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# OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

## OF THE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## 2025 SESSIONS

Destin Hall, *Speaker*.....Granite Falls, Caldwell County
Mitchell S. Setzer, *Speaker Pro Tempore*.....Catawba, Catawba County
James White, *Principal Clerk*.....Cary, Wake County
Larry Elliott, *Sergeant-at-Arms*.....Raleigh, Wake County

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**REPRESENTATIVES**

1st District: Chowan, Currituck, Dare (Part), Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.
Edward C. Goodwin (R).....Chowan.....Edenton

2nd District: Durham (Part) and Person.
B. Ray Jeffers (D).....Person.....Roxboro

3rd District: Craven (Part).
Steve Tyson (R).....Craven.....New Bern

4th District: Duplin and Wayne (Part).
Jimmy Dixon (R).....Duplin.....Mount Olive

5th District: Camden, Gates, Hertford, and Pasquotank.
Bill Ward (R).....Pasquotank.....Elizabeth City

6th District: Harnett (Part).
Joseph Pike (R).....Harnett.....Sanford

7th District: Franklin and Vance (Part).
Matthew Winslow (R).....Franklin.....Youngsville

8th District: Pitt (Part).
Gloristine Brown (D).....Pitt.....Bethel

9th District: Pitt (Part).
Timothy Reeder, MD (R).....Pitt.....Ayden

10th District: Wayne (Part).
John R. Bell, IV (R) ..... Wayne ..... Goldsboro

11th District: Wake (Part).
Allison A. Dahle (D)..... Wake ..... Raleigh

12th District: Greene, Jones, and Lenoir.
Chris Humphrey (R) ..... Lenoir..... Kinston

13th District: Carteret and Craven (Part).
Celeste C. Cairns (R) ..... Carteret ..... Emerald Isle

14th District: Onslow (Part).
Wyatt Gable (R)..... Onslow..... Jacksonville

15th District: Onslow (Part).
Phil Shepard (R) ..... Onslow..... Jacksonville

16th District: Onslow (Part) and Pender.
Carson Smith (R) ..... Pender ..... Hampstead

17th District: Brunswick (Part).
Frank Iler (R) ..... Brunswick ..... Calabash

18th District: New Hanover (Part).
Deb Butler (D) ..... New Hanover ..... Wilmington

19th District: Brunswick (Part) and New Hanover (Part).
Charles W. Miller (R) ..... Brunswick ..... Southport

20th District: New Hanover (Part).
Ted Davis, Jr. (R)..... New Hanover ..... Wilmington

21st District: Wake (Part).
Ya Liu (D) ..... Wake ..... Cary

22nd District: Bladen and Sampson.
William D. Brisson (R)..... Bladen ..... Bladenboro

23rd District: Bertie, Edgecombe, and Martin.
Shelly Willingham (D)..... Edgecombe ..... Rocky Mount

24th District: Nash (Part) and Wilson.
Dante Pittman (D)..... Wilson..... Wilson

25th District: Nash (Part).
Allen Chesser (R) ..... Nash ..... Middlesex

26th District: Johnston (Part).
Donna McDowell White (R).... Johnston ..... Clayton

27th District: Halifax, Northampton, and Warren.
Rodney D. Pierce (D) ..... Halifax ..... Roanoke Rapids

28th District: Johnston (Part).
Larry C. Strickland (R) ..... Johnston ..... Pine Level

29th District: Durham (Part).
Vernetta Alston (D) ..... Durham ..... Durham

30th District: Durham (Part).
Marcia Morey (D)..... Durham ..... Durham

31st District: Durham (Part).
Zack Hawkins (D)..... Durham ..... Durham

32nd District: Granville and Vance (Part).
Bryan Cohn (D) ..... Granville ..... Oxford

33rd District: Wake (Part).
Monika Johnson-Hostler (D) ... Wake ..... Raleigh

34th District: Wake (Part).
Tim Longest (D) ..... Wake ..... Raleigh

35th District: Wake (Part).
Mike Schietzelt (R)..... Wake ..... Wake Forest

36th District: Wake (Part).
Julie von Haefen (D)..... Wake ..... Apex

37th District: Wake (Part).
Erin Paré (R)..... Wake ..... Holly Springs

38th District: Wake (Part).
Abe Jones (D) ..... Wake ..... Raleigh

39th District: Wake (Part).
James Roberson (D)..... Wake.....Knightdale

40th District: Wake (Part).
*Joe John (D)..... Wake..... Raleigh
Phil Rubin (D)..... Wake..... Raleigh

41st District: Wake (Part).
Maria Cervania (D)..... Wake.....Cary

42nd District: Cumberland (Part).
Mike Colvin (D) ..... Cumberland .....Fayetteville

43rd District: Cumberland (Part).
Diane Wheatley (R) ..... Cumberland ..... Linden

44th District: Cumberland (Part).
Charles Smith (D)..... Cumberland .....Fayetteville

45th District: Cumberland (Part).
Frances Jackson, PhD (D)..... Cumberland .....Fayetteville

46th District: Columbus and Robeson (Part).
Brenden H. Jones (R)..... Columbus..... Tabor City

47th District: Robeson (Part).
**Jarrod Lowery (R)..... Robeson .....Lumberton
John L. Lowery (R)..... Robeson .....Lumberton

