and we thank you for this week. It's Police Week all across the country, and we appreciate our law enforcement and pray that you'll continue to protect them and watch over them, Father. We pray that you'll bless all the farmers that need rain this week, and we thank you for all that you do for us, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Senator Settle announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, May 13, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Settle, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:41 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 198 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 790, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A VEXATIOUS CONDUCT STANDARD FOR COMPLAINANTS FILING GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, TO DEFINE A STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, AND TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45464, which changes the title to read **S.B. 790** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY WHEN DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED, TO ALLOW A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND TO HEAR THE OFFICE OF COUNSEL'S PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE, TO IMPLEMENT A VEXATIOUS CONDUCT STANDARD FOR COMPLAINANTS FILING GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, TO DEFINE A STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS,

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AND TO ALLOW THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 834 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO EVALUATE WHETHER A JUVENILE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROCEED, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10563, which changes the title to read **H.B. 834** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 237 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO ESTABLISH AN ENHANCED SENTENCE IF A DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE AND THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK, HOOD, OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10562, which changes the title to read **H.B. 237** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; AND TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 591 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30482, which changes the title to read **H.B. 591** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SEXUAL EXTORTION OFFENSES, TO UPDATE OFFENSES RELATED TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, TO UPDATE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE OFFENSE OF DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE IMAGES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Settle's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 198 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

H.B. 237 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; AND TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, with a favorable report.

H.B. 591 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SEXUAL EXTORTION OFFENSES, TO UPDATE OFFENSES RELATED TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, TO UPDATE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE OFFENSE OF DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE IMAGES, with a favorable report.

H.B. 834 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME, with a favorable report.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
May 15, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 10 Senate Committee Substitute (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative D. Hall, Chair and
Representative B. Jones

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 31 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Gale, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 542** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION FOR BAR AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION AND REGULATION, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S542-PCCS35370-BB-2.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 542** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO MODIFY ELEVATOR BIDDING SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Dear blessed heavenly Father, we want to thank you for all that you have done for us. We want to thank you for the peace that you have given us. We pray for peace in the entire world. We pray for Israel. We pray for our law enforcement; we pray that you would uphold them and that you would protect them and bring them home safe. We pray that you would help us in this body. Give us wisdom to do what you would have us to. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 14, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Applewhite, Senator Garrett, Senator Hunt, Senator Lowe, Senator Meyer, and Senator Salvador.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Bella Antunes, Asheville; Reagan Bembridge, Kitty Hawk; William Chow, Raleigh; Penelope Goldstein, Huntersville; Chris Hill, Wilson; Abby Jacobs, Lumberton; Sarah Ellie Penny, Efland; Elizabeth Perry, Greenville; and Emma Townsend Satterfield, Wilson.

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SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“COMMENDING TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.”**

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report for **S.B. 542** is placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills are placed on today's calendar:

H.B. 237 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; AND TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

H.B. 591 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SEXUAL EXTORTION OFFENSES, TO UPDATE OFFENSES RELATED TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, TO UPDATE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE OFFENSE OF DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE IMAGES.

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H.B. 834 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME.

H.B. 198 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 198 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (30-14) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **H.B. 237** is temporarily displaced and will be heard after **H.B. 834**.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 591 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SEXUAL EXTORTION OFFENSES, TO UPDATE OFFENSES RELATED TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, TO UPDATE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE OFFENSE OF DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE IMAGES, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

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H.B. 834 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME, upon second reading.

Upon the appearance of Senator Lowe in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges his presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 834** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME AND TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY A PROSECUTOR.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (41-4) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 237 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; AND TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, upon second reading.

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 1.

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Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-15).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-15).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-15).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (30-15) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 542 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO MODIFY ELEVATOR BIDDING SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (45-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Woodard submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH 2024.**”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Lowe, the Senate adjourns at 5:36 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 508, AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER AMENDATORY MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, May 15, 2024 - S.L. 2024-1)

Pursuant to Senator Hise’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 16, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Dear God, we thank you for what you’ve done for us throughout this week. We thank you for the rain. We thank you for the sunshine. We pray that you would help each member to do just what you would have them to. Protect them in the district. Help us to do your will. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Galey announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 15, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 9:33 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 31, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Hunt (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 909, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROTECT WOMEN’S HEALTHCARE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

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S.B. 793, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE JONES COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD MAY MAKE ANNUAL RATHER THAN QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ABC SYSTEM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 888, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF CLEVELAND COUNTY WATER TO INCLUDE THE TOWN OF FALLSTON, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 799, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES OCCURRING ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF STANLEY ARE FILLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 903, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE METHOD OF ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 250 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23, 2023.

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The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

May 16, 2024

Mr. James White, Principal Clerk
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2330
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Ms. Sarah Holland, Principal Clerk
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2020
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Mr. White and Ms. Holland:

This is written to comply with Section 1 and Section 2 of Executive Order No. 107 signed by Governor Hunt February 20, 1997.

This shall serve as my official designation of the 3rd Floor Legislative Affairs section - C16 within the Albemarle Building, 325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, as the "Office of the Legislative Counsel" under provision of Section 1.

I hereby designate the following employees of the Governor's Office as the officials to whom delivery of bills can be made under the provisions of Section 2.

Alicia Davis
Jessica Winebrenner
Emma Hennen

Alicia Davis and Emma Hennen shall serve as the designated liaisons to lobby on behalf of this office. Ms. Davis' office is located in Room 348 of the Albemarle Building and her phone number is (919) 814-2027. Ms. Hennen's office is located on the 3rd Floor within the Albemarle Building in the Legislative Affairs section designated as C8 and her phone number is (919) 814-2015.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: Senator Phil Berger
Representative Tim Moore

May 16, 2024

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 31, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION. (Became law upon ratification, May 16, 2024 - S.L. 2024-2)

Pursuant to Senator Galey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 20, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, you've blessed us with another day and another great week. We pray that we will bring honor and glory to you this week in everything we say and do. Guide and direct us here today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Sawyer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 16, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawyer, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

H.B. 385, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO BATTERY-CHARGED SECURITY FENCES AND TO DEFINE AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE BATTERY-CHARGED SECURITY FENCES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 26, 2023.

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The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 802, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE, referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** on May 9, with sequential referrals to the **Finance Committee**, the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Judiciary Committee** is added after the referral to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**.

S.B. 784, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CURRITUCK COUNTY TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PURPOSES OF ENGAGING IN BEACH EROSION CONTROL AND FLOOD AND HURRICANE PROTECTION WORKS, referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** on May 2, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Sawyer's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 21, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

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“Father, Lord, help us to put your Word above all things because, God, if we adhere to your word and follow your instructions, Lord, you will make us a Godly nation. We thank you for all that you have done in the past and what you’re doing now and what you will do in our future. You, and you alone, receive all the glory and the honor. And it’s in your Son’s name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, May 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Sanderson, the Senate adjourns at 9:37 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 22, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

A resolution filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES C. GILLEN TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 22, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, you’re so good to us, and you’ve blessed us with this another beautiful day of grace and mercy and wonderful weather. We thank you for all that you do for us. Continue to bless us here and keep us safe. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 21, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

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Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports and a select committee report are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 790 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY WHEN DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED, TO ALLOW A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND TO HEAR THE OFFICE OF COUNSEL'S PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE, TO IMPLEMENT A VEXATIOUS CONDUCT STANDARD FOR COMPLAINANTS FILING GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, TO DEFINE A STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, AND TO ALLOW THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE, with a favorable report.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.R. 768, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES C. GILLEN TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

By Senator Krawiec for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 871, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PATIENTS THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES TO TREAT LIFE-THREATENING OR SEVERELY DEBILITATING ILLNESSES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.R. 768, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 22.

The resolution is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Thursday, May 23.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Krawiec for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 681, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND A MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSURE PROCESS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30488, which changes the title to read **H.B. 681** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, TO PROVIDE PRACTICE AUTHORITY FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS, TO ENSURE FLEXIBILITY FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICE, TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION FOR OUT-OF-NETWORK BILLING AT IN-NETWORK FACILITIES, AND TO LIMIT FACILITY FEES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 198, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 542 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO MODIFY ELEVATOR BIDDING SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 542 on Wednesday, May 15, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 237 Senate Committee Substitute (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE

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SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; AND TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Torbett, Chair
Representative Paré
Representative Stevens and
Representative Biggs

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 23, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day. Our souls thirst for you, especially in these unpredictable times. You promise to never leave us or forsake us. We thank you for your steadfast love. We pray for safety, good health, healing for the sick, and peace for the world. Give wisdom to our leaders and knowledge to everyone. Give us kind hearts, and help us to help those who are in need. We pray in Jesus’ name. And all the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 22, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Craven, Senator McInnis, Senator Moffitt, and Senator Sawrey.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 542, AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO MODIFY ELEVATOR BIDDING SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Jackson Church, Eden; Jayden Eda, Charlotte; Karl Ferm, Chapel Hill; Ryan Green, Franklin; Aubrey Haley, Franklin; Natalee Jackson, Laurinburg; Charlie Jeter, Huntersville; Eddie Keaton, Wilmington; Parker King, Wilmington; Bennett McCaskill, Huntersville; Pratham Peruri, Summerfield; and Hudson Schwartz, Smithfield.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING

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SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, May 30.

CALENDAR

Bills and resolutions on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 790 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY WHEN DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED, TO ALLOW A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND TO HEAR THE OFFICE OF COUNSEL'S PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE, TO IMPLEMENT A VEXATIOUS CONDUCT STANDARD FOR COMPLAINANTS FILING GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, TO DEFINE A STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, AND TO ALLOW THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE, upon second reading.

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The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (43-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES C. GILLEN TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.R. 768, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (45-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Rabon submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **"RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB."** Upon motion of Senator Berger, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Berger, the words spoken by Senator Rabon in connection with the Senatorial Statement are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR RABON: "Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we're going to the dogs. Not the Georgia Bulldogs this time, but the AKC. I'd like to recognize the American Kennel Club, if I may, please. 'Whereas, the American Kennel Club (AKC), the world's largest all-breed dog registry, is celebrating its 140th anniversary in 2024. AKC's national operations center has been headquartered in North Carolina for more than 20 years; and whereas, the AKC has more than 140 dog clubs throughout the State of North Carolina, hosting events and working in local communities to promote responsible pet ownership and improve the lives of dogs and hosted more than 900 dog events in the State in 2023; and whereas, some of AKC's outstanding work includes addressing the shortage of high-quality U.S.-bred and trained explosive detection dogs to protect public safety and national security, certifying dogs that have good manners, and visiting and inspecting kennels to educate breeders and ensuring proper care and conditions of AKC-registered dogs; and whereas, the AKC has provided over \$6.35 million in grants to North Carolina universities and research institutions for research projects that focus on all aspects of the physical, mental, and social well-being of dogs and

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donated more than \$1.3 million in grants to shelters that house victims of domestic abuse with their pets; and whereas, AKC has given grants to not-for-profit canine rescues to help offset the costs of significant expenses, financed scholarships for students enrolled in studies contributing to the well-being of dogs, and donated more than 100 disaster relief trailers to counties and local communities to provide immediate assistance to pets after natural disasters; and whereas, AKC has donated funding to more than 200 police departments for police K-9s, including 20 in North Carolina, and has helped to reunite over 685,000 lost pets nationwide with their owners. Now, therefore, the American Kennel Club deserves to be congratulated on its 140th Anniversary and recognized for its continued commitment to dogs in North Carolina and across the United States.’ Thank you, Mr. President.”

Upon motion of Senator Garrett, the words spoken by Senator Robinson are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR ROBINSON: “Ladies and gentlemen, it was my pleasure, along with Senator Blue, to attend the gala for Chancellor Harold L. Martin of North Carolina A&T State University, after he had served fifteen years—the longest serving chancellor in our system. He has served in higher education longer than any other chancellor. Chancellor Martin was appointed as Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University at a time when it was important to improve the nursing program; and the nursing program there became one of the highest performing nursing programs in our state during that time. After that, Chancellor Martin joined us at the University of North Carolina Board of Governors as Senior Vice President under Erskine Bowles. There Chancellor Martin was able to work with the chancellors of the system—all of them—in terms of improving their performance, but also the performance of their universities in terms of the programs they offered, moving along the Carnegie Classification. And, really, you will hear from all of those chancellors during that time how he helped to support them and their leadership in terms of leading their universities as well as their faculty support. And then those of us on the Board of Governors felt very clearly—Steve Bowden along with Dudley Flood and I and some others—that Harold Martin belonged at North Carolina A&T State University, his alma mater, where he had served as the Dean of the School of Engineering as well as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. So, he was appointed fifteen years ago to North Carolina A&T State University. An engineer himself—we know that A&T has the largest performing PhD system for engineers—especially African Americans—in the country. And then, A&T also acquired quite a few other PhD programs—computer science—and NCATSU will soon have, I believe, a physician assistant program, etc. But it has done stellar performance and soon will be—the research doctoral program—the only HBCU in the country and one of several of our performing PhD programs or universities in our system. So, it was our pleasure to congratulate Chancellor Martin on his performance and his contributions to the state of North Carolina. We also know that a lot of the companies who have come to North Carolina, especially those in the Triad area,

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have acknowledged the presence of North Carolina A&T, and especially its engineering programs and its contributions, in terms of the reasons that they have considered—Boom and Toyota, along with many others, have considered relocating to the state of North Carolina. So, it contributes a lot to the economic growth of North Carolina. So, it was our pleasure to congratulate him the other night. He received commendations from a lot of others, including the Governor of North Carolina. So, I ask you to join me—he’s not here today, I didn’t invite him—didn’t want him to spend time moving around. You’ll see him as he comes down sometime. But I told Senator Jackson that I offered one of his quotes to me the other night as I talked about—Senator Jackson always says, ‘Gladys, what do you want for A&T now?’ So, I talked about that in terms of your support of the university. So, as you see him, please congratulate him. He will remain in North Carolina providing some assistance to the boards he serves on, etc., but spend a little time with his grandchildren. I think he has seven. So, he’ll spend a little time with them some now. Thank you, Mr. President.”

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Berger submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING RANDALL C. RAMSEY FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE.”** Upon motion of Senator Berger, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Berger, his words spoken in connection with the Senatorial Statement are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR BERGER: “I have on your desk a Senatorial Statement to recognize the service of Randy Ramsey as the Chair of the UNC Board of Governors. I do it at this time because Randy’s time as the Chair is about to come to an end. I believe the meetings that are taking place this week will be the conclusion of the meetings that he will serve as Chair. He will continue as a member of the board, but Randy has, for a number of years—in fact he’s been the Chair since 2019, and he’s been on the board since 2017. Our 17-campus system is the finest university system in the nation, and a lot of that has to do with the leadership that we’ve seen from Randy and from folks that have preceded him, and that we will see from folks that succeed him. Randy’s a self-made businessperson. He has been very successful in the private sector and could’ve just done that and not offered himself for public service. Yet he served for a number of years on the Trustee Board at North Carolina State University and, as I’ve indicated, served, and serves, on the Board of Governors and has served as Chair. I would commend the Senatorial Statement to you.”

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Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 10:35 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Friday, May 24, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 917 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 988 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 989, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO SERVICE PURCHASES, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1020 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, May 24, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Lord, thank you for this day and thank you for some rain you’ve sent our way. We thank you for all that you’ve done for us and for protecting us and keeping us safe here this week. We thank you for those who gave their lives for our country as we honor those by memory on Monday, Memorial Day. We pray that you’ll guide and direct us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Woodard announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 23, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Woodard, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:34 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 28, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 22.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 223 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT AND RELATED LAW, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 24, 2023.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 97, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO IMPLEMENT AN IN-STATE TUITION PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN GEORGIA COUNTIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23, 2023.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 775, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Woodard's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 28, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us. Thank you for your grace and mercy and love. We pray that you'll continue to be with Speaker Moore's family as they go through this terrible time, and just hold them in your hand, Father. We pray that you'll bless us here today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, May 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 29, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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H.B. 207, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS TO OBTAIN CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS FROM COMPLETING MANDATORY TRAININGS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16, 2023.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 802, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15454, which changes the title to read **S.B. 802** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator Ford for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

H.B. 223 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT AND RELATED LAW, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10569, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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SENATE PAGES

The following pages are serving in the Senate this week:

Noah Bean, Henderson; Harleigh Cox, Tabor City; Claire Curliss, Apex; Ella Holland, Raleigh; Danielle Jefferson, Fayetteville; Ella Jones, Tabor City; Sawyer Lee, Wrightsville Beach; Kayle Maxfield, Siler City; Lily Powell, Clinton; William Swayze, Concord; Josh Weakland, Mooresville; Connor Wilkerson, Sunset Beach; and Jackson Zakariasen, Black Mountain.

Pursuant to Senator Moffitt's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 29, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we praise you for this another day. We pray that today you'll be with Speaker Tim Moore and his family as he lays his father to rest, and we pray that you'll help them through this time. Guide and direct us here this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 28, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE

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TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

The Conference Report is withdrawn from the calendar of Thursday, May 30, and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 6.

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 30, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Lord, you've blessed us so much today and this week, and we pray that you'll continue to do that. We thank you so much for the wonderful weather we're having, and we thank you so much for that. God, bless us and guide and direct us in every way. We thank you and praise you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Senator Galey announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 29, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, June 3, at 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 198 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on May 23, 2024 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 207.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 988 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 23.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 989, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO SERVICE PURCHASES, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 23.

The bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1020 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 23.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 563 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND KRATOM PRODUCTS, AND TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on September 22, 2023.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 917 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 23.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 98 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PERSONS BASED ON THEIR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE PROOF

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OF A COVID-19 VACCINATION, OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION, UNLESS THE VACCINATION IS REQUIRED AS A CONDITION NECESSARY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING, IS A FEDERAL REQUIREMENT OF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS), OR IS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF STATE OPERATED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 27, 2023.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Galey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 3, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us, another week of grace, mercy, and love. We thank you for holidays coming up, Flag Day and Independence Day. Remind us that we would not have this great republic without you. We praise you, and we ask that you continue to bless us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 30, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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S.B. 542, AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO MODIFY ELEVATOR BIDDING SPECIFICATION REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 3, 2024 - S.L. 2024-3)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 4, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

"Our dear blessed heavenly Father, we want to thank you for the beautiful day that you have given us. We pray that you would help us to do your will throughout this session and throughout this week. We pray that you would be with us in all the committee meetings. We pray that you would bless the Governor, bless the President, and help each member of the General Assembly, no matter what they're going through. Just be close to them. We don't know what needs are represented, but we pray that you would meet their every need. We bless your name and pray that you would be with us and that your blessing would be on North Carolina throughout this week. Amen."

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 3, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 495, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED AND TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10573, which changes the title to read **H.B. 495** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO REVISE CERTAIN LARCENY LAWS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 250 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40619, which changes the title to read **H.B. 250** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END, AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION OF XYLAZINE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, June 5, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

"Dear Lord, we thank you for another beautiful day in North Carolina. Be with all the activities that are going on in the building today—all the guests we have here. Thank you for the opportunity to come and to be involved in the government of North Carolina. Bless us. Be with this state, and continue to be with our nation. We ask this in your Son, Jesus,' name. Amen."

Senator Moffitt announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 4, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, seconded by Senator Burgin, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Meyer, Blue (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 911, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS AND MEETINGS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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By Senator Ford for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

H.B. 988 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 989, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO SERVICE PURCHASES, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1020 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 223 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT AND RELATED LAW, with a favorable report.

H.B. 250 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN

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IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END, AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION OF XYLAZINE, with a favorable report.

H.B. 495 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO REVISE CERTAIN LARCENY LAWS, with a favorable report.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

H.B. 237 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; AND TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on May 22 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 237 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Hise, Chair and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 802 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Moffitt's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 6, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you that you have given us the ability, the authority, and the opportunity to get up every morning and to dress ourselves in the full armor of God. It covers us from the top of our heads to the soles of our feet. And that full armor, which is custom fit for each of us as individuals, Father, protects us from all of the missiles that our enemy would shoot towards us. So, Lord, if we haven't already done it, let us do it today before we go any farther and say, thank you, Lord, for your protection. Thank you for your love. Thank you for all that you do for us. In your Son's name, Jesus, we pray. Amen."

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 5, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

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The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Adcock, Senator Blue, Senator Daniel, Senator Grafstein, Senator Hunt, Senator Johnson, Senator Murdock, Senator Robinson, Senator Salvador, and Senator Woodard.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Hise, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 237** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; AND TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H237-PCCS40622-CE-5.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 237** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE

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FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 834, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME AND TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY A PROSECUTOR.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 764, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

S.B. 772, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report for **H.B. 237** is placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Hanna Cartret, Shallotte; Oren Cline, Raleigh; Lucy Collins, Wilmington; Reilly Crosby, Raleigh; Ele Elden, Kinston; Jackson Farris, Gastonia; Eli Hardison, Clinton; Ross Hinnant, Kenly; Hampton Jones, Charlotte; Kyle McCoy, Holden Beach; Kylee Reynolds, Fayetteville; Evie Tellis, New Bern; and Taylor Ward, Raleigh.

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MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 13.