48th District: Hoke and Scotland.
Garland E. Pierce (D) ..... Scotland .....Wagram

49th District: Wake (Part).
Cynthia Ball (D) ..... Wake..... Raleigh

50th District: Caswell and Orange (Part).
Renée A. Price (D)..... Orange ..... Hillsborough

51st District: Lee and Moore (Part).
John Sauls (R)..... Lee .....Sanford

52nd District: Moore (Part) and Richmond.
Ben T. Moss, Jr. (R)..... Richmond..... Rockingham

53rd District: Harnett (Part) and Johnston (Part).
Howard Penny, Jr. (R) ..... Harnett ..... Coats

54th District: Chatham and Randolph (Part).
Robert T. Reives, II (D) ..... Chatham ..... Goldston

55th District: Anson and Union (Part).
Mark Brody (R) ..... Union ..... Monroe

56th District: Orange (Part).
Allen Buansi (D) ..... Orange ..... Chapel Hill

57th District: Guilford (Part).
Tracy Clark (D) ..... Guilford ..... Greensboro

58th District: Guilford (Part).
Amos L. Quick, III (D) ..... Guilford ..... Greensboro

59th District: Guilford (Part).
Jerry "Alan" Branson (R) ..... Guilford ..... Julian

60th District: Guilford (Part).
***Cecil Brockman (D) ..... Guilford ..... High Point
Amanda P. Cook (D) ..... Guilford ..... High Point

61st District: Guilford (Part).
Pricey Harrison (D) ..... Guilford ..... Greensboro

62nd District: Guilford (Part).
John M. Blust (R) ..... Guilford ..... Greensboro

63rd District: Alamance (Part).
Stephen M. Ross (R) ..... Alamance ..... Burlington

64th District: Alamance (Part).
Dennis Riddell (R) ..... Alamance ..... Snow Camp

65th District: Rockingham.
A. Reece Pyrtle, Jr. (R) ..... Rockingham ..... Stoneville

66th District: Wake (Part).
Sarah Crawford (D) ..... Wake ..... Raleigh

67th District: Montgomery and Stanly.
Cody Huneycutt (R)..... Stanly ..... Oakboro

68th District: Union (Part).
David Willis (R) ..... Union ..... Marvin

69th District: Union (Part).
Dean Arp (R) ..... Union ..... Monroe

70th District: Randolph (Part).
Brian Biggs (R)..... Randolph..... Trinity

71st District: Forsyth (Part).
Kanika Brown (D) ..... Forsyth ..... Winston-Salem

72nd District: Forsyth (Part).
Amber M. Baker (D)..... Forsyth ..... Winston-Salem

73rd District: Cabarrus (Part).
Jonathan L. Almond (R) ..... Cabarrus ..... Concord

74th District: Forsyth (Part).
Jeff Zenger (R)..... Forsyth ..... Lewisville

75th District: Forsyth (Part).
Donny Lambeth (R)..... Forsyth ..... Winston-Salem

76th District: Rowan (Part).
Harry Warren (R)..... Rowan..... Salisbury

77th District: Davie, Rowan (Part), and Yadkin.
Julia C. Howard (R)..... Davie..... Mocksville

78th District: Moore (Part) and Randolph (Part).
Neal Jackson (R)..... Moore..... Robbins

79th District: Beaufort, Dare (Part), Hyde, and Pamlico.
Keith Kidwell (R) ..... Beaufort ..... Chocowinity

80th District: Davidson (Part).
Sam Watford (R)..... Davidson ..... Thomasville

81st District: Davidson (Part).
Larry W. Potts (R) ..... Davidson ..... Lexington

82nd District: Cabarrus (Part).
Brian Echevarria (R)..... Cabarrus..... Harrisburg

83rd District: Cabarrus (Part) and Rowan (Part).
Grant L. Campbell, MD (R)..... Cabarrus.....Concord

84th District: Iredell (Part).
Jeffrey C. McNeely (R) ..... Iredell.....Stony Point

85th District: Avery, McDowell (Part), Mitchell, and Yancey.
Dudley Greene (R)..... Avery ..... Newland

86th District: Burke.
Hugh Blackwell (R)..... Burke .....Valdese

87th District: Caldwell and Watauga (Part).
Destin Hall (R)..... Caldwell.....Granite Falls

88th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Mary Belk (D)..... Mecklenburg.....Charlotte

89th District: Catawba (Part) and Iredell (Part).
Mitchell S. Setzer (R) ..... Catawba ..... Catawba

90th District: Surry and Wilkes (Part).
Sarah Stevens (R) ..... Surry .....Mount Airy

91st District: Forsyth (Part) and Stokes.
Kyle Hall (R) ..... Stokes..... King

92nd District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Terry M. Brown Jr. (D)..... Mecklenburg.....Charlotte

93rd District: Alleghany, Ashe, and Watauga (Part).
Ray Pickett (R) ..... Watauga..... Blowing Rock

94th District: Alexander and Wilkes (Part).
Blair Eddins (R)..... Wilkes.....Purlear