H.B. 250 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT

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EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END, AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION OF XYLAZINE.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 13.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 223 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT AND RELATED LAW, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (40-0).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator P. Newton, which motion prevails (28-12).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (40-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 495 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO REVISE CERTAIN LARCENY LAWS, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (40-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Chaudhuri submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **"CONGRATULATING ABBY LAMPE ON WINNING THE 2022 AND 2024 CHEESE-ROLLING CHAMPIONSHIP IN ENGLAND."**

The Senate recesses at 10:59 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 11:20 a.m.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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By Senator Barnes for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

H.B. 385, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO BATTERY-CHARGED SECURITY FENCES AND TO DEFINE AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE BATTERY-CHARGED SECURITY FENCES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30492, which changes the title to read **H.B. 385** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO: (I) REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO REPORT QUARTERLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS REQUIRED FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINES AND GAS-FIRED ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES; (II) INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO UPDATE STATUTES RELATING TO DAMAGE TO UTILITIES; (III) PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF QUARTZ MINING OPERATIONS AND LANDS CONTAINING HIGH PURITY QUARTZ BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATED AS ADVERSARIAL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; (IV) EXPAND REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF 401 CERTIFICATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROJECTS LOCATED AT AN EXISTING OR FORMER ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY; (V) REQUIRE THE COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO REVISE THE CAMA RULES TO ELIMINATE A PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR DOCK, PIER, AND WALKWAY REPLACEMENT, AND TO ALLOW THE WIDTH AND LENGTH OF A PIER, DOCK, OR WALKWAY TO BE ENLARGED BY NOT MORE THAN FIVE FEET AND THE STRUCTURE HEIGHTENED, AT THE TIME OF REPAIR; (VI) MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE SWINE FARM SITING ACT; (VII) AMEND THE STATUTE GOVERNING CLEANFIELDS RENEWABLE ENERGY DEMONSTRATION PARKS; (VIII) AUTHORIZE RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES FOR NATURAL GAS GENERATED FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES; (IX) AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES COST RECOVERY; (X) EXCLUDE AQUACULTURE FROM THE DEFINITION OF “DEVELOPMENT” FOR PURPOSES OF CAMA AND LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES REGULATING AQUACULTURE EQUIPMENT; (XI) AMEND VARIOUS STATUTES GOVERNING COASTAL DEVELOPMENT; (XII) REMOVE TIME LIMITS ON CERTAIN VIABLE UTILITY RESERVE GRANTS; (XIII) ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT FOR REVIEW OF

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APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM; (XIV) LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS TO IMPOSE UNAUTHORIZED CONDITIONS ON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREFERENCE SYSTEMS FOR ALLOCATING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; (XV) PROHIBIT CERTAIN BACKFLOW PREVENTER REQUIREMENTS BY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS; AND (XVI) TO EXEMPT CERTAIN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT FIRM PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator Sawyer for the **Transportation Committee**:

H.B. 199 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40620, which changes the title to read **H.B. 199** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 237 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL

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DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is adopted (28-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, seconded by Senator McInnis, the Senate adjourns at 11:53 a.m., in memory of those who gave their lives in the battle of Normandy, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 355 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 124 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CANCELLATION PERIOD FOR RESIDENTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR CONTRACTS, TO PERMIT CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, AND TO PLACE A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 303 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS IN NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 565 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF DISMISSED CHARGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 769 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 228 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 900 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TUITION PAYMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 901, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 904 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF EDENTON.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 909 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE LOCAL LAWS RELATING TO THE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION FOR WAKE COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 911 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 916, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES OCCURRING ON THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF STANLEY ARE FILLED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 938 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROHIBITION ON DENYING LICENSURE BASED ON A DETERMINATION THAT A CONVICTION IS FOR A CRIME OF MORAL TURPITUDE, TO MAKE CORRESPONDING CHANGES TO OCCUPATIONAL AND STATE AGENCY LICENSURE STATUTES, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 1017 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 1058 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION AND TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE NONPARTISAN PLURALITY METHOD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 1059 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF TOWN ELECTIONS FROM NONPARTISAN PRIMARY TO NONPARTISAN PLURALITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPOINT, SUSPEND, OR REMOVE TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK; AND TO CLARIFY REFERENDUMS FOR PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 228 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 764, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES. (Became law upon ratification, June 6, 2024 - S.L. 2024-4)

S.B. 772, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES. (Became law upon ratification, June 6, 2024 - S.L. 2024-5)

Pursuant to Senator Rabon's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 10, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Bill Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Lord, you’ve given us another day, and we can’t thank you enough for it and this beautiful weather. We know that you created it all. We thank you and praise you. We pray that you’ll help us and guide us this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 6, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 11, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Our dear blessed heavenly Father, we thank you for the beautiful day that you have given us. We pray that you would be with each one. We want to thank you for the staff that we’ve been provided with that do such a great job. Thank you for the Sergeant-at-Arms. We pray that you would help in each and every committee and every session that we hold this week and that we’ll do your will and your way. In thy name we pray. Amen.”

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Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Hise:

S.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROHIBIT THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM CHANGING ITS METHOD OF ELECTION OR REDRAWING ITS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS UNTIL AFTER THE RETURN OF THE NEXT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 556, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSLITERATORS AND INTERPRETERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20, 2023.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROHIBIT THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM CHANGING ITS METHOD OF ELECTION OR REDRAWING ITS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS UNTIL AFTER THE RETURN OF THE NEXT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 11.

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The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 802 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 45469, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

H.B. 228 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10574, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 988 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES, with a favorable report.

H.B. 989, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO SERVICE PURCHASES, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, with a favorable report.

H.B. 1020 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

S.B. 802 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS, referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** on June 11.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 124 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CANCELLATION PERIOD FOR RESIDENTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR CONTRACTS, TO PERMIT CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, AND TO PLACE A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 12.

S.B. 565 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF DISMISSED CHARGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 12.

S.B. 769 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

The House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 12.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 237 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 918 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 931 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1019 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MCDOWELL COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX AND MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, TO AUTHORIZE CASWELL COUNTY TO LEVY A ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO THREE PERCENT IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTY EXCLUSIVE OF THE TOWN OF YANCEYVILLE, AND TO AUTHORIZE PENDER COUNTY TO LEVY A ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO THREE PERCENT IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTY EXCLUSIVE OF THE TOWNS OF BURGAW, SURF CITY, AND TOPSAIL BEACH.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1042 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REIMBURSE THE VETERINARY CARE OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1056 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1064, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT FROM EXERCISING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION BEYOND ITS CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 287 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30497, which changes the title to read **H.B. 287** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS; CLARIFYING MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR INMATES; ALLOWING RECIPROCAL LICENSING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; REDUCING THE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS; INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES; ELIMINATING CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW FOR INPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES, REHABILITATION FACILITIES, AND REHABILITATION BEDS; AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE AS A MASSAGE THERAPIST, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator McInnis for the **Transportation Committee:**

H.B. 155 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE FOR CERTAIN OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40628, which changes the title to read **H.B. 155** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Gale Adcock, Senator from Wake County, as follows:

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“Holy Spirit, please fill our local, state, and federal government leaders with wisdom, understanding, discernment, and knowledge. Grant all of us favor, increase our faith, and prepare us to pursue your excellence. Draw us to you, and cause us to know and fulfill your purposes. In your Holy Name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 11, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Batch, Senator Jarvis, Senator Lee, and Senator Sawrey.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 237, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT’S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Alexis Beckelhimer, Wilkesboro; Justin Frazier, Butner; Mary Chandler Giles, Burlington; Daniel Guzman-Beltran, Thomasville; Deren Hise, Spruce Pine; Thomas Hise, Spruce Pine; Tristan Justice, Bakersville; Connor Miller, Green Mountain; Emma Monroe, Charlotte; Tillie Noyes, Raleigh; Mercy Mae Snyder, Matthews; and Parvathy Unnikrishnan, Matthews.

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RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Conference Report is withdrawn from the calendar of Thursday, June 13, and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 20.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 250 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED

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DRIVING PRIVILEGE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Thursday, June 13, and placed on today's calendar and displaced to the end.

S.B. 303 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS IN NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 769 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Hanig, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (46-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 988 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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H.B. 989, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO SERVICE PURCHASES, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 1020 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 124 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CANCELLATION PERIOD FOR RESIDENTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR CONTRACTS, TO PERMIT CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, AND TO PLACE A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (46-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 565 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF DISMISSED CHARGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (1-45) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 303 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF

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THE COURTS, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS IN NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Grafstein's excuse from voting, requested on Thursday, April 6, 2023, remains in effect.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (0-45) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

H.B. 250 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END, AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION OF XYLAZINE, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0), and changes the title to read, **H.B. 250** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Lowe, the words spoken by Senator Applewhite are spread upon the Journal as follows:

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SENATOR APPLEWHITE: “Colleagues, many of you know that I’ve had the absolute honor and privilege of serving on active duty in the Air Force for twenty years. Well, today is a very special day for two million women in the United States and Puerto Rico and our territories. Today, June 12th, is the 76th Anniversary of the signing of the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act of 1948. This landmark legislation forever changed the course of our military by allowing women to serve as permanent regular members of the Armed Forces rather than temporary or auxiliary personnel. This weekend I spent some time in Hope County with one hundred women veterans with Women’s Veterans Interactive. It was an amazing day. We had an Airforce woman jump out of a plane—it was just totally cool. But they did ask me to relay a question to you, and they said, ‘Senator Applewhite, please ask your body that why is it that California, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, Texas, Wisconsin, New York, Idaho, and Oregon have an official recognition of Women’s Veterans Day and North Carolina does not?’ So, I’m just going to relay that question. I don’t expect anyone to answer that, but if I could in closing, offer an ‘ode to women’ to all of the women that have served in uniform. ‘This is an ode to fearless women. Defined by no man, you are your own story. Blazing through the world, turning his story into her story. And when they dare to tell you about all the things that you cannot be, you smile and you tell them, “I am both war and woman, and you cannot stop me.”’ Thank you.”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 4:53 p.m., in memory of Betty June Wright and Wendell Phillips, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 13, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 98 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PERSONS BASED ON THEIR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF A COVID-19 VACCINATION, OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION, UNLESS THE VACCINATION IS REQUIRED AS A CONDITION NECESSARY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING, IS A FEDERAL REQUIREMENT OF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS), OR IS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF STATE OPERATED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40624, which changes the title to read **H.B. 98** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PATIENTS THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES TO TREAT LIFE-THREATENING OR SEVERELY DEBILITATING ILLNESSES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 199 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 40629, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Galey for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

H.B. 207, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS TO OBTAIN CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS FROM COMPLETING MANDATORY TRAININGS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40625, which changes the title to read **H.B. 207** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN ACCOUNTS FOR INCIDENTS THAT MAY RESULT IN SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION PROCESS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Daniel for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

S.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO

PROHIBIT THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM CHANGING ITS METHOD OF ELECTION OR REDRAWING ITS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS UNTIL AFTER THE RETURN OF THE NEXT FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45473, which changes the title to read **S.B. 912** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ALTERATION TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 2032, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator McInnis for the **Transportation Committee**:

H.B. 309 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10579, which changes the title to read **H.B. 309** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY THE GOVERNOR SUBJECT TO SENATORIAL ADVICE AND CONSENT; TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CONTRACTING FOR NEVI FORMULA PROJECTS; TO PROVIDE FOR EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT OF DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES MODERNIZATION EFFORTS; TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS THAT RELATE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD; AND TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A RAIL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 13, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this another day, and we thank you for your grace and mercy. You said in your Word that if we lift you up, you draw all men unto you. We lift you up today and honor you. There is no other but you, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 12, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 124, AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CANCELLATION PERIOD FOR RESIDENTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR CONTRACTS, TO PERMIT CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, AND TO PLACE A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS.

H.B. 988, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS’ AND STATE EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES.

H.B. 989, AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO SERVICE PURCHASES, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS’ AND STATE EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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H.B. 1020, AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 769, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 9:39 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, June 17, at 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 903, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD TIANEPTINE TO THE LIST OF SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 971 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, AND INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 559 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENABLING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 776 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Galey for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

H.B. 97, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO IMPLEMENT AN IN-STATE TUITION PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN GEORGIA COUNTIES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30498, which changes the title to read **H.B. 97** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO PROPRIETARY SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS, TO EXPAND THE CAREER AND COLLEGE READY GRADUATE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO COMPETITIVELY SOLICIT FOR A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ENTERING A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO CONSTRUCT OR RENOVATE AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE AI SCHOOL SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO INCREASE THE CLASSROOM HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSURE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 563 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND KRATOM PRODUCTS, AND TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 3, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10580, which changes the title to read **H.B. 563** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, AND TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A. TODD BROWN AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 24.

The Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 303 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 303 on June 12, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Britt, Chair; Senator Daniel and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

S.B. 565 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF DISMISSED CHARGES.

June 13, 2024

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 565 on June 12, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Britt, Chair; Senator Daniel and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 769, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES. (Became law upon ratification, June 13, 2024 - S.L. 2024-6)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 17, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Bill Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day, another week you've given us. We thank you for us being able to honor our earthly fathers yesterday, and we thank you for their presence in our lives. We thank you for you being our heavenly Father. Continue to bless us and guide us here. Protect our friends in Israel. We thank you for all that you do. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 13, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m.

June 17, 2024

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Alexander:

S.B. 913, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT OTHER POLITICAL PARTY GROUPS IN THIS STATE FROM CAMPAIGN SALES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF GOODS OR SERVICES UNDER THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 17, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 834 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME AND TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY A PROSECUTOR, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on June 14, 2024 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 204.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator Daniel for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 228 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, with a favorable report.

H.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

S.B. 802 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 971 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, AND INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 13.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

June 17, 2024

H.B. 287 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS; CLARIFYING MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR INMATES; ALLOWING RECIPROCAL LICENSING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; REDUCING THE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS; INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES; ELIMINATING CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW FOR INPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES, REHABILITATION FACILITIES, AND REHABILITATION BEDS; AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE AS A MASSAGE THERAPIST, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 12.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 776 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 13.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 18.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 18, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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June 18, 2024

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 900 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TUITION PAYMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 97 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO PROPRIETARY SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS, TO EXPAND THE CAREER AND COLLEGE READY GRADUATE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO COMPETITIVELY SOLICIT FOR A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ENTERING A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO CONSTRUCT OR RENOVATE AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE AI SCHOOL SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO INCREASE THE CLASSROOM HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSURE, with a favorable report.

H.B. 155 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, with a favorable report.

June 18, 2024

H.B. 207 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN ACCOUNTS FOR INCIDENTS THAT MAY RESULT IN SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION PROCESS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 309 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY THE GOVERNOR SUBJECT TO SENATORIAL ADVICE AND CONSENT; TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CONTRACTING FOR NEVI FORMULA PROJECTS; TO PROVIDE FOR EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT OF DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES MODERNIZATION EFFORTS; TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS THAT RELATE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD; AND TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A RAIL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 912 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ALTERATION TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 2032, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 909 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE LOCAL LAWS RELATING TO THE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION FOR WAKE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 911 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

June 18, 2024

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1064, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT FROM EXERCISING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION BEYOND ITS CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 12.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 630, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6, 2023.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 199 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 18, 2024

Mr. President:

June 18, 2024

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 303 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS IN NORTH CAROLINA, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Stevens, Chair and
Representative D. Hall

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 565 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF DISMISSED CHARGES, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Stevens, Chair and
Representative D. Hall

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Natalie S. Murdock, Senator from Durham County, as follows:

“On Juneteenth this year, we ask you to guide our nation, dear God. May the good news of the gospel motivate us to love each other. May the ideals of your words match the practices of our lives. May a fresh empowerment of your spirit unite us together. Guide us through the love you reveal to establish the justice you proclaimed. May all people dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that bonds us together in you. Oh, God, we know and have seen your goodness, and because of it we cling to the hope that unity and liberation for all are truly within our grasp. On this eve of this Juneteenth holiday, we celebrate the promise of freedom. Let us never forget that just because freedom may be delayed, as it was for those slaves in Galveston, Texas, it may be granted and not denied. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 17, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for today to Senator Robinson.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Carlee Anderson, Bakersville; Levi Biddle II, Burlington; Leeya Chaudhuri, Raleigh; Ryan Corson, Cary; Mackenzie Feeney, Sanford; Will Harris, Smithfield; Grace Holland, Mooresville; Aubrey Keller, Shelby; Olivia Matthews, Clinton; Joy Parish, Garner; Miller Switzer, Weaverville; Thomas Taylor, Pinehurst; and Anish Vedantham, Charlotte.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that would ordinarily appear on the calendar of Wednesday, June 19, will be placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 20.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills are placed on today’s calendar:

S.B. 912 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL

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MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ALTERATION TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 2032.

H.B. 309 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY THE GOVERNOR SUBJECT TO SENATORIAL ADVICE AND CONSENT; TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CONTRACTING FOR NEVI FORMULA PROJECTS; TO PROVIDE FOR EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT OF DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES MODERNIZATION EFFORTS; TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS THAT RELATE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD; AND TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A RAIL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY.

H.B. 155 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS.

H.B. 97 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO PROPRIETARY SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS, TO EXPAND THE CAREER AND COLLEGE READY GRADUATE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO COMPETITIVELY SOLICIT FOR A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ENTERING A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO CONSTRUCT OR RENOVATE AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE AI SCHOOL SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO INCREASE THE CLASSROOM HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSURE.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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S.B. 776 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (49-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 228 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, upon second reading.

Senator P. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (49-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 49, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---49.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 20, upon third reading.

H.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 49, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---49.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 20, upon third reading.

S.B. 802 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND

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HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 912 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ALTERATION TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 2032, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (30-19) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 97 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO PROPRIETARY SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS, TO EXPAND THE CAREER AND COLLEGE READY GRADUATE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO COMPETITIVELY SOLICIT FOR A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ENTERING A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO CONSTRUCT OR RENOVATE AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE AI SCHOOL SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO INCREASE THE CLASSROOM HOUR REQUIREMENT FOR MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSURE, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 155 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, upon second reading.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (33-16).

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-3).

Without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is read a third time and passes its third reading (33-16) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 309 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY THE GOVERNOR SUBJECT TO SENATORIAL ADVICE AND CONSENT; TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CONTRACTING FOR NEVI FORMULA PROJECTS; TO PROVIDE FOR EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT OF DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES MODERNIZATION EFFORTS; TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS THAT RELATE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD; AND TO AUTHORIZE CREATION OF A RAIL TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AUTHORITY, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (30-19) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Woodard, the Senate adjourns at 4:53 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 19, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 563 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, AND TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30499, which changes the title to read **H.B. 563** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE

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PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, AND TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 207 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN ACCOUNTS FOR INCIDENTS THAT MAY RESULT IN SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION PROCESS.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Thursday, June 20, and re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, June 19, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you and glorify you today for all that you do for us. We praise you for giving us another day. We just thank you. Continue to guide and direct us today and this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 18, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

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ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 776, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 166 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 13.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 563 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, AND TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Alexander for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

H.B. 909 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE LOCAL LAWS RELATING TO THE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION FOR WAKE COUNTY, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30500, which changes the title to read **H.B. 909** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

H.B. 911 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10582, which changes the title to read **H.B. 911** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Corbin for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 287 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS; CLARIFYING MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR INMATES; ALLOWING RECIPROCAL LICENSING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; REDUCING THE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS; INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL

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HEALTH CARE SERVICES; ELIMINATING CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW FOR INPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES, REHABILITATION FACILITIES, AND REHABILITATION BEDS; AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE AS A MASSAGE THERAPIST, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30501, which changes the title to read **H.B. 287** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS; CLARIFYING MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR INMATES; ALLOWING RECIPROCAL LICENSING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS; REDUCING THE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS; INCREASING ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES; ELIMINATING CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW FOR INPATIENT REHABILITATION SERVICES, REHABILITATION FACILITIES, AND REHABILITATION BEDS; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE AS A MASSAGE THERAPIST; AND ENCOURAGING THE USE OF TRIBAL HEALTH FACILITIES BY STATE RESIDENTS SEEKING MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

H.B. 38 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF CASH FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30502, which changes the title to read **H.B. 38** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

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H.B. 317, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2, 2023.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING TANDEM TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER LENGTH LIMITATIONS ON A CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROAD IN MACON COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 9.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 911 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 40632, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 909 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 40633, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 556, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSLITERATORS AND INTERPRETERS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30503, which changes the title to read **H.B. 556** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A. TODD BROWN AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 1061, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1066 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 563 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO

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PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, AND TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3, 40634, which changes the title to read **H.B. 563** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATION ABOUT OPIOIDS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 900 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TUITION PAYMENTS FOR COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30504, which changes the title to read **H.B. 900** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO REGULATE TOBACCO PRODUCTS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 971 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, AND INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30505, which changes the title to read **H.B. 971** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, MODIFYING LAWS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF VICTIM IN THE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 776, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES. (Became law upon ratification, June 19, 2024 - S.L. 2024-7)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 20, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

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Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:33 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

RECESS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 38 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 199 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

H.B. 556 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED, with a favorable report.

H.B. 563 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATION ABOUT OPIOIDS, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 900 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO REGULATE TOBACCO PRODUCTS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 909 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 911 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 971 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, MODIFYING LAWS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF VICTIM IN THE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 207 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN ACCOUNTS FOR INCIDENTS THAT MAY RESULT IN SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION PROCESS, referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** on June 18, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, I just thank you so much for this state and for the opportunity to be here and represent the folks from my district. Lord, I pray that everything we do be glorifying to you, and, Lord, I pray that we do good. Lord, as a quote that I love to use, ‘If your presence doesn’t make an impact, your absence won’t make a difference.’ Lord, I pray that we all strive to make an impact in this world. We ask this in your Son, Jesus’, name. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 19, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Adcock, Senator Batch, Senator Garrett, Senator Mohammed, Senator Salvador, and Senator Sawyer.

ENROLLED BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 790, AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY WHEN DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED, TO ALLOW A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND TO HEAR THE OFFICE OF COUNSEL’S PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE, TO IMPLEMENT A VEXATIOUS CONDUCT STANDARD FOR COMPLAINANTS FILING GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, TO DEFINE A STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, AND TO ALLOW THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE.

H.B. 223, AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT AND RELATED LAW.

H.B. 495, AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO REVISE CERTAIN LARCENY LAWS.

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The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAMES C. GILLEN TO THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION. (Res. 2024-1)

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills are placed on today's calendar:

H.B. 909 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS.

H.B. 911 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS.

H.B. 971 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, MODIFYING LAWS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF VICTIM IN THE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT.

H.B. 900 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO REGULATE TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

H.B. 563 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATION ABOUT OPIOIDS.

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H.B. 556 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED.

H.B. 38 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS.

H.B. 199 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills are withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar:

H.B. 207 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN ACCOUNTS FOR INCIDENTS THAT MAY RESULT IN SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION PROCESS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 20.

S.B. 355 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 6.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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H.B. 228 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, as amended, upon third reading.

Senator P. Newton offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (44-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 228** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, AND TO INCREASE THE BOND DEBT LIMIT FOR THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 44, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---44.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 912, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, upon third reading.

The bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 44, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---44.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 909 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, upon second reading.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 35, noes 9, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Settle and Waddell---35.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Meyer, Murdock, Smith and Woodard---9.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 remains on the calendar for Monday, June 24, upon third reading.

H.B. 911 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 41, noes 3, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---41.

Voting in the negative: Senators Bode, Hise and Marcus---3.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 remains on the calendar for Monday, June 24, upon third reading.

H.B. 199 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Burgin is excused from voting on the bill because the bill impacts new car dealers.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 43, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---43.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 remains on the calendar for Monday, June 24, upon third reading.

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H.B. 563 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATION ABOUT OPIOIDS, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Marcus.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (38-4).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-15).

Senator Lazzara offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (39-3).

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-13).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 33, noes 9, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Applewhite, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Gale, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, P. Newton, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sawrey, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---33.

Voting in the negative: Senators Alexander, Burgin, Ford, Jarvis, Krawiec, McInnis, Overcash, Sanderson and Settle---9.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, remains on the calendar for Monday, June 24, upon third reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator B. Newton. Without objection, the Chair grants that the leave will apply to all votes taken on H.B. 563.

H.B. 38 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS, upon second reading.

Senator Gale offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (40-2).

Upon the appearance of Senator B. Newton in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges his presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (43-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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H.B. 207 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR WRITTEN ACCOUNTS FOR INCIDENTS THAT MAY RESULT IN SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION PROCESS, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (43-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 556 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Perry.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (36-6) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 900 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO REGULATE TOBACCO PRODUCTS, upon second reading.

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (41-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (41-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 971 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, MODIFYING LAWS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF VICTIM IN THE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT, upon second reading.

Senator Alexander offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (41-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 355 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Craven.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-41) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

NOTICE OF A DISCHARGE PETITION

Pursuant to Rule 47(b), Senator Murdock announces her intent to circulate a discharge petition for **S.B. 808**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE MEDICAID FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator P. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 2:21 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 1061, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 19.

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The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

H.B. 317, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40631, which changes the title to read **H.B. 317** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, is adopted and engrossed.

By Senator Hise for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

S.B. 88, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DATE BY WHICH MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED, TO REQUIRE PUBLISHING OF THE DATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPORTING OF BALLOTS BY THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35379, which changes the title to read **S.B. 88** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS TO CHALLENGE BALLOTS OF INELIGIBLE VOTERS DUE TO DEATH OR FELONY CONVICTION; TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ADVERTISEMENTS PORTRAYING MISLEADING OR FALSE CONTENT; TO REQUIRE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS BEFORE THE BALLOT IS ACCEPTED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, BEGINNING IN 2025; TO EXPAND THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR SIGNATURE VERIFICATION ON EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS THROUGH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION; AND TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALTERATIONS TO FORMS OF GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL ACT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 630, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45477, which changes the title to read **S.B. 630** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING; TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 263 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 90 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF THE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND TO GOVERNANCE BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

S.B. 559 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENABLING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 13.

The House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Monday, June 24.

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S.B. 166 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** on June 19, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and placed on the calendar of Monday, June 24.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 425 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CREATING A UNIFORM REFERENCE TO EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY; AND UPDATING THE HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 319 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, TO PERMIT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SPONSORS TO OBTAIN CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC MAILING OF REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS, TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF AN UNDERINSURED VEHICLE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN S.L. 2023-133 CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS, TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY PAYMENT AND PENSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND, AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION SERVICES APPLICANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 690 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4, 2023.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Jarvis for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

H.B. 1064, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT FROM EXERCISING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION BEYOND ITS CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10583, which changes the title to read **H.B. 1064** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING TANDEM TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER LENGTH LIMITATIONS ON A CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROAD IN MACON COUNTY, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30506, which changes the title to read **H.B. 593** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, is adopted and engrossed.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ruled to be material, which constitutes first reading.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 1020, AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 20, 2024 - S.L. 2024-8)

H.B. 988, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND RELATED STATUTES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 20, 2024 - S.L. 2024-9)

H.B. 989, AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO SERVICE PURCHASES, INCLUDING BY MAKING TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND CONFORMING CHANGES, UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 20, 2024 - S.L. 2024-10)

S.B. 124, AN ACT TO PROVIDE A CANCELLATION PERIOD FOR RESIDENTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR CONTRACTS, TO PERMIT CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, AND TO PLACE A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 20, 2024 - S.L. 2024-11)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 24, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 2:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

RECESS**RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS**

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 20.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 630 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING; TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 20.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 902, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 1061, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR, referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** on June 20, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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The bill is withdrawn from the **State and Local Government Committee** and re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 355 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 355 on June 20, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Jackson, Chair; Senator Rabon and Senator P. Newton as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

H.B. 10 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on May 15 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 10 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Daniel, Chair; Senator Britt, Senator B. Newton and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1061, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 630 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING; TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 902, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 690 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30507, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 24, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 237 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES,

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NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on June 21, 2024 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 206.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, with a favorable report.

H.B. 1064 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 88 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS TO CHALLENGE BALLOTS OF INELIGIBLE VOTERS DUE TO DEATH OR FELONY CONVICTION; TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ADVERTISEMENTS PORTRAYING MISLEADING OR FALSE CONTENT; TO REQUIRE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS BEFORE THE BALLOT IS ACCEPTED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, BEGINNING IN 2025; TO EXPAND THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR SIGNATURE VERIFICATION ON EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS THROUGH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION; AND TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALTERATIONS TO FORMS OF GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL ACT, with a favorable report.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Mary Wills Bode, Senator from Granville County, as follows:

“A prayer for children: ‘We pray for children who sneak popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes. And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who can’t bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers, who never ‘counted potatoes,’ who are born in places where we wouldn’t be caught dead, who never go to the circus, who live in an X-rated world. We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleep with the cat and bury goldfish, who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money, who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup. And we pray for those who never get dessert, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who watch their parents watch them die, who can’t find any bread to steal, who don’t have any rooms to clean up, who’s pictures aren’t on anybody’s dresser. For those children whose monsters are real. We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food, who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse out the tub, who get visits from the Tooth Fairy, who don’t like to be kissed in front of the carpool, who squirm in church or temple and scream into the phone, whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry. And we pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime and will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist, who aren’t spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, and who live and move but have no being. We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those we never give up on and for those who don’t get a second chance, for those we smother with affection, and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.’* Amen.”

**We Pray for Children*
By Ina J. Hughs

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Alexander, Senator Craven, Senator Galey, and Senator Garrett.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

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H.B. 155, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS.

H.B. 912, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Logan Crump, Foxfire Village; Chloe Hercula, Jacksonville; Srimedha Kaligotla, Holly Springs; Sneha Khetan, Charlotte; Della Scott Michael, Davidson; Kaitlyn Resar, Wake Forest; Grace Reynolds, Raleigh; Noe Roark, Raleigh; Austin Skeete, Charlotte; Kaylin Stocks, Winterville; and Larah Tripp, Angier.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 90 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF THE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND TO GOVERNANCE BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 25.

S.B. 559 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENABLING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 25.

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on today's calendar.

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H.B. 1064 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS.

Senator Rabon offers a motion to place the Senate Committee Substitute on today's calendar. Senator Blue offers an objection, which he subsequently withdraws, and the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 319 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, TO PERMIT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SPONSORS TO OBTAIN CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC MAILING OF REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS, TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF AN UNDERINSURED VEHICLE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN S.L. 2023-133 CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS, TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY PAYMENT AND PENSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND, AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION SERVICES APPLICANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 20.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 425 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CREATING A UNIFORM REFERENCE TO EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY; AND UPDATING THE HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 20.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate this week will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 909 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 34, noes 12, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---34.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador and Smith---12.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No 2.

H.B. 911 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, upon third reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 43, noes 3, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Grafstein, Hanig, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---43.

Voting in the negative: Senators Bode, Hise and Marcus---3.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

H.B. 199 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION, upon third reading.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Burgin's excuse from voting, requested on Thursday, June 20, remains in effect.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

H.B. 563 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THOSE PRODUCTS, TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS, TO PLACE TIANEPTINE, XYLAZINE, AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATION ABOUT OPIOIDS, as amended, upon third reading.

Senator Lazzara offers Amendment No. 5, which is adopted (42-4).

Senator Lazzara offers Amendment No. 6, which is adopted (41-5).

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 7, which is adopted (41-5).

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 8, which is adopted (26-20).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 36, noes 10, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, P. Newton, Perry, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---36.

Voting in the negative: Senators Burgin, Ford, Jarvis, Krawiec, McInnis, B. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Sanderson and Settle---10.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3.

H.B. 317 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, upon second reading.

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 1.

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Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-20).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (27-19).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-19).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 4.

Without objection, Senator Bode is excused from voting on Amendment No. 4 due to a conflict of interest.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (25-20).

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-19).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 6.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 6 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (27-19).

Senator Hunt offers Amendment No. 7.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 7 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-19).

Senator Hunt offers Amendment No. 8.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 8 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (26-20).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (27-19) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 166 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Krawiec, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (0-46) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

H.B. 1064 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS, upon second reading.

Senator Lowe offers Amendment No. 1, which he subsequently withdraws.

Pursuant to Rule 28, Senator Lowe offers a motion to divide the question, as follows:

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Proposition No. 1: Sections 1 through 8(b) and 10(a) through 11 of the bill.

Proposition No. 2: Sections 9.1(a) through 9.7(b) of the bill.

The motion to divide the question fails (19-27).

Senator Lowe offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-20).

Senator Sawyer offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (29-17).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (27-19).

Senator Blue objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 25, upon third reading.

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, upon second reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-1).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 1, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: Senator Britt---1.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, remains on the calendar for Tuesday, June 25, upon third reading.

S.B. 319 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, TO PERMIT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SPONSORS TO OBTAIN CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC MAILING OF REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS, TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF AN UNDERINSURED VEHICLE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN S.L. 2023-133 CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS, TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY PAYMENT AND PENSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION

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FUND, AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION SERVICES APPLICANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (46-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 425 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CREATING A UNIFORM REFERENCE TO EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY; AND UPDATING THE HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Krawiec, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (3-43) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 9:43 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 25, at 9:30 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 166 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.

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Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 166 on June 24, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Jarvis, Chair; Senator Krawiec, Senator Lazzara and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

S.B. 425 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CREATING A UNIFORM REFERENCE TO EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY; AND UPDATING THE HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 425 on June 24, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Rabon, Chair; Senator P. Newton and Senator Krawiec as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 690 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 902, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee:**

H.B. 385 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO: (I) REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO REPORT QUARTERLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS REQUIRED FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINES AND GAS-FIRED ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES; (II) INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO UPDATE

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STATUTES RELATING TO DAMAGE TO UTILITIES; (III) PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF QUARTZ MINING OPERATIONS AND LANDS CONTAINING HIGH PURITY QUARTZ BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATED AS ADVERSARIAL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; (IV) EXPAND REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF 401 CERTIFICATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROJECTS LOCATED AT AN EXISTING OR FORMER ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY; (V) REQUIRE THE COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO REVISE THE CAMA RULES TO ELIMINATE A PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR DOCK, PIER, AND WALKWAY REPLACEMENT, AND TO ALLOW THE WIDTH AND LENGTH OF A PIER, DOCK, OR WALKWAY TO BE ENLARGED BY NOT MORE THAN FIVE FEET AND THE STRUCTURE HEIGHTENED, AT THE TIME OF REPAIR; (VI) MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE SWINE FARM SITING ACT; (VII) AMEND THE STATUTE GOVERNING CLEANFIELDS RENEWABLE ENERGY DEMONSTRATION PARKS; (VIII) AUTHORIZE RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES FOR NATURAL GAS GENERATED FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES; (IX) AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES COST RECOVERY; (X) EXCLUDE AQUACULTURE FROM THE DEFINITION OF “DEVELOPMENT” FOR PURPOSES OF CAMA AND LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES REGULATING AQUACULTURE EQUIPMENT; (XI) AMEND VARIOUS STATUTES GOVERNING COASTAL DEVELOPMENT; (XII) REMOVE TIME LIMITS ON CERTAIN VIABLE UTILITY RESERVE GRANTS; (XIII) ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM; (XIV) LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS TO IMPOSE UNAUTHORIZED CONDITIONS ON RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREFERENCE SYSTEMS FOR ALLOCATING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; (XV) PROHIBIT CERTAIN BACKFLOW PREVENTER REQUIREMENTS BY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS; AND (XVI) TO EXEMPT CERTAIN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS FROM SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT FIRM PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 40637, which changes the title to read **H.B. 385** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS RELATING TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Lisa S. Barnes, Senator from Nash County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, I come before you today and worship you as an unconventional God. Lord, you use unconventional methods to bring about your purposes and your plans. I praise you that you have unlimited power. You are not bound by time; you are not bound by space; and nothing will ever, ever surprise you. Lord, I thank you that you are not bound by religious laws when you healed the blind man on the Sabbath day. I praise you that you are not limited by societal or cultural norms when you talked to the woman at the well that day from Samaria. Lord, you forgave her of her sins and showed her great compassion and love. God, I pray that you would help us follow Jesus’ example, Lord, of showing great compassion and love to other people every single day. Lord, forgive us for the missed opportunities to do that. I just ask that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart would be acceptable in thy sight, oh, Lord, my strength and my redeemer. In Jesus’ name I pray.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Craven, Senator Galey, Senator Meyer, Senator Murdock, Senator Perry, and Senator Sawrey.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 319, AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, TO PERMIT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SPONSORS TO OBTAIN CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC MAILING OF REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS, TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF AN UNDERINSURED VEHICLE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN S.L. 2023-133 CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS, TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS’ HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS’ CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS

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PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY PAYMENT AND PENSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND, AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION SERVICES APPLICANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 1064 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS, as amended, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills are placed on today's calendar:

H.B. 690 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY.

S.B. 902, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 593 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW, as amended, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 44, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McNinnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---44.

Voting in the negative: None.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

S.B. 88 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS TO CHALLENGE BALLOTS OF INELIGIBLE VOTERS DUE TO DEATH OR FELONY CONVICTION; TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ADVERTISEMENTS PORTRAYING MISLEADING OR FALSE CONTENT; TO REQUIRE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS BEFORE THE BALLOT IS ACCEPTED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, BEGINNING IN 2025; TO EXPAND THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR SIGNATURE VERIFICATION ON EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS THROUGH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION; AND TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALTERATIONS TO FORMS OF GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL ACT, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (26-18).

Senator Daniel objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Committee Substitute bill placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 26, upon third reading.

S.B. 90 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF THE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND TO GOVERNANCE BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Lee, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (0-44) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 559 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENABLING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Krawiec, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-44) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 902, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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H.B. 690 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (39-5) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Overcash, the Senate adjourns at 4:36 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 26, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 942, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STANDING UP TO HATE AND LEADING WITH OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 693, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A SELLER OF A MANUFACTURED SIGN TO REPOSSESS THE SIGN IF THE BUYER FAILS TO PAY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 3, 2023.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 90 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF THE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND TO GOVERNANCE BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 90 on June 25, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Sawyer and Senator P. Newton as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

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S.B. 559 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENABLING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 559 on June 25, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Krawiec, Chair; Senator Lee and Senator P. Newton as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, June 26, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

A resolution filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Rabon:

S.R. 914, A SENATE RESOLUTION ELECTING KATHRYN CRISP GREELEY TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports and a select committee report are submitted as follows:

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By Senator Alexander for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

H.B. 942, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STANDING UP TO HATE AND LEADING WITH OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30508, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

H.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A. TODD BROWN AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, with a favorable report.

S.R. 914, A SENATE RESOLUTION ELECTING KATHRYN CRISP GREELEY TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 98 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PATIENTS THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES TO TREAT LIFE-THREATENING OR SEVERELY DEBILITATING ILLNESSES, with a favorable report.

H.B. 385 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS RELATING TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 942 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STANDING UP TO HATE AND LEADING WITH OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES, with a favorable report.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

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Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 166 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Brody, Chair
Representative Arp
Representative Winslow
Representative Zenger and
Representative Paré

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that Representative B. Jones has been added as a conferee to **S.B. 303 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that Representative B. Jones has been added as a conferee to **S.B. 565 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF DISMISSED CHARGES.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Our dear blessed heavenly Father, we want to thank you for the wonderful day that you have given us. We pray that if you could see fit, we would appreciate some rain. The farmers in our area need to see the rain. We ask for your guidance as we go through this session today. We look for your guidance and wisdom as we discuss the business of the people of North Carolina so that we can do what is pleasing in your name. We pray that you would be with each member here. We don’t know the many things that each one is going through, but you are able to be with them. Give us the wisdom to act in the way that you would have us to act. We thank you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 25, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Craven, Senator Marcus, and Senator Sawrey.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Berger submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING THE POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS FOR THEIR HEROISM AND LIFESAVING ACTIONS TAKEN ON MAY 21, 2024.**”

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POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Garrett, the words spoken by Senator Berger are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR BERGER: “Members of the Senate, every day in our districts, in our hometowns, we are blessed to have folks that are generically referred to as first responders, whether they be police officers, firefighters, EMT technicians, dispatch officers. Well, in the city of Eden, we, on May 21, 2024, saw a real example of first responders doing what we want them to do and really going above and beyond. You see, what happened on that day was, a mother—or, actually, I think it was someone that was taking care of a toddler—was close to the Dan River, and the toddler fell in. The 911 call goes out, and two police officers show up that happened to be close by. When they get there, what they see is a small child face down in a river that is already above what the normal flow would be. Without thinking too much about their own personal safety, in full gear, these officers jumped into the river, swam out to the toddler, rescued that child, brought the child back to shore, and immediately began the process of resuscitation. Those two officers are Officer Josh Roberts and Officer Timothy Knight of the Eden Police Department. Well, once they got the child out of the water, the question was, what else needs to be done? They were assisted by Lieutenant Andy Johnson, also of the Eden Police Department, and Eden Fire Department Fireman Mike Farmer, who began the process of resuscitation. Turned out that the Emergency Hospital vehicle couldn’t get to where they were, so, after doing the swimming and bringing the child out, they then ran with that child to the ambulance. The child was then taken care of by the EMTs and taken to the hospital. The story has a magnificent ending because the child not only survived but was out of the hospital the next day. But to see what folks that are trained to do and to see them actually do it in this sort of a circumstance is something that every member of this Senate and every citizen in North Carolina should be really proud, not just of these first responders but every individual that works as a first responder or volunteer. So, I have sent forward a Senatorial Statement recognizing the efforts that took place back in May, and, Mr. President, at the appropriate time, we’ve got some folks here from the city of Eden in Rockingham County that I would ask that you recognize.”

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Jackson submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LAUCH FAIRCLOTH, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR.”**

Senator Ralph Hise, Deputy President Pro Tempore, relinquishes the gavel to The Honorable Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore, who presides.

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MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills are placed on today's calendar:

H.B. 385 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS RELATING TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

H.B. 942 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STANDING UP TO HATE AND LEADING WITH OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to allow **S.B. 915** to be introduced today and placed on today's calendar.

BILL FILING

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, Rule 40 is suspended to allow for the filing of an adjournment resolution after 4:00 p.m. today.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Rabon:

S.B. 915, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The bill is placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 88 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS TO CHALLENGE BALLOTS OF INELIGIBLE VOTERS DUE TO DEATH OR FELONY CONVICTION; TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ADVERTISEMENTS PORTRAYING MISLEADING OR FALSE CONTENT; TO REQUIRE SIGNATURE VERIFICATION FOR EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS BEFORE THE BALLOT IS ACCEPTED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, BEGINNING IN 2025; TO

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EXPAND THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR SIGNATURE VERIFICATION ON EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS THROUGH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION; AND TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ALTERATIONS TO FORMS OF GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING ENACTMENT OF A LOCAL ACT, upon third reading.

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-18), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading (28-19) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 915, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (38-9) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 385 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS RELATING TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, upon second reading.

Senator P. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator P. Newton offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Sanderson offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Sanderson offers Amendment No. 4, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-20).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (29-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

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H.B. 942 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT STANDING UP TO HATE AND LEADING WITH OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES, upon second reading.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-21).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

The Senate recesses at 5:42 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 6:00 p.m.

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CONFERENCE REPORTS

Senator Britt, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 303** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEYS IN NORTH CAROLINA, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S303-PCCS45483-SA-2.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **S.B. 303** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Senator Britt, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 565** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO REPEAL THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF DISMISSED CHARGES, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S565-PCCS45482-SA-4.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 565** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Grafstein.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Reports for **S.B. 303** and **S.B. 565** are placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 303 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (46-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 565 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (46-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Britt, the Senate adjourns at 6:20 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 27, at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 90 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (6th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF THE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND TO GOVERNANCE BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

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Representative Blackwell, Chair
Representative B. Jones
Representative Elmore and
Representative Willis

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 834 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME AND TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY A PROSECUTOR, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 834, "An Act to Modify the Definition of Delinquent Juvenile, to Modify the Transfer Process for Indicted Juvenile Cases, to Create a New Process to Remove a Case to Juvenile Court, to Make Changes to School Use of Information, to Make Secure Custody Hearing Changes, to Make Technical Corrections, to Make Changes to Certain Dispositional Alternatives, and to Increase the Punishment for an Adult to Solicit a Minor to Commit a Crime and to Modify the Number of Days for Request for Review by a Prosecutor."

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Most violent crimes, even when committed by teenagers, should be handled in adult court. However, there are cases where sentences would be more effective and appropriate to the severity of the crime for teenagers if they were handled in juvenile court, making communities safer. This bill makes this important option highly unlikely and begins to erode our bipartisan “Raise the Age” law we agreed to four years ago. While a number of Senators worked to make this legislation better than the original bill, I remain concerned that this new law would keep some children from getting treatment they need while making communities less safe. Instead, the legislature should invest significantly more in our juvenile justice system to ensure resources are available to help prevent crimes and appropriately deal with children who break the law.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 14th day of June 2024, at 4:59 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 27, for reconsideration upon the Governor’s veto.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 237 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT’S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING

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AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 237, "An Act to Modify the Physical Health and Safety of Others Exemption to Certain Laws Prohibiting Wearing Masks; To Enhance Punishment if the Defendant Was Wearing a Mask or Other Clothing or Device to Conceal or Attempt to Conceal the Defendant's Identity; To Prohibit Gubernatorial Executive Orders, Secretarial Declarations, Municipal or Local Government Prohibitions and Restrictions, or Other Rules or Regulations by a Political Subdivision of This State From Imposing Additional Limitations on Religious Institutions That Are Not Applicable to Businesses, Nonprofit Organizations, or Other Private Entities Affected by the Same or Similar Emergency; To Increase the Penalty for Impeding a Road During a Demonstration or Obstructing an Emergency Vehicle From Accessing a Road at Any Time; To Create Civil Liability for a Demonstration Organizer of a Demonstration That Obstructs an Emergency Vehicle; And to Amend Campaign Finance Laws Regarding Federal Political Committees and Political Organizations."