95th District: Iredell (Part).
Todd Carver (R)..... Iredell..... Mooresville

96th District: Catawba (Part).
Jay Adams (R) ..... Catawba ..... Hickory

97th District: Lincoln.
Heather H. Rhyne (R) ..... Lincoln ..... Lincolnton

98th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Beth Helfrich (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Davidson

99th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Nasif Majeed (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Charlotte

100th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Julia Greenfield (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Charlotte

101st District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Carolyn G. Logan (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Charlotte

102nd District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Becky Carney (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Charlotte

103rd District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Laura Budd (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Matthews

104th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Brandon Lofton (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Charlotte

105th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Tricia Ann Cotham (R) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Charlotte

106th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Carla D. Cunningham (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Charlotte

107th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Aisha O. Dew (D) ..... Mecklenburg ..... Charlotte

108th District: Gaston (Part).
John A. Torbett (R) ..... Gaston ..... Stanley

109th District: Gaston (Part).
Donnie Loftis (R) ..... Gaston ..... Gastonia

110th District: Cleveland (Part) and Gaston (Part).
Kelly E. Hastings (R) ..... Gaston ..... Cherryville

111th District: Cleveland (Part) and Rutherford (Part).
Paul Scott (R)..... Rutherford..... Ellenboro

112th District: Mecklenburg (Part).
Jordan Lopez (D)..... Mecklenburg..... Charlotte

113th District: Henderson (Part), McDowell (Part), Polk, and Rutherford (Part).
Jake Johnson (R)..... Polk..... Columbus

114th District: Buncombe (Part).
Eric Ager (D)..... Buncombe..... Asheville

115th District: Buncombe (Part).
Lindsey Prather (D)..... Buncombe..... Candler

116th District: Buncombe (Part).
Brian Turner (D)..... Buncombe..... Asheville

117th District: Henderson (Part).
Jennifer Balkcom (R)..... Henderson..... Hendersonville

118th District: Haywood and Madison.
Mark Pless (R)..... Haywood..... Canton

119th District: Jackson, Swain, and Transylvania.
Mike Clampitt (R)..... Swain..... Bryson City

120th District: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Macon.
Karl E. Gillespie (R)..... Macon..... Franklin

*Rep. Joe John deceased 1/20/2025. Rep. Phil Rubin appointed 1/29/2025.
**Rep. Jarrod Lowery resigned 10/07/2025. Rep. John L. Lowery appointed 10/13/2025.
***Rep. Cecil Brockman resigned 10/31/2025. Rep. Amanda P. Cook appointed 11/18/2025.

# HOUSE JOURNAL

# SESSIONS 2025

## FIRST DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

This day, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of North Carolina and G.S. 120-11.1, which fixes the date for the meeting of the General Assembly of North Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives assemble in the House Chamber of the State Legislative Building in the City of Raleigh at 12:00 p.m. and are called to order by the Honorable James White, Principal Clerk of the 2023 House of Representatives.

Prayer is offered by Reverend William Franklin Graham, IV.

The North Carolina National Guard Honor Guard presents the colors.

Representative Greene leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem is sung by Staff Sergeant Robbie McMillan of the United States Army, 82nd Airborne Division.

The following children, who are relatives of the Members, serve as Honorary Pages for today: Davis Alston, Reese Alston, Seth Beal, Ralph Belk, Davis Blackwell, Jacob Brann, Julianna Brann, Katie Brann, Katelyn Brann, Deron Brown, Cooper Budd, Nathan Edward Sharma Campbell, Adelyn Chesser, Anniston Chesser, Gregory Allen Chesser, III, Maddox Chesser, Titus Chesser, Tee Davis, Daniel Echevarria, David Echevarria, Olivia Echevarria, Aaron Eddins, Amanda Eddins, Elizabeth Forehand, Leigh Forehand, Logan Gillespie, Abby Greenfield, Jonathan Greenfield, Gabrielle N. Hostler, June Johnson, Lucy Johnson, Kristen Lambeth, Amy Letchworth, Fazeng Liu, Nikos Matiatos, Elliot Meek, Ryan Meek, Jasmine Miller, Marcus Miller, Mateleka Miller, Robert Newell, Carole-Ann Page, Elissa R. Pierce, Emmai P. Pierce, Kayla Potts, Ainsley Pyrtle, Janice Ray,

Brianna E. Reives, Robert T. Reives, III, Zaylen Robinson, Anna Kate Scott, Caleb Scott, Jacob Scott, James Scott, William Scott, Karrie Tuttle, Khloe Tuttle, Henry Tyson, Charlotte White, Eleanor White, James Williams, Rankin Williams, Stephanie Williams, Grace Willis, Jackson Willis, Jordan Willis, Delaney Winslow, and Hudson Winslow.