This legislation creates a gaping loophole for secret, unlimited campaign money in the middle of an election year. While voters are kept in the dark, this scheme allows anonymous out-of-state billionaires to flood North Carolina with campaign contributions to rescue extreme right-wing candidates that Republicans now fear will lose. The legislation also removes protections and threatens criminal charges for people who want to protect their health by wearing a mask.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 21st day of June 2024, at 10:44 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 27, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 198 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 198, "An Act to Make Changes to Transportation Laws, as Recommended by the Department of Transportation."

Protecting North Carolina's beauty should be a top priority, but this legislation allows tree cutting and destruction of native plants around billboards. In February, I signed Executive Order 305, which sets comprehensive goals for restoring and protecting natural areas, prioritizing native plants and planting one million trees. North Carolina's scenic landscapes are one of the reasons why our state just broke records with our tourism economy, and why we have one of the most beautiful places in the world to live.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 23rd day of May 2024, at 3:18 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 27, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 982, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE RESOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE SERVICE NEEDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 332 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 357 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 445 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO MODIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY EJECTMENTS AND OTHER SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 802 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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S.B. 630 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING; TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 24.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 27.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL CONFEREES

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Galey as an additional conferee on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 90** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION OF THE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND TO GOVERNANCE BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 303 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 303 on Wednesday, June 26, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 565 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 565 on Wednesday, June 26, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2024

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 425 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CREATING A UNIFORM REFERENCE TO EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY; AND UPDATING THE HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Potts, Chair
Representative Lambeth
Representative K. Baker
Representative Stevens and
Representative White

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on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 559 House Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENABLING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Zenger, Chair
Representative Elmore
Representative Bell and
Representative Carson Smith

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 527 (House Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL LAWS OF THIS STATE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 3.

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Craven requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

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S.B. 802 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 27, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 984, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

A resolution filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

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By Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 916, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A SERIES OF DATES CERTAIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING ON THOSE DATES AND ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINE DIE THEREAFTER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 250 Senate Committee Substitute (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Arp, Chair
Representative Chesser
Representative Bell and
Representative B. Jones

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

H.B. 250 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 26 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 250 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Britt, Chair; Senator Lazzara and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Rabon, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 425** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; CREATING A UNIFORM REFERENCE TO EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY; AND UPDATING THE HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S425-PCCS45484-BP-1.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **S.B. 425** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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H.B. 1071, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO USE VARIOUS METHODS IN ITS LIST MAINTENANCE EFFORTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1072, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DISCLAIMER IN POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (A.I.).

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1074 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 607 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 640 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARD STATUTES IN RESPONSE TO THE HOLDING IN NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS V. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Jarvis, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 166** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute, S166-PCCS15470-BG-1.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

“Father, more than anything else, more than rank, more than position, more than tenure, more than anything else, Lord, we want the promise that truly brings the blessings of God. And that’s by faith. Because it’s by faith that we walk and not by sight. So, Lord, as we walk through the many trials and hard times that we have here in this General Assembly, Lord, we just pray that you continue to renew our faith every day, Lord, that we can continue to count on you and not on our own understanding. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 26, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Batch, Senator Garrett, Senator Hunt, Senator Marcus, Senator Mohammed, and Senator Salvador.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 303, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

S.B. 565, AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS.

H.B. 556, AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA’S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT’S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED.

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H.B. 690, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY.

H.B. 900, AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO REGULATE TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

H.B. 942, AN ACT STANDING UP TO HATE AND LEADING WITH OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES.

H.B. 971, AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, MODIFYING LAWS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF VICTIM IN THE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 915, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

S.B. 912, AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ALTERATION TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 2032.

H.B. 1064, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS.

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MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Reports for **S.B. 425** and **S.B. 166** are placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 198**, **H.B. 237**, and **H.B. 834** are withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the beginning of today's calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **S.B. 630** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and will appear on the calendar immediately after **H.B. 834**.

H.B. 1074 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 27.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, to appear immediately after **H.B. 834**.

S.B. 607 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 27.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills and resolutions on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 198 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Lazzara offers a motion that H.B. 198 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 14, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---14.

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In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 198 becomes law at 1:51 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 237 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Britt offers a motion that H.B. 237 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 14, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---14.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 237 becomes law at 1:53 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 834 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO

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SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME AND TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY A PROSECUTOR, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Britt offers a motion that H.B. 834 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 14, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---14.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 834 becomes law at 1:56 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 1074 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 40, noes 4, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---40.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Meyer, Murdock and Robinson---4.

Without objection, The Committee Substitute bill is read a third time and passes its third reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 40, noes 4, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---40.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Meyer, Murdock and Robinson---4.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered enrolled.

S.B. 630 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING; TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT, upon second reading.

Senator B. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (41-2) and changes the title to read, **S.B. 630** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 30, noes 13, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Waddell and Woodard---13.

Without objection, The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is read a third time and passes its third reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 30, noes 13, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Waddell and Woodard---13.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 98 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PATIENTS THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES TO TREAT LIFE-THREATENING OR SEVERELY DEBILITATING ILLNESSES, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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H.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A. TODD BROWN AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

S.B. 332 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Lee, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (44-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 357 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Without objection, Senator Burgin withdraws his recusal from voting, previously requested on May 1, 2023.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (43-1) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 445 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO MODIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY EJECTMENTS AND OTHER SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (44-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 527 (House Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL LAWS OF THIS STATE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 3.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 3 (33-11) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 802 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD

DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

Upon motion of Senator Lazzara, the Senate concurs in House Amendment No. 1 (44-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.R. 914, A SENATE RESOLUTION ELECTING KATHRYN CRISP GREELEY TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Corbin, the resolution is adopted (38-6).

The election is then confirmed *viva voce*, and Kathryn Crisp Greely is duly elected to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. The House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 607 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator P. Newton, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (30-13) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 166 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (34-10).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 425 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Krawiec, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (44-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

The Senate recesses at 2:45 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Krawiec, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 559** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENABLING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S559-PCCS45486-SH-10.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **S.B. 559** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENABLE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES; TO CREATE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYING UNIT IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN; TO MAKE CONFORMING AND EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGES TO PENDING LEGISLATION FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; TO ADDRESS PARENTAL LEAVE FOR CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS AS IT RELATES TO AN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 44 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL THE LITERACY TEST REQUIREMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

The Senate recesses at 3:29 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:30 p.m.

RECESS**SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 425** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 425 on Thursday, June 27, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 27, 2024

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 355 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Dixon, Chair
Representative Ross
Representative Penny and
Representative McNeely

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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CONFERENCE REPORTS

Senator Jackson, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 355** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute, S355-PCCS35385-TQ-1.

Senator Britt, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 250** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY THE INDIGENT DEFENSE SERVICES COMMISSION, TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR OBTAINING A LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SHALL HAVE THE PERSON'S PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENT EXTENDED IF THE PERSON COMMITS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM VIOLATION DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE THE PERSON'S INITIAL PERIOD OF COMPLIANCE IS TO END, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H250-PCCS10587-CE-11.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 250** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND RESTORATION OF A LICENSE AFTER CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED CONVICTIONS, TO MODIFY SECTION 5 OF SESSION LAW 2023-151 RELATED TO THE LICENSE PLATE READER PILOT PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY AND CERTAIN FEES, TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARDS TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN FOR EASEMENTS, TO ADD TIANEPTINE TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO EXEMPT LEASES OF PROPERTY BY THE HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM GENERAL LAWS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LEASES FOR A TERM OF UP TO FORTY YEARS, AND TO REMOVE THE VETERANS BURIAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

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The Chair grants leaves of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Applewhite, Senator Johnson, Senator Lee, and Senator Murdock.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.J.R. 916, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A SERIES OF DATES CERTAIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING ON THOSE DATES AND ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINE DIE THEREAFTER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 27.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Joint Resolution is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Reports for **S.B. 559**, **H.B. 250**, and **S.B. 355** are placed on today's calendar, for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 559 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENABLE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES; TO CREATE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYING UNIT IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN; TO MAKE CONFORMING AND EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGES TO PENDING LEGISLATION FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; TO ADDRESS PARENTAL LEAVE FOR CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS AS IT RELATES TO AN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Krawiec, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (40-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 355 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (40-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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H.B. 250 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND RESTORATION OF A LICENSE AFTER CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED CONVICTIONS, TO MODIFY SECTION 5 OF SESSION LAW 2023-151 RELATED TO THE LICENSE PLATE READER PILOT PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY AND CERTAIN FEES, TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARDS TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN FOR EASEMENTS, TO ADD TIANEPTINE TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO EXEMPT LEASES OF PROPERTY BY THE HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM GENERAL LAWS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LEASES FOR A TERM OF UP TO FORTY YEARS, AND TO REMOVE THE VETERANS BURIAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (40-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.J.R. 916, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A SERIES OF DATES CERTAIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING ON THOSE DATES AND ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINE DIE THEREAFTER, upon second reading.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (40-0).

The Joint Resolution, as amended, passes its second reading (38-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Berger, the words spoken by Senator Perry are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR PERRY: “Mr. President, fellow members, I rise to speak from the floor of this chamber for what is likely my last time, based upon a quick glance at the adjournment resolution and the limitations on there. It has been a great honor to be a member of the North Carolina Senate and to serve the people of the East. During my three terms, I have learned a great deal about our state, and I have been fortunate to meet many wonderful people, and I benefit from meaningful friendships that will be with me until the day I leave this Earth. And I want to stress that that is regardless of political party. You know, change can be difficult, but life teaches us that change is mostly inevitable. I say ‘mostly’ because, you know, that’s unless we’re talking about when you give your child a large bill and

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you expect change back from them because that never happens. That's never inevitable. But change always happens, it's always going on around us, and we live with it every day. Like those who came before me, there are things, when I look back, that I would do or say differently if I could go back in time. But we're not afforded the luxury of time travel. Members, from time to time, we have all disagreed on various issues, but I truly harbor no ill-will for any member of this chamber. Serving with you has been a life experience I will treasure for the remainder of my days. I wish all of you health and happiness for you and your loved ones. May God bless you all, and may God bless the great state of North Carolina."

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Perry, the Senate adjourns at 5:12 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Friday, June 28, at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 166 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 166 on Thursday, June 27, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
June 27, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 355 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 355 on Thursday, June 27, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 27, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 559 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENABLE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES; TO CREATE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYING UNIT IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN; TO MAKE CONFORMING AND EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGES TO PENDING LEGISLATION FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; TO ADDRESS PARENTAL LEAVE FOR CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS AS IT RELATES TO AN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN.

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When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 559 on Thursday, June 27, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 27, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 426 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE JOCKEY'S RIDGE AS AN AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSULT WITH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS PRIOR TO GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENTS ON STATE PROPERTY; AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY BUILT-UPON AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STORMWATER PROGRAMS AND SPECIFY THAT CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL TURF IS NOT BUILT-UPON AREA, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Gillespie, Chair
Representative Winslow and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
June 27, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 250 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND RESTORATION OF A LICENSE AFTER CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED CONVICTIONS, TO MODIFY SECTION 5 OF SESSION LAW 2023-151 RELATED TO THE LICENSE PLATE READER PILOT PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY AND CERTAIN FEES, TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARDS TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN FOR EASEMENTS, TO ADD TIANEPTINE TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO EXEMPT LEASES OF PROPERTY BY THE HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM GENERAL LAWS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LEASES FOR A TERM OF UP TO FORTY YEARS, AND TO REMOVE THE VETERANS BURIAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 743 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS BROADBAND CHANGES AND TO DIRECT CERTAIN GRANT FUNDS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REFERRAL OF BILLS

All bills ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor today are ordered sent by special message.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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S.B. 915, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. (Became law upon ratification, June 27, 2024 - S.L. 2024-12)

S.B. 912, AN ACT TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, TO ESTABLISH FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ALTERATION TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 2032. (Became law upon ratification, June 27, 2024 - S.L. 2024-13)

H.B. 1064, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL ACTS. (Became law upon ratification, June 27, 2024 - S.L. 2024-14)

H.B. 198, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2024 - S.L. 2024-15)

H.B. 237, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PHYSICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OTHERS EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN LAWS PROHIBITING WEARING MASKS; TO ENHANCE PUNISHMENT IF THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY; TO PROHIBIT GUBERNATORIAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS, SECRETARIAL DECLARATIONS, MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS, OR OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE FROM IMPOSING ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PRIVATE ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THE SAME OR SIMILAR EMERGENCY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPEDING A ROAD DURING A DEMONSTRATION OR OBSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FROM ACCESSING A ROAD AT ANY TIME; TO CREATE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZER OF A DEMONSTRATION THAT OBSTRUCTS AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2024 - S.L. 2024-16)

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H.B. 834, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR INDICTED JUVENILE CASES, TO CREATE A NEW PROCESS TO REMOVE A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT, TO MAKE CHANGES TO SCHOOL USE OF INFORMATION, TO MAKE SECURE CUSTODY HEARING CHANGES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, TO MAKE CHANGES TO CERTAIN DISPOSITIONAL ALTERNATIVES, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR AN ADULT TO SOLICIT A MINOR TO COMMIT A CRIME AND TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY A PROSECUTOR. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2024 - S.L. 2024-17)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, June 28, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Lord, we thank you for this day and we thank you for this completion of this short session. We thank you for that, and we pray that you'll send some rain our way this weekend. A lot of farmers and other folks need the rain. Thank you for that in advance. We praise you and love you today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 27, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 166, AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION

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CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.

S.B. 332, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023.

S.B. 355, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

S.B. 357, AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023.

S.B. 425, AN ACT MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

S.B. 445, AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO MODIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY EJECTMENTS AND OTHER SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES.

S.B. 527, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

S.B. 559, AN ACT TO ENABLE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES; TO CREATE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYING UNIT IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN; TO MAKE CONFORMING AND EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGES TO PENDING LEGISLATION FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; TO ADDRESS PARENTAL LEAVE FOR CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS AS IT RELATES TO AN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN.

S.B. 607, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

S.B. 802, AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,

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REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS.

H.B. 98, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PATIENTS THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES TO TREAT LIFE-THREATENING OR SEVERELY DEBILITATING ILLNESSES.

H.B. 199, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION.

H.B. 228, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, AND TO INCREASE THE BOND DEBT LIMIT FOR THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.

H.B. 250, AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND RESTORATION OF A LICENSE AFTER CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED CONVICTIONS, TO MODIFY SECTION 5 OF SESSION LAW 2023-151 RELATED TO THE LICENSE PLATE READER PILOT PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY AND CERTAIN FEES, TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARDS TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN FOR EASEMENTS, TO ADD TIANEPTINE TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO EXEMPT LEASES OF PROPERTY BY THE HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM GENERAL LAWS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LEASES FOR A TERM OF UP TO FORTY YEARS, AND TO REMOVE THE VETERANS BURIAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

H.B. 591, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SEXUAL EXTORTION OFFENSES, TO UPDATE OFFENSES RELATED TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, TO UPDATE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE OFFENSE OF DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE IMAGES.

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H.B. 593, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 1074, AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING.

S.B. 902, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX.

H.B. 909, AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS.

H.B. 911, AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolutions duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.J.R. 916, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A SERIES OF DATES CERTAIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING ON THOSE DATES AND ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINE DIE THEREAFTER. (Res. 2024-2)

H.J.R. 910, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A. TODD BROWN AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. (Res. 2024-3)

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 9:44 a.m., pursuant to S.J.R. 916, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, July 10, at 12:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

June 28, 2024

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-15.3 (d), I am pleased to nominate the Honorable Jean Farmer-Butterfield of Wilson County to serve on the North Carolina Employment Security Board of Review for a term beginning on July 1, 2024 and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for Ms. Farmer-Butterfield's willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Tim Moore	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Dan Blue	Mr. James White

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 1074, AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING. (Became law upon ratification, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-18)

S.B. 902, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DURHAM COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX. (Became law upon ratification, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-19)

H.B. 909, AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS. (Became law upon ratification, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-20)

H.B. 911, AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; TO ANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS. (Became law upon ratification, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-21)

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H.B. 495, AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO REVISE CERTAIN LARCENY LAWS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-22)

H.B. 223, AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT AND RELATED LAW. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-23)

H.B. 912, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-24)

S.B. 790, AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY WHEN DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED, TO ALLOW A RESPONDENT ATTORNEY TO ADDRESS THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND TO HEAR THE OFFICE OF COUNSEL'S PRESENTATION TO THE COMMITTEE, TO IMPLEMENT A VEXATIOUS CONDUCT STANDARD FOR COMPLAINANTS FILING GRIEVANCES BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR, TO DEFINE A STANDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF GRIEVANCES, TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, AND TO ALLOW THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR TO ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE BAR REVIEW COMMITTEE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-25)

H.B. 971, AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO DEVELOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, REQUIRING LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, ACCOMMODATION FACILITATORS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS FOR VACATION RENTALS TO IMPLEMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING, INCREASING THE PUNISHMENT FOR A FIRST OFFENSE OF SOLICITING A PROSTITUTE, MODIFYING LAWS RELATED TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF VICTIM IN THE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION ACT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 28, 2024 - S.L. 2024-26)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, July 10, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we love you and thank you for today and every day. We thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way recently. We praise you for that. We needed it, and we could use some more, Lord. We’d appreciate it. We thank you for all that you do for us and thank you for being with us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Woodard announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, June 28, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Woodard, seconded by Senator Sanderson, the Senate adjourns at 12:07 p.m., pursuant to Res. 2024-2, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, July 29, at 12:00 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Vetoed bills, together with the Governor’s objections and veto message, were returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate, as follows:

GOVERNOR’S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 445, “An Act to Allow Certified Copies of Court-Filed Documents to Be Recorded Without Meeting Certain Conforming Requirements of the Register of Deeds, to Modify Various Provisions Regarding Summary Ejectments and Other Small Claims Matters, and to Modify Provisions Regarding Property Crimes.”

This bill creates legal ambiguity regarding when eviction orders become effective and may harm low-income individuals by making it harder for them to appeal as indigent in small claims court.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 8th day of July 2024, at 5:33 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 166, "An Act to Amend Various Development Regulations; To Amend Various North Carolina State Building Codes; To Amend Various Construction Contractors and Design Professionals Regulations; To Amend Various Environment and Environmental Health Regulations; And to Reorganize the Building Code Council."

By limiting options for energy efficiency and electric vehicles, this legislation prevents North Carolina's building code from adopting innovations in construction and mobility that save consumers money. This bill also removes subject matter experts from the building code council, including architects, active fire service, a coastal expert, local government officials, and public at large membership, and limits the knowledge and practical experience of the body tasked with ensuring all buildings are safely designed.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 5th day of July 2024, at 4:29 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 28, 2024

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives on August 16, 2023, that the House failed to concur in Senate Amendment No. 1 for **H.B. 75 Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO

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ADJUST THE SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Lambeth, Chair
Representative D. Hall and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 10, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 155 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 3, 2024 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 249.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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July 10, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 556 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 3, 2024 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 250.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 10, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 690 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 5, 2024 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 251.

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CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 942, AN ACT STANDING UP TO HATE AND LEADING WITH OUR MORAL PRINCIPLES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2024 - S.L. 2024-27)

H.B. 228, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE MEDICAID HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT STATUTES, AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A THRESHOLD EXCLUSION, AND TO INCREASE THE BOND DEBT LIMIT FOR THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2024 - S.L. 2024-28)

S.B. 319, AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, TO PERMIT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN SPONSORS TO OBTAIN CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC MAILING OF REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS, TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE LICENSING OF INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF AN UNDERINSURED VEHICLE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN S.L. 2023-133 CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS, TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY PAYMENT AND PENSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND, AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION SERVICES APPLICANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2024 - S.L. 2024-29)

H.B. 199, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2024 - S.L. 2024-30)

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H.B. 900, AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE WAKE YOUNG MEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND THE WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AS COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE SUBSTITUTION OF A NEW PARTNER INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THOSE SCHOOLS, AND TO REGULATE TOBACCO PRODUCTS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2024 - S.L. 2024-31)

S.B. 355, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2024 - S.L. 2024-32)

S.B. 303, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-33)

S.B. 425, AN ACT MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-34)

S.B. 565, AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-35)

H.B. 98, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ELIGIBLE PATIENTS THE RIGHT TO TRY INDIVIDUALIZED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS, BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND DEVICES TO TREAT LIFE-THREATENING OR SEVERELY DEBILITATING ILLNESSES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-36)

H.B. 591, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SEXUAL EXTORTION OFFENSES, TO UPDATE OFFENSES RELATED TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, TO UPDATE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE OFFENSE OF DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE IMAGES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-37)

H.B. 593, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-38)

S.B. 332, AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-39)

S.B. 357, AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-40)

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S.B. 527, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL LAWS OF THIS STATE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-41)

S.B. 559, AN ACT TO ENABLE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CERTAIN CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ELECT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES; TO CREATE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYING UNIT IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN; TO MAKE CONFORMING AND EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGES TO PENDING LEGISLATION FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; TO ADDRESS PARENTAL LEAVE FOR CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF A HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS AS IT RELATES TO AN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-42)

H.B. 250, AN ACT TO MAKE REVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEATH INVESTIGATIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND RESTORATION OF A LICENSE AFTER CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED CONVICTIONS, TO MODIFY SECTION 5 OF SESSION LAW 2023-151 RELATED TO THE LICENSE PLATE READER PILOT PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY AND CERTAIN FEES, TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARDS TO USE EMINENT DOMAIN FOR EASEMENTS, TO ADD TIANEPTINE TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, TO EXEMPT LEASES OF PROPERTY BY THE HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM GENERAL LAWS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LEASES FOR A TERM OF UP TO FORTY YEARS, AND TO REMOVE THE VETERANS BURIAL RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-43)

S.B. 802, AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE CERTIFIED AS A MINORITY BUSINESS OR HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 8, 2024 - S.L. 2024-44)

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S.B. 607, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, July 9, 2024 - S.L. 2024-45)

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER

Senator Jim Perry of Senate District 2 submitted his letter of resignation on July 1, 2024, to be effective July 2, 2024.

Pursuant to Senator Woodard's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 29, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

"Our dear blessed heavenly Father, we want to thank you for the rain that you have given us. We appreciate it. We have been needing it. We pray that you would be with us throughout this session. Help us as we go about the business and conduct the business for the people. In thy name we pray, Amen."

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, July 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 12:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, August 1, at 9:30 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, August 1, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

July 29, 2024

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“We want to thank you, dear Lord, for all that you have done for us; for the beautiful day that you have given us; for the change in temperature. We thank you for the way that you have helped each one, and we pray that you will bless us throughout this day and throughout the rest of this session. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, July 29, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2024-2, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, September 9, at 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 31, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives has reorganized:

Representative Ball of Wake has been elected as Deputy Leader, effective upon resignation of Representative Clemmons from the House of Representatives.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 31, 2024

Mr. President:

August 1, 2024

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 155 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 155, "An Act to Authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to Issue a Certificate of Title for All-Terrain Vehicles and Utility Vehicles, to Expand the Streets or Highways on Which a Modified Utility Vehicle May Be Legally Operated, and to Authorize the Off-Site Safety Inspection of Low-Speed Vehicles by Licensed Safety Inspection Stations."

This new law would allow certain off road vehicles to operate on four lane highways at speeds of up to 55 miles per hour. These vehicles lack many of the safety features found in traditional vehicles which creates an increased risk of serious injury or death for people on our highways.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 3rd day of July 2024, at 3:01 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 31, 2024

August 1, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 556 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 556, "An Act to Codify the Law of Tenancy in Common in This State, as Recommended by the North Carolina Bar Association, to Make Changes to North Carolina's Notary Public Laws, as Requested by the Department of the Secretary of State, to Prohibit Counties and Cities From Adopting Certain Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations That Would Prohibit Landlords From Refusing to Rent to Tenants Because a Tenant's Lawful Source of Income to Pay Rent Includes Funding From a Federal Housing Assistance Program, to Clarify Authorized Litigation Costs in Summary Ejectment Matters, and to Establish the Small Claim Appeal Period Beginning When a Judgment Is Rendered."

This bill would make it harder for low-income families, the elderly and people with disabilities to find affordable rental housing by preventing local governments from protecting against rent discrimination based on lawful income. It also creates legal ambiguity regarding when eviction orders become effective and the potential for increased legal expenses for renters in disputes with landlords.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 3rd day of July 2024, at 3:01 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

August 1, 2024

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 31, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 690 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 690, "An Act to Prohibit Payments to the State Using Central Bank Digital Currency or Participation by the State in Federal Reserve Branch Testing of Central Bank Digital Currency."

Efforts are being made at the federal level to ensure standards and safeguards are in place to protect consumers, investors and businesses that may want to make monetary transactions in digital assets and North Carolina should wait to see how they work before taking action. This legislation is premature, vague and reactionary and proposes an end result on important monetary decisions that haven't even been made yet. Instead of this bill, the legislature should have passed a budget to provide more funding for cybersecurity threats that actually exist now.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

August 1, 2024

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 5th day of July 2024, at 3:37 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, September 9, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Lisa S. Barnes, Senator from Nash County, as follows:

"Heavenly Father, we worship you today as our Sustainer, Creator, and the Giver of every good and perfect gift. I just thank you for a beautiful day today that you've given us and beautiful cooler weather. Lord, I know that your mercies are brand new every morning, and I give you praise for that. I ask today that you would create in us a clean heart, that you would renew your Spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, Lord, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. I ask that you would restore to us the joy of your salvation, Lord, and I just lift up the family of Representative Kelly Alexander, and I ask that you would just be their comforter, Lord, that you would give them the peace that passes all understanding as they face this difficult time. Lord, today I ask also that you would just be with our leaders all across our country, that you would give them wisdom, grace, and courage to do what you know and you've told us to do, based on your Word. Lord, I lift up our nation to you today, and I just ask one thing, I just ask that our nation would seek your face. I ask all these things in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen."

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, August 1, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Adcock, Senator Alexander, Senator Hunt, Senator Jackson, Senator Lazzara, and Senator Smith.

September 9, 2024

SEATING OF THE HONORABLE BOB BRINSON

The Chair recognizes Senator Hise, who announces the appointment of Senator Blue, Senator Daniel, Senator Johnson, Senator P. Newton, Senator Sanderson, and Senator Sawyer as the escort committee for the seating of The Honorable Bob Brinson.

The Chair instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the chamber doors and directs the escort committee to lead The Honorable Bob Brinson to the well of the Senate.

The Chair instructs the clerk to read the Proclamation from the Governor appointing Bob Brinson, as follows:

THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT “BOB” WAYNE BRINSON JR.

2023-2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Senator Jim Perry, elected Senator from Senate District 2, 2023-2024 General Assembly, resigned effective July 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-11 require that the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Jim Perry be filled by appointment of the person recommended by the members of the 2nd Senatorial District Committee of the Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, the 2nd Senatorial District Committee of the Republican Party has notified me that its members residing within Senate District 2 recommend Robert “Bob” Wayne Brinson Jr. of Craven County, North Carolina, to fill the unexpired term;

I do, by these presents appoint,

ROBERT “BOB” WAYNE BRINSON JR.

as a member of the

NORTH CAROLINA SENATE

2023-2024 General Assembly

September 9, 2024

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
S/ Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

Senator Brinson was administered the oath of office on July 31, 2024. He is escorted to seat number 13, and the House of Representatives is notified.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Britt, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 10** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H10-PCCS10589-MQ-5.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 10** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report for **H.B. 10** is placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

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Senator Rabon offers a motion that **S.B. 917** and **S.J.R. 918**, filed today, be introduced today and placed on the end of today's calendar. The motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the following bills be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed at the beginning of today's calendar, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto. The motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders:

S.B. 166 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 10.

H.B. 155 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 1.

H.B. 556 (Ratified), AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 1.

H.B. 690 (Ratified), AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 1.

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S.B. 445 (Ratified), AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO MODIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY EJECTMENTS AND OTHER SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 10.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL AND A RESOLUTION

A bill and a resolution filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Rabon:

S.B. 917, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

The bill is placed on the end of today's calendar.

By Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 918, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF ADAM LOCKHART TAYLOR TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

The Joint Resolution is placed on the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills and a resolution on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 166 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Jarvis offers a motion that S.B. 166 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---17.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 155 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Jarvis offers a motion that H.B. 155 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---17.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 155 becomes law at 12:37 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 556 (Ratified), AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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Senator Daniel offers a motion that H.B. 556 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---17.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 556 becomes law at 12:39 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 690 (Ratified), AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Overcash offers a motion that H.B. 690 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---17.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 690 becomes law at 12:42 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 445 (Ratified), AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO MODIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY EJECTMENTS AND OTHER SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Daniel offers a motion that S.B. 445 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---17.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 10 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (27-17).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 917, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (28-16) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.J.R. 918, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF ADAM LOCKHART TAYLOR TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Overcash, the Senate adjourns at 1:24 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

September 9, 2024

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

August 26, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-15.3 (d), I am pleased to appoint Mr. Adam Lockhart Taylor of Wake County to the North Carolina Employment Security Board of Review on an interim basis pending confirmation by the General Assembly for a term beginning on July 1, 2024. Mr. Taylor will replace Ms. Butterfield, whose resignation was effective July 28, 2024.

I am grateful for Mr. Taylor's willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Tim Moore	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Dan Blue	Mr. James White

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

August 26, 2024

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Philip E. Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

September 9, 2024

Dear Senator Berger:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 135-6, I am pleased to nominate the following individual to serve on the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees and hereby submit their name for confirmation by the North Carolina Senate:

- Ms. Paulette Haizlip of Wake County, Active or Retired member of the North Carolina National Guard

I am grateful for their willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Mark Robinson
The Honorable Dan Blue
The Honorable Dale Folwell
Ms. Sarah Holland

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 155, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES, TO EXPAND THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, September 9, 2024 - S.L. 2024-46)

H.B. 556, AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE CHANGES TO NORTH CAROLINA'S NOTARY PUBLIC LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO CLARIFY AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SMALL CLAIM APPEAL PERIOD BEGINNING WHEN A JUDGMENT IS RENDERED. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, September 9, 2024 - S.L. 2024-47)

September 9, 2024

H.B. 690, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, September 9, 2024 - S.L. 2024-48)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Bill Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for this another day, and we ask that you bless us today. Protect us and lead us. Let your Spirit guide us in all that we do, Father. We thank you for everything. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, September 9, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 10:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

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Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day you’ve given us—this Patriot’s Day. We pray that we’ll always remember what happened on 9/11, and that we’ll never forget that, and that we will stay close to you. We pray that you’ll draw our country back to you that we may lift you up. We thank you for all that you do. Guide and protect us today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Barnes announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, September 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Barnes, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2024-2, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, October 9, at 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
September 11, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 10** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 166 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 10, AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 917, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.J.R. 918, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF ADAM LOCKHART TAYLOR TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW. (Res. 2024-4)

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
September 11, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the Republican Caucus of the House of Representatives has reorganized:

Representative Winslow of Franklin has been elected as Conference Chair upon resignation of Representative Saine from the House of Representatives.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Roy Cooper on August 6, 2024, Tracy Clark has been administered the oath of office as a Member of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2023-2024 General Assembly. Representative Clark has been seated to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Ashton Wheeler Clemmons from the 57th District; and pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Roy Cooper on August 19, 2024, Heather H. Rhyne has been administered the oath of office as a Member of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2023-2024 General Assembly. Representative Rhyne has been seated to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Jason Saine from the 97th District.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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S.B. 166, AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODES; TO AMEND VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS REGULATIONS; TO AMEND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REGULATIONS; AND TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, September 11, 2024 - S.L. 2024-49)

S.B. 917, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS. (Became law upon ratification, September 11, 2024 - S.L. 2024-50)

Pursuant to Senator Barnes's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, October 9, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Kevin Corbin, Senator from Macon County, as follows:

"Father, we come to you today very grateful for what we have, what you've blessed us with. We thank you for, Father, all those that have worked so hard to get over the storm and the effects of that, God. We just thank you for those that have responded, those that are doing everything they can to help their neighbor in need. We thank you, Lord, for that. God, we ask your blessings on this session now. Help us to do the right thing, say the right thing and do the right thing for the right reason. And we just give you honor and glory for it all. Amen."

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, September 11, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Applewhite and Senator Hanig.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Rabon, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 149** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H149-PCCS40642-MC-7.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 149** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar, for adoption.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to allow for the introduction of **S.J.R. 919**, filed earlier today. The resolution is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 919, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE SESSION RECONVENED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2024-2 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-2.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Joint Resolution is placed on the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

A bill and a resolution on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 149 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Garrett, the words spoken by Senator Corbin, Senator Hise, Senator Mayfield, Senator Daniel, and Senator Moffitt on H.B. 149 are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

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SENATOR CORBIN: “I’m going to speak very briefly to the scope and intensity of this storm and the need for this measure today and the need to come back and continue this at a later date. As most of you know, I represent the eight western counties, and we were severely impacted, as were several other of my fellow members here. In the greater Western North Carolina area, we had over 400 roads that were damaged beyond folks being able to traverse and travel those 400 roads out. And as of today they’ve identified 500 landslides, which have not only caused a loss of life, but loss of property and loss of roads. As you know, the Blue Ridge Parkway, which runs through my district and also Senator Hise’s district, is damaged indefinitely. Not sure when that’s going to be open. If you’ve done the research, you know that this storm is already identified as the fourth deadliest storm in the history of the United States—number four—and that’s only with the folks that we’ve identified as being deceased now. Number three and number two were in 1969 and 1957, respectively, so it’s been a long time since we’ve had a storm of this magnitude affect not only North Carolina, but also Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina. It may wind up being the most expensive storm in history. Time will tell. This measure we’re passing today is a beginning. I think we need time to identify damages in our districts and things that need to be repaired and done and also to figure out what FEMA is going to pay for—what the federal government is going to cover and how we can mesh with that. That takes time to do that, so we’ll need to come back and address that at a future date and would let the public know that that is our intention to do that. Lastly, I thank God we have the rainy-day fund. I thank God it’s there and that we’ve had the wisdom, and those that have come before us in the past few years have had the wisdom, to set that up so that we have over four billion dollars in a rainy-day fund because in Western North Carolina, we had a rainy day, and that’s what it’s for. So thank you for your consideration, and thank you for your vote.”

SENATOR HISE: “Members of the Senate, you know, we’ve always had the quote in Western North Carolina that we would do something ‘come hell or highwater.’ Well, in a two-week period, we saw the ‘or’ be an ‘and.’ Two weeks ago, I remember, my son’s football game had been pushed back from Friday night to Wednesday night. I was at an event in Boone, trying to get back for half-time. This was before the hurricane ever came. A massive storm wound up canceling that game, and on Wednesday night we dropped about ten inches of rain. All of our rivers were at flood stage, the ground was saturated, and we had about 16 hours before the hurricane was getting ready to hit. I have seen floods and fires all throughout Western North Carolina. I have never seen anything that comes close to this. The Toe River that generally runs about six feet deep—and it has some of the best fishing holes—got up to 35 feet. The lower streets of the town of Spruce Pine are devastated. The Pensacola and North Cove communities, I couldn’t begin—Poplar and Pigeon Roost—are devastated. You still can’t get a vehicle in there. We’ve been able to get motorcycles in most places. I’ve seen FEMA have to airlift cadaver dogs into areas just to see if they’re there. We hope by this week that we will have touched every roof in the county, but we’re not quite there yet. I saw, for the first time in any disaster, I saw all communications cease. We lost power. We lost cell service. We’ve lost water and sewer. People

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couldn't call 911. Our VIPER towers got destroyed in the area. We struggle with having communications between law enforcement. That's something we've never prepared for in a disaster, and that's part of the challenges we had in getting responses here. The first things that came up were our fire departments. Now, I live in a county that does not have a paid fireman in the entire county, and that's true of several counties I represent. These are all volunteer forces who just came to their fire house. We began to try to find out places we could reach people, where we could get—people had no idea where to go to get services. Churches began to open up their doors. Our first shelter was First Baptist Church. Folks would come in, people on the floors, and their members just coming there to do what they can to help. I saw communities that didn't get any communication for five and six days. People just emptied out their fridges and their freezers and set up in the parking lots and just started cooking everything they had. They still won't let you leave the Buladean Community Center without eating. Part of my history. So, yes, response was late. It was difficult to get done. We went five, six days where an eighteen-wheeler could not get in the county. There was no road. You can imagine. We have two state facilities for prisoners on the Mitchell-Avery line. Almost 1400 prisoners, who for five and a half days couldn't flush toilets. We couldn't get water in until we could get those individuals evacuated. And I'm glad we did. Coming through this with as few casualties as we have, although they're devastating and there are larger numbers, but it's a miracle. The number of people I know that had multiple trees fall, but they all missed the home. It's a miracle. But it's going to be a long process. This weekend a family friend of mine had the first funeral, and that's being experienced all over the community. You know, our funeral home, we lost one of the two funeral homes we had. So we've got one trying to do the capacity for the entire county. Our water system is completely gone. Took the FEMA engineers about an hour to come back with 'unsalvageable.' I've worked on trying to build one in Canton for a few years after their plant closed. That's a four-year process. That's with DEQ standing on the ground to help you out. The town produces two million gallons of sewage a day that they process. Without our industry, we think that's six hundred thousand. There is no temporary solution to back up a truck. It would take sixty trucks running twenty-four hours a day to haul it to another system. There's not that many trucks in two hundred miles that carry sewer. We're asking for solutions, and we're asking for help. That's part of what this money can begin to allow us to do as we try to find those things. You know, we're talking about businesses—the coffee shop where my wife and I dated had eight feet of water in it. Our community will never be the same, but we will recover. And I want to thank you all for coming here now and putting the first seeds in the ground. I've got a lot of people who think right now they've been left behind by the federal government or whatever label they want to put on it because what they can't see on the ground. But the outpouring I have seen into our community from churches all over this state and all over the Southeast from organizations—I couldn't begin to name them all—that are coming into our community and serving up and feeding people and making sure resources are there. I do want to say for next week, we're supposed to be in the thirties. We need things that can heat a home that are safe

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to use in doors. We need blankets. We need those kinds of things. We're good on water for now. I don't know what ten weeks from now looks like. But we're good on some of those things right now. But this is going to be a long organization. I hope we can say to those people that their state cares about them and is standing up to do what it can for those resources. I think everybody knows this is the first step. We've never seen devastation like this before. We still need roads to get in. A drive that normally takes me four hours to get down took me six and a half hours last night. Mainly because the one lane roads and the red lights, and if a truck goes down a road that it's not supposed to everything stops for hours. For the rescue workers that have come in from all over the country, thank you. For those who are providing services, thank you. There'll be a lot of time for that to, and there'll be a lot of time for analyzing the quarterback and saying what we didn't do or what we should have done. But today we can begin the process. At record speed for the General Assembly, this will be the first bill—I think I'm not going to hear people complaining about how quickly we put this together in that process, because we have to. We'll be back multiple times. Personally, thank you to all the members who have reached out to me, who have brought things to our community. But Western North Carolina is a strong people. Last two things I will mention. The quartz that we have in Mitchell County is required for every electronic device in the world. That market needs us to be open. The entire semiconductor chip market depends on those resources. And in McDowell County, I used to represent, I know it's Senator Daniel's now, 70 percent of the U.S. IV bags are produced in McDowell County at Baxter's. They're estimating six months before they get that plant back up. There will be national implications here, and these types of things are why I say we have to get ahead of the curve. I'll end that just by saying thank you to you all for doing this, for being a part of this. And I'll end with that."

SENATOR MAYFIELD: "I want to add my thanks to what Senator Hise just said. This has been, as you've heard, an incredibly challenging time for all of us. But I am full of gratitude for so many things. And I wasn't going to get teary, but you got that started. You know, as Senator Hise said, nothing happens as fast as you want it to. And the first couple of days were terrifying because things weren't coming. But then they did start to come. And the National Guard is there, pulling people out of houses, and that's still happening. Still happening. FEMA shows up, and despite what you read on the internet—and don't believe any of it—FEMA is everywhere. The resources they bring are just unreal to me. The people from all over the country who come just at moment's notice to places like Western North Carolina, and they don't know how long they're going to be there. They don't know where they're going to stay when they get there. This whole system of emergency response that we have nationally is remarkable to me. Incredibly capable people, and they are helping, you know, everyone in our region at this point. And again, FEMA is pushing out millions and millions of dollars already to individuals for disaster assistance. The state has been incredibly responsive. Again, those first couple of days I think I was on phone to agency staff and governor's staff multiple times a day. And I am so grateful to them for returning all those phone calls, even when they knew they were going to get, you know, a

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little bit of a frantic person on the other end, demanding, you know, ‘Where are the trucks? Where are the trucks that you said were coming?’ But all of the agencies have been incredible. Our state emergency response office is just fantastic. DEQ, DOT, DHHS, they are all working hard. They are all answering, I’m sure, all of our phone calls, and I am, again, so, so grateful for them. One of the other things that is so amazing about this, in addition to these FEMA reservists who come in, I have seen ambulances and firetrucks and police cars from all over this state. Holly Springs, Forsyth County, Greensboro, Bertie County, Stanly County. I just kind of stop—I can’t even remember them all. But these are people who have come so that our police officers and firefighters can go home, can sleep, can take care of their families and their homes. And I don’t know that they know how long they’re going to stay. But again, just the willingness of people to just get up and go to where they’re needed is very powerful. And then I also want to say thank you—sort of moving to this chamber now—thanks to the staff, the legislative staff, and, Senator Berger, your staff, for working on this bill. I’ve been lighting up everybody’s email with all the needs that I’m hearing from my community about things that we need to do. They’re not all in this bill. They can’t all be in this bill. But, hopefully, we will be able to address them going forward. One of the other things that I cherish about this experience is the outpouring that I have received from people in this chamber. Certainly a lot of people I expected to hear from, people in my own caucus, people I’m very good friends with. I really appreciate that. What I did not expect were the first two people to reach out to me are people who are not in my caucus, but who have lived through this multiple times. And they reached out to me very first thing Friday morning and reached out to me almost every day for the first week. Helped me figure out what my role was going to be, answered any questions I have, continuously offered help, and I am so grateful to those folks. Also very grateful for Senator Berger and Senator Rabon coming up to visit and allowing me to tag along so I could see. We went up to see Senator Hise. I had not been out of Asheville in a week, and so that was wonderful. I really appreciate the ability to join you there. Again, I have gotten so many phone calls, so many texts, so many emails from so many of you, and you have sent supplies, you have sent donations, and I just feel very wrapped in the arms of all of you in this chamber. And I am grateful to be here and be your colleague. Thank you.”

SENATOR DANIEL: “I don’t know if I’m the last western senator or not, but I do want to remind Senator Corbin that for the Blue Ridge Parkway to get to his district—and to Ralph’s—it has to go across mine and Senator Mayfield’s. It’s really hard to know where to begin with the emotions we’ve all felt in this event. You know, you can go down one road, and you wonder, like, this community will never be rebuilt or where do you even start? Churches that have been—I saw a church that had been in Swannanoa for a hundred and thirty years. And its, you know, part of the building is still there, but I don’t know if they’ll ever be able to rebuild it. It’s been inspiring to see, as some other members have mentioned, how the community came together. In fact, they’re—just the efforts of road clearing, getting to people who were isolated just by the community members on their four-wheelers and by foot, on mule, whatever, you’ve seen some of the videos, and

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social media has been remarkable. I can't imagine the loss of life that would have happened if those community members hadn't of just acted immediately like mountain people are want to do. I do want to thank—I think it should be said that I'm thankful to the states who have sent us rescue teams, and just the ones that I've seen from other states were Maryland, Nebraska, Florida, Los Angeles, Pennsylvania, Chicago. I've met with emergency managers from Massachusetts. Operation Airdrop, of course, has been located at two or three of our airports in North Carolina and has had private pilots from who knows where coming here to do risky missions all across the mountains at their own expense. So, mostly, I just want to, also, thank all of you who have reached out. You've offered us assistance. I'm sure all of us are getting those calls and texts that are sometimes frustrating because somebody'll say, 'I've got four tractor trailers that are going to leave in ten minutes, where do you want them to go?' We just wish you'd give us a little more notice so we can help you get to the right places. But we thank you for all convening to work on this bill. I'm a lot more appreciative and understanding now of what our Eastern North Carolina colleagues have gone through on multiple occasions through various hurricanes, and usually we just get a little bit of the after-effects, and we have a bridge or two washed out here and there, but this time it really came our way. So, I want to thank you for just being with us and praying for us and for being part of our team. North Carolina is a strong state, and we'll be stronger after this."