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION**
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**
**DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

**THE 2025 NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**I, Elaine F. Marshall,** Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the State Board of Elections met Tuesday, the 26th day of November, 2024 and the 11th day of December, 2024, in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, at which time the Board did open, canvass and judicially determine the returns of votes cast in the election held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024, and certified to me the persons duly elected as members of the House of Representatives from the various Representative Districts comprising of more than one county, and all others have been certified to me in the abstracts by the State Board of Elections as having the highest number of votes cast in the election for the House of Representatives from districts composed of one county only, for the General Assembly of 2025, to wit:

| DISTRICT | NAME |
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| First | Edward C. Goodwin |
| Second | Ray Jeffers |
| Third | Steve Tyson |
| Fourth | Jimmy Dixon |
| Fifth | Bill Ward |
| Sixth | Joe Pike |
| Seventh | Matthew Winslow |
| Eighth | Gloristine Brown |

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| Ninth | Timothy Reeder |
| Tenth | John Bell |
| Eleventh | Allison A. Dahle |
| Twelfth | Chris Humphrey |
| Thirteenth | Celeste Cairns |
| Fourteenth | Wyatt Gable |
| Fifteenth | Phillip Shepard |
| Sixteenth | Carson Smith |
| Seventeenth | Frank Iler |
| Eighteenth | Deb Butler |
| Nineteenth | Charlie Miller |
| Twentieth | Ted Davis, Jr. |
| Twenty-first | Ya Liu |
| Twenty-second | William Brisson |
| Twenty-third | Shelly Willingham |
| Twenty-fourth | Dante Pittman |
| Twenty-fifth | Allen Chesser |
| Twenty-sixth | Donna McDowell White |
| Twenty-seventh | Rodney D. Pierce |
| Twenty-eighth | Larry C. Strickland |
| Twenty-ninth | Vernetta Alston |
| Thirtieth | Marcia Morey |

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| Thirty-first | Zack Hawkins |
| Thirty-second | Bryan Cohn |
| Thirty-third | Monika Johnson-Hostler |
| Thirty-fourth | Tim Longest |
| Thirty-fifth | Mike Schietzelt |
| Thirty-sixth | Julie von Haefen |
| Thirty-seventh | Erin Pare |
| Thirty-eighth | Abe Jones |
| Thirty-ninth | James Roberson |
| Fortieth | Joe John |
| Forty-first | Maria Cervania |
| Forty-second | Mike Colvin |
| Forty-third | Diane Wheatley |
| Forty-fourth | Charles Smith |
| Forty-fifth | Frances Vinell Jackson |
| Forty-sixth | Brenden H. Jones |
| Forty-seventh | Jarrod Lowery |
| Forty-eighth | Garland E. Pierce |
| Forty-ninth | Cynthia Ball |
| Fiftieth | Renee A. Price |
| Fifty-first | John Sauls |
| Fifty-second | Ben Moss, Jr. |

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| Fifty-third | Howard Penny, Jr. |
| Fifty-fourth | Robert T. Reives II |
| Fifty-fifth | Mark Brody |
| Fifty-sixth | Allen Buansi |
| Fifty-seventh | Tracy Clark |
| Fifty-eighth | Amos Quick |
| Fifty-ninth | Alan Branson |
| Sixtieth | Cecil Brockman |
| Sixty-first | Mary Price (Pricey) Harrison |
| Sixty-second | John M. Blust |
| Sixty-third | Stephen Ross |
| Sixty-fourth | Dennis Riddell |
| Sixty-fifth | Reece Pyrtle |
| Sixty-sixth | Sarah Crawford |
| Sixty-seventh | Cody Huneycutt |
| Sixty-eighth | David Willis |
| Sixty-ninth | Dean Arp |
| Seventieth | Brian Biggs |
| Seventy-first | Kanika Brown |
| Seventy-second | Amber M. Baker |
| Seventy-third | Jonathan Almond |
| Seventy-fourth | Jeffrey (Jeff) Zenger |

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| Seventy-fifth | Donny C. Lambeth |
| Seventy-sixth | Harry Warren |
| Seventy-seventh | Julia Craven Howard |
| Seventy-eighth | Neal Jackson |
| Seventy-ninth | Keith Kidwell |
| Eightieth | Sam Watford |
| Eighty-first | Larry W. Potts |
| Eighty-second | Brian Echevarria |
| Eighty-third | Grant Campbell |
| Eighty-fourth | Jeffrey C. McNeely |
| Eighty-fifth | Dudley Greene |
| Eighty-sixth | Hugh Blackwell |
| Eighty-seventh | Destin Hall |
| Eighty-eighth | Mary Belk |
| Eighty-ninth | Mitchell Smith Setzer |
| Ninetieth | Sarah Stevens |
| Ninety-first | Kyle Hall |
| Ninety-second | Terry Brown |
| Ninety-third | Ray Pickett |
| Ninety-fourth | Blair Eddins |
| Ninety-fifth | Richard (Todd) Carver |
| Ninety-sixth | Jay Adams |

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| Ninety-seventh | Heather Rhyne |
| Ninety-eighth | Beth Gardner Helfrich |
| Ninety-ninth | Nasif Majeed |
| One hundredth | Julia Greenfield |
| One hundred-first | Carolyn G. Logan |
| One hundred-second | Becky Carney |
| One hundred-third | Laura Budd |
| One hundred-fourth | Brandon Lofton |
| One hundred-fifth | Tricia Ann Cotham |
| One hundred-sixth | Carla Cunningham |
| One hundred-seventh | Aisha O. Dew |
| One hundred-eighth | John A. Torbett |
| One hundred-ninth | Donnie Loftis |
| One hundred-tenth | Kelly Hastings |
| One hundred-eleventh | Paul Scott |
| One hundred-twelfth | Jordan Lopez |
| One hundred-thirteenth | Jake Johnson |
| One hundred-fourteenth | Eric Ager |
| One hundred-fifteenth | Lindsey Prather |
| One hundred-sixteenth | Brian Turner |
| One hundred-seventeenth | Jennifer Capps Balkcom |
| One hundred-eighteenth | Mark Pless |

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| One hundred-nineteenth | Mike Clampitt |
| One hundred-twentieth | Karl Gillespie |

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

**DONE IN OFFICE** at Raleigh, this 6th day of January, 2025.

S/ Elaine F. Marshall
*Secretary of State*

The roll is called and one hundred-sixteen Members-elect are present.