SENATOR MOFFITT: "I am the last senator from the western part of the state, Senator Daniel. The last twelve days have all run together. The amount of emotions that you go through in these types of rollercoaster rides are incredible to experience. I'd like to start off offering an apology simply because I had no idea what my friends on the coast experience with a measure of frequency that we don't experience in the mountains. When—after the storm, after the landslides, I was trapped on my property. I didn't have a vehicle. I made it to Raleigh to be able to stage so I could make it back to the district, and when I was leaving the mountains, it was a surreal experience. I mean, bridges were out. No telecommunications. No power. No anything. And when I got to Raleigh, it was equally as surreal in its normalcy. People were going about their lives as if nothing was going on anywhere else in the state. And I can't tell you how many times I have lived that same life in the mountains while those of you that live on the coast have experienced such, such devastation and life altering outcomes that these storms bring. So, from the bottom of my heart, I apologize for not knowing that and it'll never be forgotten. I do have a list that I'd like to work through very quickly. A lot of the things that I wanted to say have already been said by my colleagues. It's been a true honor to work with the western delegation. We've worked very closely together. We've coordinated. We have been our own support to one another. These, each one of us, have stories, we all have personal stories, but the stories that we are more focused on are the stories of the people that we represent. So, I'd like to first thank God for his hand in this because every day there are situations that without God would have not been possible. And I don't want to forget the role that God has in my life and that divine providence. And as tragic as it was, and as questioning as your heart may be at times, it actually makes

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your faith stronger. And what makes your faith stronger are the people that are in your life and the people that you experience in a tragedy like this. Second, I'd like to thank my wife, Dina. Dina has been a rock of support for me. She has, as most of you know, she's my Legislative Assistant, and she has been a source of communication for folks when I could not be that source of communication. She has done everything from preparing meals for people to coordinating getting cleanup crews to people's homes to making sure that I'm supposed to be where I'm supposed to be. And, honestly, Senator Hise had mentioned, getting from point A to point B is not an easy task. Trips that usually would take twenty minutes are now an hour and a half. But we have to be in those places. I'd like to thank my sons. We have five sons, but Jesse and Alex are in the mountains. So, I'd like to thank them. They've been a true source of support, and they have allowed me to deploy them and for the first time in their life do what I asked them to do. And they've done it without question, so I'd like to thank them. Then my Senate family. You never know what people feel about you. And I'm from the mountains. I dig in. I'm self-reliant. I have broad shoulders—it's because I'm athletic. But in a situation like this, it's a little much. It's a little much. Without a vehicle—Senator Jim Perry provided me a vehicle. When I picked up that vehicle, it had generators in it from Senator Lazzara. No pizza, but generators. He and I are still working on that. Danny Britt, when I grow up, I want to be Danny Britt. And although I'm quite a bit older than him, he has been a vital source of support. We have probably spoken more in one day than we have spoken in the entire time we've known each other. And anything that I needed, I could rely on Danny. I could rely on Michael. I could rely on Jim Perry. Warren was in the thick of it, and when there was something that I could not get accomplished, then I would just text Warren. It's funny, we could text, but we couldn't talk. So, texting became the way we were communicating. So, I would text Warren, and Warren would make it happen. The outpouring of support that we received from our Senate family has not gone unnoticed and will never be forgotten. Senator Rabon, thank you. You've been through it, and you've brought things to my attention that I wasn't thinking about. A lot of times, you think about the big things, but the little things come from your experience. And those things have been invaluable. Senator Berger, thank you for bringing us back. And as Senator Hise mentioned, thank you all of you that made this unexpected trip to Raleigh, because we weren't expecting to be here, but thank you for making yourself available and being here to vote on this very important conference report today. I'd like to thank my seatmate, who's not here, Bobby Hanig, but he did drive all the way from Corolla to the mountains to lend a hand. So, I can't thank him enough for doing that. Senator Lee, thank you for checking on me. Senator Sawyer, you made the trip up. You worked in our warehouse. You've been a great inspiration. I'm sure there's others that have checked in on me and have participated in what we've been experiencing the last couple of weeks, and if I have omitted you, I apologize. Benton Sawrey, Senator Sawrey, thank you. Senator Newton, I appreciate the words that we've shared in our conversations. Now I want to turn my focus to my district. I have the distinct honor of representing Senate District 48: Rutherford, Polk, and Henderson counties. They were dramatically impacted by this storm. For those of you that have seen the pictures of Chimney Rock and Lake Lure, I

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live up above Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. And the grocery store that I frequented, I would actually go down 74 through Chimney Rock and Lake Lure and actually go to that grocery store. That entire area was decimated. It's gone, and it's hard to put that into words. But what's encouraging is, after a storm like this—and I think, I'll digress just for a moment, I think that we probably have unfair expectations of government. And I think that we need to be—we need to understand that. Because after this storm you're sitting there with no power, no cellular communications, the transportation system is gone, water and sewer is gone. You are alone. And you're alone for days. In the mountains that's—we can handle that for a few days. I think 72 hours is what they recommend, but I'm changing that to a week to 10 days, which probably is a wiser path forward. But you recognize that you're alone, so who are you going to rely on? Well, up in the mountains, the good old boys and the rednecks just like me, they're the first wave of first responders. With the chainsaws and with the four-wheelers, and they're out in the hills and the hollers, and they're checking on their neighbors. Then the ones that have the skid steers and the miniature track hoes, they deploy themselves and they get out there and they start working with their neighbors. And this is all while our first responders, our volunteer fire departments, our sheriffs' departments are really trying to assess the scope of the need and how they're going to deploy their assets in order to best serve our citizens. It's the faith community. Our churches rose to the occasion. We have multiple churches in the three counties that I represent that are active places for people to gather for food, for comfort, for supplies. So, all of this is going on while the bigger picture is starting to come together. So, heartfelt gratitude for all of our unofficial first responders, and thank you for being there. Our sheriffs and our deputies, they did a great job. Our volunteer fire departments, they did a great job, and they're still doing a great job. And we're doing our best to relieve them with volunteers from other parts of the state and other parts of the nation. It's interesting—and Senator Mayfield mentioned it—how many different states are represented in that particular zone right now. I have met people from Michigan, from Indiana, of course from Florida, but they've pulled out and they've headed back to Florida. But just throughout the Southeast, amazing people that came on their own time and their own dime just to lend a hand. That is so encouraging because as a nation we lose sight of who we really are a lot of the times. We end up bickering about things that are not important. This is important. This is when we come together. This is when we are one. This is when we really get down to who we are as people, and it really shows. So, I cannot have more gratitude in my heart for all the people that came to our mountains to assist us with this tragedy that we're currently experiencing. When it comes to the state, I will tell you that the State Highway Patrol has done a fantastic job. Great men and women have done a great job, really helping keep some sense of fluidity to a very difficult way to manage traffic and situations and people coming to really look to see how bad it is. It's very difficult to discern who's there and who should not be there, but they've done a great job. National Guard. I cannot have more glowing remarks for any organization more than I have for the National Guard. I've learned a lot about the National Guard through Danny, Senator Britt. He's taught me a language I really didn't understand. I still don't really understand it, so I rely on him to translate. He's

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been the person that has worked with me closest on that, but these young men and women come into this terrible situation professional, capable, willing to be there, wanting to be there, wanting to serve, and they have been a true backbone in a lot of this effort that we're—to this recovery in the mountains. NCDOT. Joey Hopkins has done a fantastic job. High marks. They have been there. They have been boots on the ground. They have moved through all the red tape, ignored the red tape in order to get things, vital roadways, open. So, a lot of gratitude for DOT. I know we complain a lot. We often say that DOT is the fourth branch of government. They probably still are, but they have done a great job for us in the mountains, and I cannot give higher marks than possible for Joey. The Department of Health and Human Services. Kody Kinsley. Kody Kinsley has a history working in the Treasury Department. I really didn't know that. But now he's in charge of the people that we treasure and making sure that they get the care that they need on a timely basis. I have a brother that's in a group home, and Kody has been a point of contact for me to make sure that they're getting everything that they need. And I can go on, but this event has changed the lives of those of us in the mountains forever. And when we hear about the flood of 1916 and how tragic that was, I can't help but also think that the outcome is the same. It's 108 years later, but on the other end of that storm they had no power. They certainly didn't have cellular communications. They had no roads. They had no water. They had no sewer. So, a century has gone by, similar type storm, little more catastrophic than that one, and we're starting over. It's a new day. Our faith is strong. Our people are strong. The folks that are interested in our mountains that want to continue to come in, they still want to be there. We want you. It re-instills your faith in people. Because when you're in politics, it's very easy to lose faith in people. And in this type of situation, all that is gone, and we are who we are. And thank you, everybody. And with a tremendous amount of love from the mountains to everyone that is helping us out in this crisis. And with that, Mr. President, I conclude my remarks."

Upon motion of Senator Lee, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (48-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.J.R. 919, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE SESSION RECONVENED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2024-2 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-2, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Johnson, the words spoken by Senator Alexander are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

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SENATOR ALEXANDER: “I represent the counties that were in the 25-county disaster areas, three of those counties. And I did not feel like I should be speaking during the other period, because while the county, our counties suffered, we did not suffer anything like the devastation that occurred in those other counties. But I rise today to tell you from my perspective and watching what was going on throughout North Carolina and these counties particularly, I also saw a renewal of faith in humanity on the part of all the people who are in North Carolina, and what I saw going on in one little airport in Lincoln County. There was a reference to Operation Airdrop in some of the counties. I believe Statesville had airplanes going. I believe Rutherford County did, and Hickory. But the little airport in Lincolnton, a small group of women, on one day, started what became an enormous airdrop of helicopters, planes, and trucks to these areas. And people came from all over, not only the region, but from North Carolina, from Virginia, from Florida, from Mount Airy, from other places all over the place, to bring the needed supplies and the things that were getting specifically requested for. How they did it, I have no idea. They worked off of two whiteboards. They sent up over 404 flights delivering, in the course of a week, in seven days, 853,000 pounds of stuff. Materials. That’s about 425 tons that went out from that little airport. The woman’s name, who started it, was Chelsea Radke, and she enlisted some people that she knew, Shannon Tomasetti, Amber McFetters. Our county commissioners in Lincoln County jumped right in. Gave every bit of support they could. Bud Cesena, Cathy Davis, Jamie Lineberger, and our sheriff, God bless him, Bill Beam. What a man. They all got in there, along with our representative, our new representative, from Lincoln County, Heather Rhyne. And I’ve never seen, I’ve never seen—I’ve seen a lot of stuff, a lot of disaster relief type things I’ve been involved with in the past. During Katrina, our town of Shelby adopted the town down in Mississippi. I’ve never seen, and I’m proud to say this, I have never seen such an outpouring of love for fellow humans, fellow man, and just the desire to be of help. People would call up and say, ‘What do I need to do? What can I do?’ There were over 100 people. They had so many people coming to volunteer, they finally had to just put a hold on it, and tell them, ‘Come in shifts.’ It was just one of the most amazing things I’ve ever seen. And I just think that those kinds of things, despite the devastation that we’ve seen and the heartache that we’ve seen throughout our State of North Carolina, this to me, again, as Senator Moffitt alluded to, it increases your faith in God and increases your faith in man. And what we can do. It’s a testament to the goodness of the people of North Carolina and to the ingenuity that they have and to the perseverance that they have. These are our neighbors, our friends to the west, and we wanted to do something to help. And so, hearts and prayers continue to go out to those people, our neighbors in the west. Again, we got things—we were inconvenienced, they were devastated. And I just want to say how proud I am, and I know this happened not only in Lincoln County, but this happened all over this state. I know this. And I think we should all be proud of the fact that we’re North Carolinians. God bless North Carolina. And God bless the U.S.A. Thank you.”

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Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 3:03 p.m., in accordance with S.J.R. 919, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, October 24, at 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 9, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Roy Cooper on September 17, 2024, John M. Blust has been administered the oath of office as a Member of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2023-2024 General Assembly. Representative Blust has been seated to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative John Faircloth from the 62nd District.

Pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Roy Cooper on September 24, 2024, Robert T. "Bobby" Drakeford has been administered the oath of office as a Member of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2023-2024 General Assembly. Representative Drakeford has been seated to fill the vacancy created by the death of Representative Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. from the 107th District.

Pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Roy Cooper on September 24, 2024, Blair Eddins has been administered the oath of office as a Member of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2023-2024 General Assembly. Representative Eddins has been seated to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Jeffrey Elmore from the 94th District.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

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It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 10 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on September 20, 2024, and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 290.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 9, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the second report of the Conferees on **H.B. 149** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

ENROLLED BILL AND RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 149, AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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S.J.R. 919, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE SESSION RECONVENED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2024-2 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-2. (Res. 2024-5)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, October 24, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Warren Daniel, Senator from Burke County, as follows:

"Heavenly Father, we come to you with troubled hearts, lifting up all those affected by Hurricane Helene. Lord, we acknowledge that you are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble. We ask that you bring comfort to those who are hurting, grieving, or displaced by the storm. Be near to the brokenhearted and to those whose lives have been shattered in its wake. Lord, we ask for your protection over those still in danger. And for wisdom and strength for the first responders and aid workers as they bring help and relief. Surround those who have lost homes, loved ones, jobs, and security with your peace, providing for every need in this difficult time. In the midst of the chaos, Holy Spirit, remind each of us of your presence. Let all those who have been affected by the storm feel your loving arms around them, giving them hope and strength to rebuild and recover. May your light shine through this darkness and bring healing and restoration. Today as the members of this Senate body consider how to best meet the many needs in Western North Carolina, please give us the wisdom to use our limited resources in a way that will provide a solid beginning to this long recovery. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, October 9, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Blue and Senator Meyer.

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CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills being sent to the Governor and the House of Representatives today will be sent by special message.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 743 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS BROADBAND CHANGES AND TO DIRECT CERTAIN GRANT FUNDS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 27.

Pursuant to Rule 47(a), Senator Rabon offers a motion that the House Committee Substitute bill be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 743 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS BROADBAND CHANGES AND TO DIRECT CERTAIN GRANT FUNDS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, for concurrence in House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-47) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

APPOINTMENTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 743 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS BROADBAND CHANGES AND TO DIRECT CERTAIN GRANT FUNDS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 743 on October 24, Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces the President *Pro Tempore's* appointment of Senator Jackson, Chair; Senator Hise, Senator Lee and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

S.B. 132 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT.

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Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 132 on September 20, 2023, Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces the President *Pro Tempore*'s appointment of Senator Hise, Chair; Senator P. Newton, Senator Daniel, Senator Moffitt and Senator Hanig as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 12:57 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 1:35 p.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 24, 2024

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 743 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS BROADBAND CHANGES AND TO DIRECT CERTAIN GRANT FUNDS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Bell, Chair
Representative Gillespie
Representative Pless

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 24, 2024

Mr. President:

October 24, 2024

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 132 House Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative D. Hall, Chair
Representative Stevens
Representative Balkcom

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Jackson, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 743** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS BROADBAND CHANGES AND TO DIRECT CERTAIN GRANT FUNDS TO THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S743-PCCS25004-MC-8.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **S.B. 743** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Bode and Senator Johnson. Senator Berger offers a motion that Senator Johnson also be granted a leave of absence for the vote taken earlier on S.B. 743, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report for **S.B. 743** is placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

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CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 743 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Lee, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (46-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Moffitt, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 132** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S132-PCCS15476-ST-7.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title, **S.B. 132** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE OR AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF EARLY VOTING SITES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 132 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE OR AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF EARLY VOTING SITES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (46-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Salvador, the words spoken by Senator Daniel are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR DANIEL: "Members, Mr. President, I just want to remember someone today, Battalion Chief Tony Garrison. He was the Battalion Chief at Fairview Fire Department and a volunteer fireman at Garren Creek Fire Department, places that you've heard about. He passed away in the line of duty during a rescue attempt on the morning of Friday, September 27. I'm told that since Tony was a young child, he wanted to be a fireman; and that is what he was

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his entire life. Running into a burning house, running to help others in need, that was Tony. Yesterday he was honored by his family and the community as he was laid to rest. Scripture says, 'Greater love has no one than this, that a person would lay down his life for his friends.' So, our prayers are with the family and the community, and, Mr. President, if possible, I would ask that we adjourn today in honor and in memory of Battalion Chief Tony Garrison."

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 2:52 p.m., in honor and in memory of Battalion Chief Tony Garrison, in accordance with Res. 2024-2 as amended by Res. 2024-5, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, November 19, at 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 24, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 743 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 743 on Thursday, October 24, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 24, 2024

Mr. President:

October 24, 2024

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 132 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE OR AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF EARLY VOTING SITES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 132 on Thursday, October 24, the bill is ordered enrolled.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 743, AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 132, AN ACT TO REQUIRE OR AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF EARLY VOTING SITES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 149, AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, October 10, 2024 - S.L. 2024-51)

S.B. 132, AN ACT TO REQUIRE OR AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF EARLY VOTING SITES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION. (Became law upon ratification, October 24, 2024 - S.L. 2024-52)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, November 19, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you have given us. Thank you for your love and your mercy today and every day. We pray that you’ll help us, guide us, and direct us this week as we do business for the people of this great state. We thank you for everything. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, October 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 12:05 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, November 20, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

March 13, 2023

The Honorable Phil Berger
President *Pro Tempore*
16 W. Jones Street, Rm. 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Tim Moore
Speaker of the House
16 W. Jones Street, Rm. 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601

Re: Appointment of Director of the Division of Health Benefits, North Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services

November 19, 2024

Dear Senator Berger and Representative Moore,

Consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-216.85, this letter serves as formal notice of the Governor's appointment of Mr. Jay Ludlam as Director of the Division of Health Benefits, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

I appreciate your swift confirmation of Mr. Ludlam's appointment, via joint resolution of your chambers as provided for in the above-referenced statute.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Dan Blue
The Honorable Robert Reives

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

April 27, 2023

The Hon. Phil Berger
President *Pro Tempore*
North Carolina Senate
16 W. Jones St., Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Hon. Tim Moore
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
16 W. Jones St., Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Senator Berger and Speaker Moore:

Consistent with N.C.G.S. § 143B-926, this letter serves as formal notice that effective July 1, 2023, R.E. "Chip" Hawley has been appointed to serve as Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, as announced on April 27, 2023.

November 19, 2024

Director Hawley is prepared for his confirmation hearings and appreciates the due consideration he will receive in the General Assembly.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,
S/ Roy Cooper

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

September 17, 2024

The Hon. Phil Berger
President *Pro Tempore*
North Carolina Senate
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Sen. Berger:

Consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-9(a), this letter serves as formal notice that Mary Penny Kelley has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality, as announced on September 12, 2024. Secretary Kelley is prepared for confirmation hearings and appreciates the due consideration she will receive in the Senate.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,
S/ Roy Cooper

REMOVAL AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, hereby removes Senator Perry, Chair, from the conference committee appointed on June 22, 2023, on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 382** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, and appoints Senator Hise, Chair, as a new conferee. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

November 19, 2024

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
November 19, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 445 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO MODIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY EJECTMENTS AND OTHER SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
November 19, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 10 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

November 19, 2024

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 10, "An Act to Require Compliance With Immigration Detainers and Administrative Warrants; To Require Certain Reports From Local Law Enforcement; And to Make Various Changes in the Budget Operations of the State."

This bill takes public taxpayer dollars from public schools and gives it to private school vouchers that will be used by wealthy families. Studies show that private school vouchers do not improve student performance, but we won't know with North Carolina's voucher scheme because it has the least accountability in the country. All public schools will be hurt by the legislature wasting its planned \$4 billion of the public's money over the next decade with rural public schools being hurt the worst. This money should be used to improve our public schools by raising teacher pay and investing in public school students.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 20th day of September 2024, at 12:55 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, November 20, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
November 19, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that conferees for **S.B. 382 House Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, have been dismissed and new conferees have been appointed. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative B. Jones, Chair and
Representative Lambeth

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

November 19, 2024

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 1078, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, November 20.

H.J.R. 1079, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ROGER E. "CHIP" HAWLEY AS DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

The Joint Resolution is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, November 20.

H.J.R. 1081, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE SESSION RECONVENED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2024-2 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-2, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2024-5.

The Joint Resolution is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, November 20.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Hise, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 382** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S382-PCCS25006-TC-8.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 382** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on the calendar of Wednesday, November 20, for adoption.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

November 19, 2024

H.J.R. 1080, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAY LUDLAM AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The Joint Resolution is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, November 20.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 743, AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2024. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, October 25, 2024 - S.L. 2024-53)

S.B. 445, AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO MODIFY VARIOUS PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY EJECTMENTS AND OTHER SMALL CLAIMS MATTERS, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, November 19, 2024 - S.L. 2024-54)

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

November 20, 2024

House of Representatives
November 19, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 382 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Kevin Corbin, Senator from Macon County, as follows:

“God our Father, Lord of all the nation and our state, we thank you, Lord, for this nation. We thank you for this great state of North Carolina and its many people. We thank you for our majestic mountains and beautiful valleys. God, may all whom we have been given authority and government be blessed with your wisdom. Guide these leaders of our state to do what is right and good and just in your sight. Fill each of them with genuine concern for all the good of all Americans and all North Carolinians. Bless our state, dear Lord. Keep us strong. Keep us upright. Keep us true. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, November 19, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for today to Senator Hunt.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills being sent to the Governor today will be sent by special message.

November 20, 2024

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 10** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the beginning of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills and resolutions on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 10 (Ratified), AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Lee offers a motion that H.B. 10 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 10 becomes law at 2:44 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 1078, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (38-11) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

H.J.R. 1079, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ROGER E. "CHIP" HAWLEY AS DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

November 20, 2024

H.J.R. 1080, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAY LUDLAM AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

H.J.R. 1081, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE SESSION RECONVENED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2024-2 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-2, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2024-5, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (48-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

S.B. 382 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW, for adoption.

Senator Hise offers a motion to adopt the Conference Report.

The Senate recesses at 3:20 p.m., with Senator Hise's motion pending, to reconvene at 3:30 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 382 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (30-19).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action. Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on November 20 that the House has adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 382, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

November 20, 2024

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Woodard, the words spoken by Senator Krawiec are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR KRAWIEC: “Many times, in this chamber, I’ve said that once Senator Hise speaks, there’s nothing left to be said. As usual, Senator Hise, I feel that way again, but I do want to—it’s going to be quick—tell you all goodbye. And I’m going to miss you more than you can imagine. It has been the pleasure of my life. Never did this poor, little girl—born in a cotton field in South Carolina, in a shanty that had walls so thin you could overhear sign language—never did I think I would sit in this chamber with all of you, but I’m here. My husband and I were talking a couple of days ago about my retiring, and I said, ‘Did you ever think in your wildest dreams that you would be married to a North Carolina Senator?’ And he said, ‘Honey, I hate to tell you, but you’re not in my wildest dreams.’ That hurt. That really hurt. But I do want to let all of you know, you have become part of my family. You are very dear to me, every one of you. I want to say that I think this is the best body of senators in all of the United States. I’m positive that it is. We have the best staff in the entire country. I am so proud of all of our staff, and I have enjoyed working with them tremendously. It’s been a real honor. But I can tell you that I will come back to visit. I promise you that. I will miss you all more than you will know, and I hope y’all will miss me. You met my successor earlier. She’s going to be an awesome addition to you. Y’all are going to be glad I’m gone once she gets here. She’s a special person, and I’m honored that she is coming in to take this seat. But thank you all so much for your friendship, for working with me on so many things. And I am so proud of the work that we have done in this chamber over the last 13, 14 years. It has been amazing, truly amazing. We have done things that nobody thought were possible; we paid off huge debts, had a rainy-day fund that we thought was going to be sufficient. We figured we were safe for a long time. Now we know we’re not. But you guys will figure that out, and you will do the right thing. But thank you all so much for being my friend. I’m going to miss every one of you. I’ll think about you often, and I hope that you will think of me often, but I will come back to visit, and I will see you all. Thank you very much.”

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 4:28 p.m., in accordance with Res. 2024-2, as amended by Res. 2024-5 and H.J.R. 1081, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, December 2, at 12:00 p.m.

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

November 20, 2024

S.B. 382, AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 1078, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolutions duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.J.R. 1079, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ROGER E. "CHIP" HAWLEY AS DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. (Res. 2024-6)

H.J.R. 1080, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAY LUDLAM AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Res. 2024-7)

H.J.R. 1081, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE SESSION RECONVENED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2024-2 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 2024-2, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2024-5. (Res. 2024-8)

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 10, AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, November 20, 2024 - S.L. 2024-55)

H.B. 1078, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS. (Became law upon ratification, November 20, 2024 - S.L. 2024-56)

November 20, 2024

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER

Senator Joyce Krawiec of Senate District 31 submitted her letter of resignation on November 20, 2024, to be effective November 21, 2024.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, December 2, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Mary Wills Bode, Senator from Granville County, as follows:

“‘Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.’ Amen.”

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, November 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for today to Senator Hunt.

SEATING OF THE HONORABLE DANA JONES

The Chair recognizes Senator Hise, who announces the appointment of Senator Barnes, Senator Blue, Senator Galey, Senator Lowe, and Senator P. Newton as the escort committee for the seating of The Honorable Dana Jones.

The Chair instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the chamber doors and directs the escort committee to lead The Honorable Dana Jones to the well of the Senate.

The Chair instructs the clerk to read the Proclamation from the Governor appointing Dana Jones, as follows:

December 2, 2024

THE APPOINTMENT OF DANA CAUDILL JONES

2023-2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Senator Joyce Krawiec, elected Senator from State Senate District 31, 2023-2024 General Assembly, resigned on November 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-11 require that the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Joyce Krawiec be filled by appointment of the person recommended by the Executive Committee of the Republican party for State Senate District 31; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate District 31 Committee of the Republican Party has notified me that its members recommend Dana Caudill Jones of Forsyth County, North Carolina, to fill the unexpired term;

I do, by these presents appoint,

DANA CAUDILL JONES

as a member of the

NORTH CAROLINA SENATE

2023-2024 General Assembly

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this twenty-fifth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
S/ Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

Senator Jones was administered the oath of office on November 29, 2024. She is escorted to seat number eight, and the House of Representatives is notified.

December 2, 2024

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Murdock submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE BETA PHI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.**”

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.J.R. 151, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, with a favorable report.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

A vetoed bill, together with the Governor’s objections and veto message, was returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate, as follows:

GOVERNOR’S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 382, “An Act to Make Modifications to and Provide Additional Appropriations for Disaster Recovery; To Make Technical, Clarifying, and Other Modifications to the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023; And to Make Various Changes to the Law.”

This legislation is a sham. It does not send money to Western North Carolina but merely shuffles money from one fund to another in Raleigh. This legislation was titled disaster relief but instead violates the constitution by taking appointments away from the next Governor for the Board of Elections, Utilities Commission and Commander of the NC Highway Patrol, letting political parties choose appellate judges and interfering with the Attorney General’s ability to advocate for lower electric bills for consumers. Instead of giving small business grants to disaster counties it strikes a cruel blow by blocking the extension of better unemployment benefits for people who have lost jobs because of natural disasters. Finally, it plays politics by taking away two judges elected by the people and adding two judges appointed by the legislature, taking away authority from the Lieutenant Governor and the Superintendent of Public Instruction and more.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

December 2, 2024

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 26th day of November 2024, at 10:27 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the following bills be placed on today's calendar and that they appear in the following order. The motion prevails, without objection, and the Chair so orders:

S.B. 382 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

S.B. 921, filed for introduction earlier today.

S.B. 920, filed for introduction earlier today.

H.J.R. 151, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Berger, Rabon, and P. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 920, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT.

The bill is placed on today's calendar.

By Senators Hise, Daniel, and P. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 921, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON.

The bill is placed on today's calendar.

December 2, 2024

CALENDAR

Bills and a resolution on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 382 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Hise offers a motion that S.B. 382 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 12:26 p.m., with Senator Hise's motion pending, to reconvene at 12:36 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson.

CALENDAR (*continued*)

S.B. 382 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Hise's motion that S.B. 382 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 921, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON, upon second reading.

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The bill passes its second reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---19.

Without objection, the bill is read a third time and passes its third reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---19.

The bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 920, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM TAX RATE ON INCOMES CANNOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---19.

Without objection, the bill is read a third time and passes its third reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---19.

The bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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H.J.R. 151, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (29-20) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading (29-20) and is ordered enrolled.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Grafstein, the words spoken by the following senators are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR MARCUS: “This is likely my last time in this chamber as a member of the North Carolina Senate, so I wanted to take a few minutes to reflect and to publicly thank some people. A lot has changed in my personal life during the six years since I first took my seat here. Both of my daughters graduated college, started careers. One has gotten married and is even now expecting her first child. I have had three fantastic legislative assistants. I want to mention them by name because they never get enough credit: Melanie Zimmerman, Jessica Bolin, and, now, Sarah Reynolds. Thank you all for your help. It has been a long time to serve in a job that is two and a half hours from home for—what—less than fourteen thousand dollars a year I think is the current salary. But it’s also been very important work, and I have been proud to work with my Democratic colleagues here to prepare our opposition to some of what I felt were the worst things that we had to face. I know for me the hardest day I’ve had in this job was the day it became clear that this body was going to pass that abortion ban, and that I was powerless to stop the—I could not protect the rights of my daughters and my constituents, who I felt needed my protection. That was a hard day. But we’ve had good days too. Proud when we could uphold the Governor’s veto when we were twenty-one strong. And to finally pass Medicaid, that was a good day. I am really proud to have worked on important priorities—important for me and for my constituents, the people who sent me here—reproductive freedom, public education, fair elections, clean air and water, and the rights of LGBTQ people. It has been an honor to be the person elected by the more than two hundred and twelve thousand people of Senate District 41—to be their advocate, not just once but three times. And as I drive to Raleigh and back so often, I remind myself that it has been such an honor to be one of only fifty people in the whole state who are able to sit in this chamber and to have a voice in our state, in our direction. I’m not gonna lie, it’s been hard to be in the minority—little to no notice about the schedule and what bills are going to be heard. No opportunity to debate the bills that I have filed that I think deserve debate. No opportunity to have appropriations for my district. Not even to study the high rate of ocular melanoma in the Lake Norman area in my district. That’s been frustrating. It’s frustrating that things seem to be so partisan based. Everything is about partisan advantage. And one of the hardest things to deal with, is being told by several powerful members of this body that I should smile more, I should speak less, I should be more agreeable,

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just go along, and not to criticize the bills so very much. But I chose not to take that advice. I chose instead to do my job. I think I did it professionally and respectfully, and I spoke up for not only what I believe, but what I believe my constituents sent me here to do. Sometimes those are voices that you don't want to hear, but I think you need to hear them. And I hope that I have—by doing what I've done—encouraged others to speak up as well. My reward for being that kind of legislator, who dared to not take your advice and remain quiet, was that you carved up my district into three sections. And you moved my house into a different district. One that is unwinnable by a Democrat. So, I'm out. I'm packing up my office this week, and I'll be gone soon. But it's okay. And I take it as a badge of honor that you see me as that kind of a threat. That you don't want the criticism and have to send me home. So, I'll wear that badge of honor proudly. And I know that there are more fierce advocates still here, who will speak up, and there are more coming in behind me. And they won't be silenced either. They're going to continue this fight without me, and they're going to continue to fight for what's right. You can't gerrymander all of us out of here. And you cannot stop the slow, certain progress that we know is going to come for equality and justice for all."

SENATOR BODE: "As I stand here today for the final days of my term as Senator for northern Wake and Granville Counties, I'd simply like to say thank you. Thank you to the people of the best Senate district in North Carolina, Senate District 18. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve you. Thank you to my family, particularly my parents, John and Lucy Bode. Everything I have done right has been because of you and the example you have set for me. Your guidance, support, love, and trust have meant the world to me. Thank you for believing in me every step of the way. To my wonderful fiancé, Landon, thank you for your constant encouragement and unconditional love. You have been incredible throughout this whole journey, and I can't wait to see what the future has in store for us. To my amazing Legislative Assistant, Coleen Miller, who is the most steadfast and loyal partner in all things and whose heart of gold for service knows no bounds, I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to the staff and Sergeant-at-Arms for keeping this place running smoothly and efficiently each and every day. And now to each and every one of you. My caucus members and our leadership, I am so grateful for each and every one of you. It has been a privilege to work alongside you. To fight righteous fights and champion important causes on behalf of our constituents and this state of North Carolina. To my Republican colleagues, we don't always agree on the issues, but we can all agree that we love our state and its people. A particular thank you to Senator Settle for being the best seatmate and friend for this blue bird in a sea of cardinals. As I say my goodbye to this unforgettable chapter, please know I am eternally grateful to each and every one of you and wish you all the very best in all of your future endeavors. Thank you."

Upon motion of Senator Lowe, the words spoken by the following senators are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

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SENATOR MURDOCK: “I know I will be keeping up with all of my colleagues, but I’m sad to see Mary Wills, Senator Marcus, and my colleague Senator Mike Woodard—when I first broke into politics, it was through transportation, of all things; and we all know how well-versed he is in transportation. And so, I was a little bit of a thorn in his side—trekking up here, talking with him. Folks who have been serving for some time will remember, there was a huge transportation project we were working on for Durham and Orange County. We were working our way to get support in the House and the Senate. And I think at the time, Senator Woodard was going from Durham City Council to Senate, and back then was always a wealth of knowledge. Countless amounts of stories and memories. I think the world of his wife, Sarah. Looking forward to popping up at a few worship services over there to see how you all are doing. But just echo the comments and sentiments of my colleague Senator Mayfield, you will be sorely missed. Just from transportation issues, from environmental. I was a Soil and Water Supervisor before becoming a senator, so his leadership in the agriculture space with Senator Jackson, being able to work in a bi-partisan manner on a number of farm bills, he has done phenomenal work that we will still lean on to say this is how it’s done. The work we’ve done that he did in the energy space with Senator Newton with that bi-partisan legislation, that impact will be felt. So, North Carolinians across the entire state will continue to benefit from the work that you’ve done for over a decade of service. And, please still know, we very much still love you in Durham. You’re still stuck with us. And we look forward to seeing what comes next. I have no doubts you will continue to provide amazing services to so many folks right here in North Carolina. We just thank you again for the phenomenal service you provided not only to Durham County, but to the people of North Carolina.”

SENATOR CHAUDHURI: “I, too, want to extend my gratitude in service to Senator Bode and to Senator Marcus. And, also, I have a few remarks to make about my friend and legislative colleague Senator Mike Woodard. We have heard a number of these things said about Senator Woodard already, but there are three things that I have learned about Senator Woodard that I think will make him deeply missed in this chamber. One is his complete mastery and knowledge of North Carolina politics. When Senator Woodard was a student at Duke University, he got to know then-President Terry Sanford. Make sure to ask him about some of the mementos and research papers that Governor Sanford gave to Mike Woodard when he was a young student. He can point out to you where certain senators, I guess when Democrats were in power, used to sit and can certainly regale you with stories of when Martin Nesbitt was leader here in the chamber. Second thing that I think that I’ve learned from Senator Woodard was really his ability to work across the aisle and just have a great sense of humor. I think all of us will always have fond memories of remembering Senator Woodard singing with Senator Tillman—our ‘Poncho’ and ‘Lefty.’ And I think that Senator Woodard carried on a tradition that I first experienced when Fletcher Hartsell and Stan Bingham used to come over and invite Democrats to come over and have dinner at the Chinese restaurant in downtown Raleigh. And, lastly, I think, as

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Senator Mayfield has mentioned, Mike is—Senator Woodard is known as a founder of the Night Owl Caucus. I guess there is a question of who will continue to chair the caucus. Often times, and unfortunately, sometimes caucus gatherings would begin in his office in room 406, that involved—well, I won't complete that sentence—it also involved eating pistachios, but then we'd move on to a restaurant. I always found it interesting that Senator Woodard seemed to know more about restaurants in my district and Leader Blue's district than I did myself. But I think, as it has been said, Senator Woodard is also blessed to be married to Sarah Woodard, and both of them have really given a life of public service back to our state. Senator Woodard, your wit, your knowledge of the legislative process, your knowledge of the history of North Carolina politics, and your ability to work across the aisle will make you deeply missed in this chamber. And we thank you for your service, and Sejal and I are proud to call you friends."

SENATOR MOHAMMED: "I don't think—at least, I can speak for myself—I know when I leave my family, I miss them a lot. Coming and being elected in 2018 to the North Carolina Senate, coming up to Raleigh—it was a very different place for me. Being up here and meeting new faces from different parts of the state. But the reality is, whether Republicans or Democrats, we do become family. As you will see, Senator. So, it's kind of a little sad to see good people go. I want to begin by recognizing my good friend Senator Mary Wills Bode. I want to thank her for her service. Her time with us here was a bit too brief in my opinion, but I want to thank her for her friendship and all the wonderful insights, she's provided me here in her first term. I think she's a very bright person, and she's going to be an even brighter star, hopefully in North Carolina politics. So, even though your departure is bittersweet, I wish you nothing but success, my friend, and a fulfilling path forward. To my friend and my fellow delegation colleague Senator Natasha Marcus. We came to the North Carolina Senate together as freshmen. Saddened to see you—Senator Marcus, you're right, and I think everyone knows, Republicans and Democrats, you have, in fact, been a very fierce and powerful voice in North Carolina. Whether you agree with Senator Marcus or disagree with her, I think that's important for our democracy. It's important to have voices. It's important to have checks and balances. And for Senator Marcus, I think she's done an incredible job of being a voice for countless North Carolinians that can't be in these committee rooms, that can't be in the North Carolina Senate. So, Senator Marcus, whether you're fighting for every day North Carolinians, protecting our democracy, or advocating for the policies that make every day North Carolinian families' lives better, I want to thank you for that. Thank you for your service, Senator Marcus. And thanks for being so fierce. Keep it up. And then, finally, to my friend, to my colleague, and my wonderful seatmate, Senator Mike Woodard. Mike, your service has not only been about passing laws or shaping policies, but it's been truly about making a real difference in the lives of not only your constituents, but countless people across this great state. Your work has left a lasting impact on our state, and, more importantly, your support and friendship has meant the world to me. Like you heard Senator Mayfield mention, you know, as an attorney, I think some of you guys might

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understand this, especially when you're a brand-new lawyer and you're having your first trial. It's important to have a good co-council that's sitting next to you, providing you some guidance, so you don't make those mistakes. So you can be effective. And I know, Mike, you're not a lawyer, and I'm thankful for that, but you have truly been a wonderful co-council to me in this chamber and in so many different committee rooms. And you have truly helped me be as effective as I can be in the North Carolina Senate. So, thank you for all your love, your friendship. I wish you and your family nothing but the best. And don't be a stranger. Thank you, Mike."

SENATOR ROBINSON: "I, too, join my colleagues in saying, we'll miss all of you that are leaving us, and hope that we'll be able to enjoy some of the triumphs you'll make in other parts of your life. And that you won't have to mourn or cry for us as well. But I certainly want to extend just a heartfelt appreciation for my colleague Senator Natasha Marcus, for her energy, her fight. Her legal knowledge has meant a lot to me. And sometimes even trying to groom and council, we became friends. And it is so important because it's important as younger women become leaders or as we become leaders that they're able to glean knowledge and understand systems and what works, but also have their input. And Natasha came in with that. She was able to share it, and some of you didn't like what she did, but she sure did it, and I loved it. And made a tremendous impact, not just for the General Assembly, but for women across this state and across the country. And for those people who are least of these, and that's important. That's so important. And I hope that you will continue to do that wherever you are. And, certainly, you haven't stopped. So, move on to the next level. And we'll miss you. Thank you, Mr. President."

SENATOR BLUE: "Mr. President, I guess to use one of my grandmother's terms, I want to cosign and ratify everything that you've heard my colleagues talk about our three departing members. They've been invaluable in our caucus. They've stirred up very moving and deep and provoking discussions. They will be sorely missed in their presence. But I'd like to also say farewell to another friend that I've known thirty plus years from back in the 1990s. And I was glad to see him when he showed up here in the Senate. He's sort of a quiet force, for those who don't know, but who's always thinking very deeply about a lot of issues, the issues that concern us. Sometimes issues that we agree on and don't agree on. But I think who has had a quiet presence around this place, that's made it a better place, and that's my good friend Dean Proctor."

SENATOR PROCTOR: "Just a few words of expressing my pleasure of serving in the Senate. I've met some wonderful colleagues. It's been an honor and a privilege. Something you'll always remember and cherish. I've always been a man of few words. I like to make actions more important than words. But I have a '57 Chevrolet that I'm going to ride off into the sunset with. So, that's a sort of a going away present from my wife. So, I'm going to miss you, but thank you for the experience and everything we've accomplished. Thank you."

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SENATOR WOODARD: “I just want to thank my colleagues for the kind words today and many of you for the well wishes that I have received in these last few months. It has been an incredible honor to serve with all of you with our staff here and to serve the people of North Carolina. And let me just close by saying, may God bless each and every one of you, and may God bless our state.”

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 1:34 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, December 5, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. And we thank you for your grace and love and mercy. We thank you for this time of year that we know that you sent your Son to die for our sins, and we thank you for that. We praise you for all that you do. Guide and direct us today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hanig announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, December 2, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.J.R. 151, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. (Res. 2024-9)

Upon motion of Senator Hanig, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 11:06 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, December 9, at 3:00 p.m.

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ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, December 9, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable W. Ted Alexander, Senator from Cleveland County, as follows:

“Lord, I pray now that at this time of year that you forgive us when we love ourselves and our own selfish desires more than we love others. Keep us mindful these days of those in Western North Carolina, who still are in need, and we ask that you show each of us ways that we can demonstrate your love to them through us. Just as you demonstrated the ultimate love of sending your Son, Jesus Christ, at Christmas for the forgiveness of our pride and self-love. Lord, please, I pray, bless the great state of North Carolina and each and every member of this General Assembly and all of the attending staff and the workers within its purview. God, please bless these United States of America. In the name of the one of whom we celebrate, and that is Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Senator Alexander announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, December 5, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Alexander, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Friday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m.

TWO HUNDREDTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, December 13, 2024

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day, and we thank you for this end of session. We thank you for all that’s been accomplished here this year. We thank you for blessing us and keeping us and keeping us safe. We pray that’ll continue to bless

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the fine folks in Western North Carolina, and help them get through this. Bless all those in leadership in our state and in the country. We thank you for this time of year that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to this earth to die for our sins. We thank you and we praise you for that. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Woodard announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, December 9, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 921, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
December 11, 2024

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 382 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Upon motion of Senator Woodard, seconded by Senator Meyer, the Senate adjourns *sine die* at 10:08 a.m., in accordance with Res. 2024-2, as amended by Res. 2024-5 and Res. 2024-8, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1.

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CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 382, AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAW. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, December 11, 2024 - S.L. 2024-57)

S.B. 921, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE ALL VOTERS TO PRESENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BEFORE VOTING, NOT JUST THOSE PRESENTING TO VOTE IN PERSON. (Became law upon ratification, December 13, 2024 - S.L. 2024-58)

Pursuant to Senator Woodard's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned, *sine die*.

MARK K. ROBINSON
President of the Senate

SARAH HOLLAND
Principal Clerk

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EDITOR'S NOTES

The five-digit numbers appearing throughout the Senate Journal indicate the coded draft number of either the proposed committee substitute or proposed conference committee substitute approved by a committee and submitted to the Senate for consideration.

The numerical figures appearing in parentheses throughout the Senate Journal represent the affirmative and negative votes cast and recorded electronically, pursuant to Rule 25.

Upon a motion offered, the phrase “without objection” reflects a determination by the Chair that there is no objection from a member present, which constitutes unanimous consent, for the order of the Chair.