The Chair declares a quorum to be present.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Harrison, John, Pless, and Shepard for today.

The Members-elect take and subscribe to the following oath of office, which is administered by Associate Justice Tamara Barringer, North Carolina Supreme Court.

**OATH FOR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2025 SESSION**

"I do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

"I do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God."

**ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

The Chair states that the first order of business is the election of a Speaker and explains the voting procedure to be used in the absence of adopted rules.

The Chair declares that nominations are in order for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Chair recognizes Representative B. Jones who nominates Representative Destin Hall for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Mr. Clerk, Members of the House, and distinguished guests, it is my distinct honor to rise today to nominate Representative Destin Hall of Caldwell County as the next Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

"Since first being elected, Representative Hall has demonstrated the qualities we need in a leader: a deep commitment to the principles of small government, fiscal responsibility, and personal liberty, as well as an unrelenting dedication to the people of North Carolina.

"As Chair of the House Rules Committee, Representative Hall has proven time and again his ability to manage the most complex and consequential legislation that comes before this Body. His steady leadership, thoughtful approach, and ability to build consensus have made him a trusted voice in our caucus and across the aisle.

"A proud son of Caldwell County, Representative Hall understands the values and needs of everyday North Carolinians, and he brings that perspective to his work every day. He's a problem-solver who is focused on delivering results not just for his district, but for our entire State.

"Colleagues, this is a pivotal moment for North Carolina. We need a Speaker who will continue to uphold the conservative values that have driven our success while fostering collaboration to address the challenges ahead. Representative Hall is that leader. It is with great pride and confidence that I place in nomination the name of Representative Destin Hall to serve as Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives."

The Chair recognizes Representative Bell who seconds the nomination.

"Thank you, Mr. Clerk and Members. Today I am honored to stand before you and second the nomination of the gentleman from Caldwell County, Representative Destin Hall, to serve as the next Speaker of the House.

"Representative Hall has distinguished himself as a skilled committee Chair and has earned the admiration of all his colleagues. He consistently shows respect and compassion to the Members of both sides of the aisle and the other Chamber. As Speaker of the House, Representative Hall will display the ability to facilitate the business of our House in a fair and transparent manner - where every voice in here is heard.

"Today, history will be made - and I am proud to second the nomination of my friend, Representative Destin Hall, to be the Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives. Thank you, Sir."

Representative Bell moves that the nominations be closed and that Representative D. Hall be elected by acclamation. In compliance with Article VI, Section 5 of the North Carolina Constitution, the election is confirmed by vote of the Members and Representative D. Hall is elected Speaker of the 2025 House of Representatives by acclamation.

The Speaker takes and subscribes to the following oath of office administered by Associate Justice Tamara Barringer, North Carolina Supreme Court.

**OATH FOR SPEAKER OF THE**
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
**2025 SESSION**

"I, DESTIN HALL, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

"I, DESTIN HALL, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God."

The Speaker, having been presented the gavel, makes the following remarks from the Chair.

"Alright, everybody can have a seat now.

"I'll start by, of course, saying thank you to everyone here today. I want to thank God, of course, first for the blessings that He has given me. I want to thank my wife who swore me in today; or held the Bible as I was sworn in; thank her for putting up with the unreasonable schedule that you all on this floor know that this place takes sometimes in your life. And I'm thankful for my family members, my grandparents who are here today, my friends, my mother, a bunch of folks from Caldwell County and some from Watauga County who are here today as well. And thank you to all the Members of this Body for giving me the honor to serve as your Speaker.

"For those of you who are in your first term here today - maybe you haven't been out here on the floor yet - you see on this video board there are 120 names. And your name, if you were elected, is up there. If it's not, then you need to let the Clerk know because something's wrong. But it's an incredible honor and solemn duty to have your name on that voting board. And there is almost 11 million people in this State and there are 120 folks in this Body who get to make decisions about the policies of our State. And I've served with many of you now for almost a decade. I know what honorable and what accomplished people you all are. And it gives me that much more gratitude that you all would allow me to serve as the Speaker of the House.

"Justice Barringer said it earlier - only in America could she be here as a Justice of the Supreme Court. And I feel the same way. Because for sure, only in America, could somebody with the background that I have, and the childhood that I had, wind up here in the State House. Before that - getting an education, getting elected to the State House, and now becoming Speaker of the North Carolina House - I grew up where I live at today, that's in Caldwell County. It's rural North Carolina, small town America; the kind of place where the neighbors know each other, and they trust each other. And when I was growing up, like so many other small towns in North Carolina and across this country, Lenoir and Caldwell County were built on the backs of blue-collar workers. And for us, it was mostly furniture. Across the country it was other things like steel - other types of goods that were manufactured. As I was growing up and in my formative years in the 90s we saw a lot of those jobs leave and go overseas.