Sarah Holland
Principal Clerk

APPENDIX

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**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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1	Carteret, Chowan, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Washington	28	Guilford (Part)
2	Beaufort, Craven, Lenoir	29	Anson, Montgomery, Randolph (Part), Richmond, Union (Part)
3	Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Tyrrell, Warren	30	Davidson, Davie
4	Greene, Wayne, Wilson	31	Forsyth (Part), Stokes
5	Edgecombe, Pitt	32	Forsyth (Part)
6	Onslow	33	Rowan, Stanly
7	New Hanover (Part)	34	Cabarrus (Part)
8	Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover (Part)	35	Cabarrus (Part), Union (Part)
9	Bladen, Duplin, Jones, Pender, Sampson (Part)	36	Alexander, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin
10	Johnston	37	Iredell, Mecklenburg (Part)
11	Franklin, Nash, Vance	38	Mecklenburg (Part)
12	Harnett, Lee, Sampson (Part)	39	Mecklenburg (Part)
13	Wake (Part)	40	Mecklenburg (Part)
14	Wake (Part)	41	Mecklenburg (Part)
15	Wake (Part)	42	Mecklenburg (Part)
16	Wake (Part)	43	Gaston (Part)
17	Wake (Part)	44	Cleveland, Gaston (Part), Lincoln
18	Granville, Wake (Part)	45	Caldwell (Part), Catawba
19	Cumberland (Part)	46	Buncombe (Part), Burke, McDowell
20	Chatham, Durham (Part)	47	Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell (Part), Haywood (Part), Madison, Mitchell, Watauga, Yancey
21	Cumberland (Part), Moore	48	Henderson, Polk, Rutherford
22	Durham (Part)	49	Buncombe (Part)
23	Caswell, Orange, Person	50	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood (Part), Jackson, Macon, Swain, Transylvania
24	Hoke, Robeson, Scotland		
25	Alamance, Randolph (Part)		
26	Guilford (Part), Rockingham		
27	Guilford (Part)		

¹The North Carolina Senate district plan used for the 2022 election cycle was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly on February 17, 2022, as S.B. 744, becoming S.L. 2022-2 upon its ratification.

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS
of the
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

In compliance with G.S. 147-16.1, the Office of the Governor of the State of North Carolina has filed with the Senate Principal Clerk a copy of all Executive Orders issued in 2024. The full text of Executive Orders 300 through 331 issued by Governor Roy Cooper can be found in the printed Session Laws of the 2023 General Assembly.

Executive Order	Title	Date of Issuance
300	Declaration of a Statewide State of Emergency And Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	January 8, 2024
301	Amendment to Executive Order No. 300 Extension of the State of Emergency to Cover Severe Weather on January 12, 2024	January 11, 2024
302	Notice of Termination of Executive Order Nos. 300 and 301	January 19, 2024
303	Establishing a Unified Approach to Improving Education, Rehabilitation, and Reentry Services for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated People in North Carolina	January 29, 2024
304	State Type I Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance for Catawba County and Contiguous Counties	February 7, 2024
305	An Order to Protect and Restore North Carolina’s Critical Natural and Working Lands	February 12, 2024
306	Rescinding Executive Order No. 223	March 8, 2024
307	Extension of the Governor’s Advisory Committee On Performance Management	May 22, 2024
308	State Type I Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance for Gaston County and Contiguous Counties	May 23, 2024

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309	Disaster Declaration for the Town of West Jefferson in Ashe County North Carolina	June 18, 2024
310	Disaster Declaration for the City of Marion in McDowell County North Carolina	July 1, 2024
311	Declaration of a Statewide State of Emergency And Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	August 5, 2024
312	Extension of the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee	August 29, 2024
313	Declaration of a State of Emergency	September 17, 2024
314	Amendment to Executive Order No. 313 Expanding the Emergency Area to Additional Counties and Temporary Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations to Support the Recovery Efforts in North Carolina	September 18, 2024
315	Declaration of a Statewide State of Emergency and Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	September 25, 2024
316	Permitting Use, Sale, and Distribution of Certain Non-Highway Diesel Fuels in Support Of Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts	October 3, 2024
317	Meeting North Carolina's State Human Resources Needs in Support of Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts	October 4, 2024
318	Meeting North Carolina's Response and Recovery Needs in Support of Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts	October 5, 2024
319	Meeting North Carolina's Health and Human Services Needs in Support of Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts	October 9, 2024
320	Meeting Water System and Environmental Needs in Response to Hurricane Helene	October 15, 2024
321	State Type I Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance for Brunswick County	October 16, 2024

322	APPENDIX	[Session
322	Providing Unemployment Insurance Relief for North Carolinians Impacted by Hurricane Helene	October 16, 2024
323	Meeting the Needs of the Division of Motor Vehicles in Response to Hurricane Helene	October 23, 2024
324	Extending Transportation Waivers for Designated Counties and Extending Price Gouging Protections	October 25, 2024
325	Providing Enhanced Leave Options for Eligible State Employees	November 1, 2024
326	Directing Donations of Surplus Property to Agencies and Local Governments in Response to Hurricane Helene	November 1, 2024
327	Amending and Extending the North Carolina Interagency Council for Coordinating Homelessness Programs	November 25, 2024
328	Extending Transportation Waivers for Designated Counties	November 25, 2024
329	Amending and Extending the Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service	December 31, 2024
330	Amending and Extending the North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council	December 31, 2024
331	Extending the State Health Coordinating Council	December 31, 2024

SENATE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2024**STANDING COMMITTEES****AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT****Tues at 10:00 a.m./Wed at 9:00 a.m. (1124 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Barnes
Co-Chair Senator Jackson
Co-Chair Senator Sanderson
Members Senators Burgin, Craven, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hunt,
Jarvis, McInnis, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Proctor,
Rabon, Salvador, Settle, Smith, Woodard

APPROPRIATIONS/BASE BUDGET**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Hise
Co-Chair Senator Jackson
Co-Chair Senator Lee
Members Senators Alexander, Barnes, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri,
Daniel, Ford, Galey, Johnson, Krawiec, Lowe, Marcus,
McInnis, Mohammed, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador,
Sanderson, Sawyer, Waddell, Woodard

**APPROPRIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL, AND
ECONOMIC RESOURCES****Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (Leg. Aud.)**

Co-Chair Senator Craven
Co-Chair Senator Johnson
Co-Chair Senator Sanderson
Members Senators Applewhite, Barnes, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt,
Salvador, Smith

APPROPRIATIONS ON EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (423 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Barnes
Co-Chair Senator Galey
Co-Chair Senator Proctor
Members Senators Chaudhuri, Hanig, Mayfield, Overcash, Waddell

**APPROPRIATIONS ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY****Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (421 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Alexander
Co-Chair Senator Ford
Co-Chair Senator Jarvis
Members Senators Bode, Hunt, Meyer, Proctor

APPROPRIATIONS ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (643 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Burgin
Co-Chair Senator Corbin
Co-Chair Senator Krawiec
Members Senators Adcock, Batch, Blue, Robinson, Sawrey, Settle

APPROPRIATIONS ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (422 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Britt
Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Members Senators Grafstein, Marcus, Mohammed, B. Newton,
Sanderson

APPROPRIATIONS ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (1228/1327 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Lazzara
Co-Chair Senator McInnis
Co-Chair Senator Sawyer
Members Senators Garrett, Murdock, Rabon, Woodard

COMMERCE AND INSURANCE**Tues at 1:00 p.m./Thurs at 11:00 a.m. (1027 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Craven
Co-Chair Senator Johnson
Co-Chair Senator Proctor
Members Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Britt,
Corbin, Garrett, Jackson, Jarvis, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis,
Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Robinson, Salvador,
Sawyer

EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION**Wed at 11:00 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Galey
Co-Chair Senator Lee
Members Senators Barnes, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Garrett, Hanig,
Lazzara, Marcus, McInnis, Murdock, B. Newton,
Overcash, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Smith, Waddell

FINANCE**Tues at 2:00 p.m./Wed at 1:00 p.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator P. Newton
Co-Chair Senator Perry
Co-Chair Senator Rabon

FINANCE (continued)

Members Senators Alexander, Batch, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri,
Craven, Daniel, Ford, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec,
Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador,
Sawyer, Waddell, Woodard

HEALTH CARE**Wed/Thurs at 10:00 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Burgin
Co-Chair Senator Corbin
Co-Chair Senator Krawiec
Members Senators Adcock, Barnes, Batch, Britt, Galey, Hise, Jarvis,
Johnson, Mayfield, Mohammed, Perry, Robinson, Sawrey,
Woodard

JUDICIARY**Tues at 11:00 a.m./Wed at 2:00 p.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Britt
Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Co-Chair Senator B. Newton
Members Senators Batch, Blue, Galey, Grafstein, Hunt, Lazzara, Lee,
Marcus, Mohammed, P. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson,
Sawrey

PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT AND AGING**Wed at 2:00 p.m. (1124 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Ford
Co-Chair Senator Krawiec
Members Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri,
Corbin, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Meyer, Moffitt, Overcash,
Proctor, Settle, Waddell

REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS**Upon Call of the Chair**

Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Co-Chair Senator Hise
Co-Chair Senator P. Newton
Members Senators Blue, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Jackson, Krawiec, Lowe,
Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson

RULES AND OPERATIONS OF THE SENATE**Tues/Thurs at 9:00 a.m. (1027 LB)**

Chair Senator Rabon
Vice-Chair Senator Daniel
Members Senators Barnes, Blue, Britt, Chaudhuri, Hise, Jackson,
Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis,
Mohammed, P. Newton, Perry, Sanderson, Sawyer,
Waddell, Woodard

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**Tues at 12:00 p.m. (423 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Alexander
Co-Chair Senator Ford
Co-Chair Senator Jarvis
Members Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Bode, Corbin, Grafstein,
Hanig, Lazzara, Meyer, Moffitt, Proctor, Robinson,
Sawrey, Settle

TRANSPORTATION**Wed at 12:00 p.m. (1027 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Lazzara
Co-Chair Senator McInnis
Co-Chair Senator Sawyer
Members Senators Bode, Craven, Daniel, Garrett, Jarvis, Johnson,
Mayfield, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, Proctor,
Rabon, Settle, Smith, Woodard

SELECT COMMITTEE**SELECT COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS****Upon Call of the Chair**

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Members Senators Blue, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Hise, Jackson, Krawiec,
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SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senatorial Statements are spread upon the Journal as follows:

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

WHEREAS, the American Kennel Club (AKC), the world's largest all-breed dog registry, is celebrating its 140th anniversary in 2024. AKC's national operations center has been headquartered in North Carolina for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the AKC has more than 140 dog clubs throughout the State of North Carolina, hosting events and working in local communities to promote responsible pet ownership and improve the lives of dogs and hosted more than 900 dog events in the State in 2023; and

WHEREAS, some of AKC's outstanding work includes addressing the shortage of high-quality U.S.-bred and trained explosive detection dogs to protect public safety and national security, certifying dogs that have good manners, and visiting and inspecting kennels to educate breeders and ensuring proper care and conditions of AKC-registered dogs; and

WHEREAS, the AKC has provided over \$6.35 million in grants to North Carolina universities and research institutions for research projects that focus on all aspects of the physical, mental, and social well-being of dogs and donated more than \$1.3 million in grants to shelters that house victims of domestic abuse with their pets; and

WHEREAS, AKC has given grants to not-for-profit canine rescues to help offset the costs of significant expenses, financed scholarships for students enrolled in studies contributing to the well-being of dogs, and donated more than 100 disaster relief trailers to counties and local communities to provide immediate assistance to pets after natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, AKC has donated funding to more than 200 police departments for police K-9s, including 20 in North Carolina, and has helped to reunite over 685,000 lost pets nationwide with their owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, the American Kennel Club deserves to be congratulated on its 140th Anniversary and recognized for its continued commitment to dogs in North Carolina and across the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 23rd day of May, 2024

Submitted by
S/ Senator Bill Rabon

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

**HONORING RANDALL C. RAMSEY FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM
AND EDUCATION IN THE STATE**

WHEREAS, Randall C. Ramsey has served on The University of North Carolina Board of Governors since 2017 and has been the chairman since October 2019; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Ramsey is set to complete his tenure as chairman next month and will remain on the Board through June 2025; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Ramsey has dedicated his life to serving the people of North Carolina and providing opportunities for its residents through creating jobs and supporting the State's world-class university system; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Ramsey has spent years at the forefront of ensuring The University of North Carolina System and its constituent institutions are prepared to educate generations of North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Ramsey's time on the UNC Board of Governors has focused on college affordability and accessibility, allocating resources to ensure more students can graduate on time, and supporting faculty excellence; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Ramsey's level-headed leadership and honesty helped guide the UNC System and set the example for the other members of the Board of Governors and the Boards of Trustees across the 17 UNC System campuses; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Ramsey's leadership will have a lasting impact on the UNC System and the North Carolinians it educates;

NOW, THEREFORE, Chairman Randall C. Ramsey's service to the State of North Carolina and University of North Carolina System has been exceptional and unwavering. His dedication to the State and higher education deserves to be recognized.

Submitted by
S/ Senator Phil Berger

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments and recommendations to Boards and Commissions were made during 2024 by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

President <i>Pro Tempore</i> Appointments	Appointed	Expires
911 BOARD		
G.S. 143B-1401(a)(3)		
Ms. Heather Hallmark	07/01/2024	12/31/2028
Mr. Brandon Medina	07/01/2024	12/31/2028
Mr. Laddie B. Rice	07/01/2024	12/31/2026
ABLE PROGRAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
G.S. 147-86.72(a)(5)		
Ms. Claudine M. Burns	06/27/2024	06/30/2027
ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90-453(a)		
Mr. Samuel Ben Townsend (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
ADDICTION SPECIALISTS PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90-113.32(c2)(2)		
Ms. Katherine L. Salmons	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION		
G.S. 143B-135(b)(2)		
Ms. Tanzy Barrow Wallace (RA)	10/01/2024	09/30/2027
AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 122D-4(b)		
Mr. Allan L. Baucom	07/01/2024	07/01/2027
Ms. Faylene W. Whitaker (RA)	07/01/2024	07/01/2027
APPRAISAL BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 93E-1-5(a)		
Mr. H. Clay Taylor III (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
ARBORETUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 116-243(2)		
Mr. Lee E. Thomason III (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
ATHLETIC TRAINER EXAMINERS, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF		
G.S. 90-524(b)(1)		
Ms. Amanda M. Beatty	08/01/2024	07/31/2027
Ms. Taylor R. Guardalabene	08/01/2024	07/31/2027
BANKING COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
G.S. 53C-2-1(a)		
Ms. Mary W. Willis (RA)	04/01/2024	03/31/2028
BARBER AND ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF		
G.S. 86B-1(a)(2)		
Ms. Paula M. Rolka	07/01/2024	12/31/2025

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90-733(a)(2)		
Ms. Alleta Selene Johnson (RA)	09/01/2024	08/31/2027
BUILDING CODE COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
G.S. 143-135.25(c)(2)		
Mr. Roger M. Woods, Jr. (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL		
G.S. 143-136		
Mr. Kenneth B. Cone	01/01/2025	01/01/2027
Mr. Ritch Holt	01/01/2025	01/01/2029
Mr. Joshua B. Swink	01/01/2025	01/01/2031
CHILD CARE COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-168.4(b)(2)		
Ms. Kelly M. Banik (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2026
CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 7B-1402(b)		
Senator Sydney Batch	04/03/2024	01/31/2025
Ms. Tracy L. Turner	10/09/2024	01/31/2025
CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S.143-151.9(a)		
Mr. Leslie T. Everett	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
Mr. Michael J. Slate	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OF THE ALBEMARLE		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. William P. Norrell	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GASTON		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Resa D. Hoyle	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALAMANCE		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. James B. Butler	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Anthony J. Penland	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BEAUFORT COUNTY		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Darren K.S. Armstrong	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
MG Kurt J. Ryan	09/13/2024	06/30/2026
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BLADEN		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Denise Taylor Bridgers	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Mr. Brent C. Hood	11/22/2024	06/30/2026
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BLUE RIDGE		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Dina Sue Moffitt	07/01/2024	06/30/2028

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BRUNSWICK		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. John Alan Holden	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CALDWELL		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Wayne L. Rash	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CAPE FEAR		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Jason E. McLeod	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CARTERET		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Kelly P. Marek	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CATAWBA VALLEY		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Kimberly D. Wallace	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CENTRAL CAROLINA		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Jerry Pedley	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CENTRAL PIEDMONT		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Carrie R. Baker	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CLEVELAND		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Lisa Whisnant	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, COASTAL CAROLINA		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Dr. Gina Y. Francis	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CRAVEN		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Stephen F. Cella	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Ms. Sandra K. Phelps	09/13/2024	06/30/2026
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DAVIDSON-DAVIE		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Tedman H. Myers	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DURHAM TECHNICAL		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Walter Newton	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EDGEcombe		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
The Reverend William McKinley Parker	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Denver Ralph Huff	07/01/2024	06/30/2028

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FORSYTH		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. David Chris Parker	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GUILFORD TECHNICAL		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Dr. Richard Beavers	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Ms. Whitney Tobatto	11/22/2024	06/30/2026
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HALIFAX		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Mary J. Mebane	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAYWOOD		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Jon P. Overbay	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ISOTHERMAL		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Anthony H. Helton	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JAMES SPRUNT		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Morgan H. Swinson	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JOHNSTON		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. DeVan Barbour IV	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Mr. Mitchel P. Sugg	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Mr. Van F. Phillips	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Victoria C. Abernathy	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MITCHELL		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Christopher C. Cartner	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MONTGOMERY		
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Mr. Timothy R. McAuley, Sr.	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NASH		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Paul S. Jaber	07/01/2024	06/30/2028

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Mr. Steven R. Hurst	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PIEDMONT		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Dr. Elin J.A. Claggett	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PITT		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Kenneth Neal Driver	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Mr. Thomas Stroud, Jr.	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RANDOLPH		
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Mr. Claud Bill Wittenberg, Jr.	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RICHMOND		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Iris McRae	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROANOKE-CHOWAN		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Dr. Otis L. Smallwood	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROBESON		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Pedro Tito Massol, Jr.	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROCKINGHAM		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Elaine V. McCollum	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROWAN-CABARRUS		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Holly L. Edwards	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SAMPSON		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. David H. Sanderson	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Mr. Charles P. Spell	11/22/2024	06/30/2026
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SANDHILLS		
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Mr. John William Carter III	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Mr. Hugh David McLean	11/22/2024	06/30/2026
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G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Al J. Leonard, Jr.	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SOUTH PIEDMONT		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Ronald L. Brown	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SOUTHWESTERN		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Joyce A. Cooper	07/01/2024	06/30/2028

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Ms. Kelly S. Lowder	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Jana Brown Smith	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TRI-COUNTY		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Betty D. Anderson	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VANCE-GRANVILLE		
G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. William Gordon Wilder	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Ms. Elaine Trujillo	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Mr. David N. Crosby	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Dr. Anthony W. Slater	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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G.S. 115D-12(a)(1)		
Mr. Travis K. Ruff	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Ms. Tammy E. Whitworth	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Mr. William H. Shreve	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Ms. Lilly A. Parker (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
Ms. Flo Stein	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
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Mr. Hampton M. Billips (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
Mr. W. Ellis Boyle (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
Mr. Joshua O. Harper (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027

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Ms. Sarah M. Kirkman (RA)	09/01/2024	08/31/2026
Mr. Steven M. Nunn	09/01/2024	08/31/2026
Ms. Christine F. Strader (RA)	09/01/2024	08/31/2026
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Mr. Keith S. Holtsclaw (RA)	10/06/2024	10/05/2028
ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION, LONG-TERM (GOLDEN L.E.A.F.)		
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Mr. Jeffery C. Lee (RA)	12/01/2024	11/30/2028
Mr. David L. Rose (RA)	12/01/2024	11/30/2028
EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE INNOVATION COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
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Mr. Satish S. Garimella (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
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Dr. Christopher G. Blanton (RA)	09/13/2024	08/31/2026
Ms. Madison Edwards (RA)	09/13/2024	08/31/2026
Dr. Scott Elliott (RA)	09/13/2024	08/31/2026
Dr. Hank Weddington (RA)	09/13/2024	08/31/2026
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Senator Bob Brinson	10/24/2024	end of biennium
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Dr. Scott P. Palmtag	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
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Mr. R. Lee Farmer	01/01/2025	12/31/2028
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Mr. L. V. Pokey Harris (RA)	06/25/2024	05/31/2027
Mr. Matthew J. Helms (RA)	06/25/2024	05/31/2027
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Mr. Michael D. Robinson	11/15/2024	09/30/2026
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Ms. Sherry L. Bernardo (RA)	07/01/2024	04/30/2027
Ms. Molly R. Jordan (RA)	07/01/2024	04/30/2027
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Mr. Julian Schmidt	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
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Ms. Kasey E. Ginsberg	07/01/2024	08/31/2026
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Mr. Alvin H. Battle	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Mr. Jimmy Tate	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Ms. Nicole R. Alleman (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
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Mr. Terance R. Pell	10/01/2024	09/30/2027
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Mr. Darrin M. Hockstra (RA)	07/01/2024	07/31/2027
LIBRARY COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
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Ms. Renee Cameron	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
LICENSE TO GIVE TRUST FUND COMMISSION		
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Ms. Kate McCullough	07/01/2024	12/31/2025
LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
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Ms. Deana E. Brena (RA)	01/01/2025	12/31/2027
Mr. Jonathan A. Jeffries	01/01/2025	12/31/2027
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Ms. Kristen Hoyle	10/01/2024	09/30/2027
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Ms. Nancy S. Harrell	11/22/2024	06/30/2026
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Ms. Vicki A. Harry	11/01/2024	10/31/2027
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Mr. Brandon M. Jones	07/01/2024	12/31/2026

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Senator Gladys A. Robinson (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2026
Ms. Brenda J. Smith (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Ms. Dianne M. Layden (RA)	01/01/2025	12/31/2028
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Ms. Michelle Ries	11/15/2024	at the pleasure
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Ms. Addie Corder	07/01/2024	07/01/2027
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Dr. Susan M. Roddey	10/01/2024	09/30/2028
Dr. Judy Y. Siker	10/01/2024	09/30/2028
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Mr. James J. Cook (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2026
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Mr. Richard A. Epley (RA)	07/01/2024	07/01/2027
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Mr. Johnathan A. Cochran	01/01/2025	12/31/2028
Mr. Eric V. Dickinson	01/01/2025	12/31/2030
Mr. Daniel H. Tingen	01/01/2025	12/31/2026
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Dr. Donald Brescia (RA)	11/01/2024	10/31/2027
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Mr. James M. Richardson	11/22/2024	06/30/2025
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Ms. Jeanette K. Doran (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2026
Mr. John S. Hahn	07/01/2024	06/30/2026
Mr. Jeffrey T. Hyde (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2026
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Mr. Jeffery G. Bullins (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
Dr. Daniel C. Walters (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2027
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Ms. Julie Von Henner (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Ms. Kim K. LeQuire	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
Mr. H. Julian Philpott (RA)	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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Mr. Arthur G. Fisher (RA)	10/01/2024	08/31/2026
Senator Bobby Hanig (RA)	10/01/2024	08/31/2026
Mr. Gregory T. Walter (RA)	10/01/2024	08/31/2026
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Mr. Darrell Frye	07/01/2024	06/30/2028
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