"And for me, it left an impact in my mind of what can happen when poor government decisions are made - kind of like NAFTA. So, I grew up thinking, 'I want to make sure that doesn't happen in the future.' You know, some of the folks in my hometown like a lot of other small towns across the country - some of them never recovered from some of the damage from losing those jobs. And certainly, in my own family we had some of those same challenges. But I was blessed with wonderful grandparents who I was raised by. Grandparents who taught me about what was important in life. Things like faith in God, honoring your word, making sure that you're spending your money wisely. They taught me about the dignity of hard work, the value of a dollar, and the discipline to live within your means. But most importantly for me growing up, they always believed in me.

"And one of the great stories that I've seen is Jim Valvano who you all - many of you know or knew well - you know who he is. He's a former NC State basketball coach who has passed away now. He tells the story of his father when Jimmy V. was at a smaller school before he was at State. He was at a school that really didn't have much chance of making the NCAA tournament, much less winning a national championship. And he was in his

first job, and he told his dad, 'Hey, you know, I want to win a national championship someday.' And his dad said, 'Well I've got my bags packed.' And so, he literally put all of his clothes in a suitcase. And Jimmy V. tells us this story later on when State ultimately, years later, won the National Championship, that his dad was there with him in New Mexico. And you know - he said that he got the greatest gift that anybody could ever give him from his father and that was that his father believed in him. And that's what I had with my grandparents. And that's what we need to work and make sure that every child in North Carolina has - they've got somebody who believes in them. Because for me, it made me believe that I could go and get an education. Nobody in my family had been to college - I didn't even know any lawyers growing up - but I believed that I could go and do those things because my grandparents believed that I could and told me that I could do it. And so, it made me understand and come to realize the great catalyst that this country can be for folks when you work hard and when you don't give up.

"And so, our job here as Members of this House is to do all that we can to make sure the members of this State have the opportunity to experience that American dream, like all of you all who have served in this Body. There are a number of folks - everyone here who is serving has had success in their careers in their communities. Our number one job here is to make sure that we make it as easy as possible for the folks of our State to also live that American dream. And the first way that we go about doing that is making sure we continue to secure North Carolinians' economic future. And thankfully, since 2011, a lot of the work has been done. As we know, we've cut taxes again and again. We've put more money back in the pockets of the citizens of our State. We've got one of the best tax environments in the country and we're going to continue to provide tax relief to North Carolinians.

"But we've got to do more than just cut taxes. We've got to be creative in how we provide economic opportunity for the citizens of our State. We've got to encourage business expansion and job growth in North Carolina. The states who are around us - they're serious about job growth. We're competing with them. We've got to reject policies that make our State less attractive for business. We've got to build a business climate that is going to reward high wages, high benefits, and upward mobility for everyone.

"But a big part of economic success, of course, is education. And we've got to work to continue to invest in and nurture the education system in North Carolina. And that's at all levels: K-12, community colleges, and the university system. North Carolina's competitive advantage really lies in our best asset and that's our people. We've got a great tax environment - other states have a good tax environment as well - but why do we continue to grow at a higher rate than almost every other state? And the reason is our human resources - the people of this State. We've got probably the best university system in the

world in the UNC System - incredible K-12 and community college system as well. And we can't lose sight of the fact that that is North Carolina's competitive advantage. Now I'm proud of some of the things that this Body has done during my time here over the last - this is my fifth term here - so the prior four terms. We've done things like expand school choice, letting parents decide where their children go to school. Giving parents the opportunity to go to schools that best meet their particular child's needs. We need to continue to expand that school choice. We've increased funding and we've pushed it into the classroom and away from bureaucrats in the school system. We've increased teacher pay with every budget. We've prioritized our community colleges and the type of programs where they partner with employers who come into areas - that folks in those areas can get high paying jobs. We've also kept tuition incredibly low at the UNC System. So not only is it probably the best university system in the world, it's one of the cheapest. Therefore, it's one of the best values in the entire world right here in North Carolina. We've got to guard that competitive advantage that we have.

"But there is more to do on top of that. Just like it was for me with the encouragement I had from my grandparents, the most important factor in education for any child is parental involvement. And that's not an easy solution - an easy problem to find a solution for. But I can tell you this, that anything that this Body can come up with that incentivizes parents to be involved in their children's education, I'm for. And we need to work to do those things because it's so critical to the success of young kids and their education.

"We've got to continue to invest in our teachers: incentivize them to go to school here, get their educations in North Carolina, and then stay here to teach after they graduate. Teachers are professionals and we ought to let them go into the classroom and teach and get the government out of their way. Let them do the job that they were trained to do.

"And the last thing is especially important to me. We've got to figure out ways to incentivize people, like me, from rural North Carolina, who left to go get an education - incentivize them to go back to rural North Carolina. You know, I saw firsthand the benefits of going back to those places. Because they're thirsting for young folks, they're thirsting for leadership, thirsting for people to be involved in those communities. Many of you all in this Body, as I look out today, serve in rural North Carolina - you know what I'm talking about. The difficulty in getting young folks to come back. We've got to incentivize those folks to come back.

"The other thing we've got to do very quickly and work hard at is we've got to lower the cost of living. The fact is right now in North Carolina, just like so many places across the country, folks' budgets are tight. Their groceries and gas and their other goods have gone up. And we've got to do

what we can at our level to help meet the needs and try to lower the rising inflation in our country. And we do that by things like helping with childcare. We do that by working to lower energy costs and healthcare costs in our State. Of course, it's a federal government issue in many ways, but we have a role to play. And I think that this Body needs to be laser focused on that from the very beginning. We've got to offer some real solutions to it to the extent that we can do that on the state level.

"With all that said, our agenda here, it's not going to matter very much unless we do the number one thing that government has to do and that's to keep our people safe. I'm proud of some of the things this Body has done over the course of the last several years. We passed a bill, that was actually my bill, last session requiring law enforcement to cooperate with immigration authorities at the federal level to help deport illegal aliens who are committing serious crimes in our State. You've seen us crack down on drug dealers who are selling drugs that kill people. And we've even amended the Constitution to make sure that the victims of crime also have rights - just like those who have been charged with crimes. And we've got to continue to enact those policies to meet the number one obligation of government. And so, I hope that we'll work with the incoming administration in Washington - crack down on gang activity and trafficking and drugs that are devastating to so many communities across North Carolina. And we need to support law enforcement. We need to give them the funding and education that they need, the legal protection, and recognize them for the heroes that they are. And then finally, let's spend the dollars that we need to keep our schools safe. Let's make sure every school has a resource officer - invest in technology to make sure that when our kids go to school, they're safe there.

"I've talked so far a lot about the issues that face the entire State, but I do want to make one thing clear - the number one priority of this Body, starting today because today is day one, is doing all we can to rebuild Western North Carolina. To my friends in the mountains, in the west, know that you're not forgotten. Know that this Body is going to put you all as the number one priority, our number one fix as we come in this Session - we are working on some of those things now. It's going to be a long road to recovery. There's more than $50 billion, probably, in damage, but this Body is committed to doing everything possible to build back Western North Carolina and build it back stronger than before.

"Now I'm going to talk to my colleagues in the House a little bit. Another lesson I learned from my grandparents was that we should always treat each other with respect. Everything we do in our life is about relationships - your relationship with God, with your family, with your folks at work. And you all who have served here know well how important it is to have relationships when you want to get things done in this Body. So, let's respect each other

as we debate in this People's House. To my Democratic friends, I know from time to time we've had some minor disagreements on certain policy items. But what I will tell you is that my commitment to you will always be that where we do disagree, I'll do it civilly, in a way that honors the people who sent us all here to act on their behalf. Because I know that we all - on both sides of this Chamber - we all want the best for the folks of North Carolina. I genuinely believe that. Sometimes we disagree about how to get there and that's okay. That's one of the parts of representative democracy for all its ills. But what we have to do is respect one another and make sure that we're not questioning motives, that we have a good and robust debate - let the votes fall where they may.

"And as I close, I want to say this to the young people of this State because I'm told I'm on the younger side of Speakers in our State. And I see Speaker Tillis, Moore, and Brubaker here today - I'm told that the average age of our Speakers has gone down by a few years today. But, according to some of the liberal trolls on Twitter, the IQ average hasn't changed, so you're safe there. But to the young folks of this State, I want to speak to you to tell you that I know what it feels like to look out and say, 'Well I don't have trust in government,' because I sort of felt the same way growing up. I felt like, in many ways, our politicians had failed us in my part of the world. And so, I didn't know if I wanted to be involved. And eventually I realized that if I wanted things to change, I had to be involved. And I moved back home to my hometown - and of course when I started running there were some folks who disagreed with me, plenty of doubters and people who said I was too young to run and that I ought to wait. Thankfully I was hard-headed enough to not believe them and it's turned out okay for me thus far. But you all can do that too. And every part of this State is thirsting for younger folks to get involved - it's incredibly important that they do that. If you do get involved, you'll find that you have a unique opportunity - and that's what's so unique about this country - is that every person has the ability to get involved and truly make a difference.

"You all who serve in this Body - you know well, as you serve here you get to make a difference here every day. You get to write laws, but it's not only that. You get to help your constituents every day, with everyday problems that they have with state government and federal government - sometimes problems they have with their neighbors and sometimes when they need a ride. But you're here to help. And the young folks of this State can do the same thing, and I can tell you that in ways probably not a lot of people can. And ultimately that's my commitment to the State as the Speaker. I'll focus on the things that matter, on the things that I learned from my grandparents, and on the things every North Carolinian needs to thrive in our great State.

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"So, I'll close by saying thank you all for giving me the incredible honor to serve as the Speaker of the House. I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you in the upcoming Session. And congratulations to you all for coming back. Thank you to the family members, who again are lending you to us for unreasonable amounts of time. And we're going to try to make sure that time commitment is not as much as it has been in the past. Thank you all for having me."

The Speaker assumes the duties of the Chair.

## ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULES

Representative Bell is recognized and states that he has placed a resolution with the Clerk for consideration by the Body.

The Speaker directs the Clerk to number the resolution and places **H.R. 1**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TEMPORARY RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION, before the Body.

The resolution is adopted, by electronic vote (104-11).

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Speaker declares that nominations are in order for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

The Speaker recognizes Representative Howard who nominates Representative Setzer for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Supreme Court, special guests, and fellow Representatives.

"It is my pleasure and honor to nominate the gentleman from Catawba, the Honorable Mitchell S. Setzer for Speaker Pro Tempore of the North Carolina House of Representatives for the 2025-2026 biennium of this General Assembly.

"Without hesitation or mental reservation, I can truthfully say that Mitchell Setzer is the right choice to become the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives. We all know that Mitchell is a statesman, skilled businessman, and valued friend, but his service over his 13 House terms has distinguished him as a uniquely gifted leader with the vision we need to improve the lives of all North Carolinians.

"As Representatives, our duty to those North Carolinians who elected us is inherent in the title that we now hold, and it is a humbling privilege for me to stand here today with the other Representatives of this House and elect our Speaker Pro Tempore. As each of us were chosen by the voters of our respective districts to be here and speak for them in this Body, it is our duty to elect a Speaker Pro Tempore who will continue to lead us forward, and I believe there is no one more capable, more qualified, and more appropriate to be a leader in this Chamber than my friend Mitchell Setzer.

"Similar to my circumstances of my service in the House, Mitchell has served here many years. Mitchell was elected to the House in 1999. He is a product of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Mitchell knows that constantly improving our education systems and our state economy are the top priorities of most parents and taxpayers in our State, and that's exactly what he will do as Speaker Pro Tempore.

"More importantly than what he has done, Mitchell has shown the vision and dedication to put the priorities of our people first, improve their quality of life and forge a successful path forward for our State with the rare ability to create consensus out of discord.

"We may represent different districts and hold competing views about the best path forward for our State, but we all speak for our constituents, and care deeply about serving our neighbors and those who are most vulnerable.

"Mitchell Setzer will be a great Speaker Pro Tempore because he cares deeply about the places we call home, the duties we have to our constituents, and working together to effectively represent the citizens of our State.

"As our Speaker Pro Tempore, Mitchell Setzer will continue to be a man who listens first so he can serve others best. Mitchell can find common ground not only among Members of this House, but with Members of the Senate, the Governor, and others in public service concerning the key issues facing North Carolina. He will always work for the benefit and betterment of our State and her citizens, and there is much work to be done.

"Mr. Speaker, my fellow Representatives, I proudly place into nomination for Speaker Pro Tempore of the North Carolina House, the gentleman from Catawba, the Honorable Mitchell Setzer."

The Speaker recognizes Representative Huneycutt who seconds the nomination.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the House, I will keep my comments brief as we do have family and friends here with us today that are eager to congratulate all of us. I'm going to expand on a few topics that Representative Howard mentioned - willingness to help and serve others. Representative Setzer, in my ten years of knowing him, I have watched him help and serve countless others in his community as well as in this Chamber. I have watched him smile, laugh, cry, and mourn with many Members here and many individuals at home. Honesty - in a true leader you want someone who is honest and truthful. In my ten years of knowing him, I have never heard anybody say, 'I don't know what Mitchell was really thinking there, if he was being honest or not.' There is no doubt, he is an honest human being.

"Another crucial thing that he has is institutional knowledge. Representative Howard mentioned that he's been elected here since 1999. I'm not trying to question her, but with my research I did this morning, I found out that in his first term of office, Abraham Lincoln was only three years old. He has been here a long, long time. And Representative Howard, don't laugh - I looked you up as well. He is a man full of institutional knowledge that I would encourage everyone who doesn't know him to get to know him. He will take these three points along with willing to make hard decisions. He will work with the majority leader, minority leader, Mr. Speaker, everyone here, to make North Carolina a brighter and more prosperous North Carolina. And it is an honor to second the motion for Representative Mitchell Smith Setzer to be the next Speaker Pro Tem of the North Carolina House of Representatives. Mr. Speaker, I yield back."

Representative Bell moves that the nominations be closed and that Representative Setzer be elected by acclamation. In compliance with Article VI, Section 5 of the North Carolina Constitution, the election is confirmed by vote of the Members and Representative Setzer is elected Speaker Pro Tempore of the 2025 House of Representatives by acclamation.

The following Members are appointed and repair to the rear of the Chamber to escort the Speaker Pro Tempore, Mr. Mitchell S. Setzer, to the Well of the House: Representative Blust, Chair; Representatives Adams, Carney, Rhyne, Davis, Ross, and McNeely.

PRINCIPAL CLERK PRESIDING.

The Speaker Pro Tempore takes and subscribes to the following oath of office administered by the Speaker of the House, Destin Hall, as authorized under G.S. 120-5.

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**OATH FOR SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2025 SESSION**

"I, MITCHELL S. SETZER, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

"I, MITCHELL S. SETZER, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Speaker Pro Tempore of the North Carolina House of Representatives according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God."

SPEAKER HALL PRESIDING.

Speaker Pro Tempore Setzer makes the following remarks from the Well of the House.

"Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House, distinguished guests and of course, Mama.

"It is difficult for me to contemplate that 27 years ago I was sworn in as a Member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve in this institution and I would like to thank each of you for your dedicated service to our great State.

"In addition, I would like to thank the Members of the House for electing me to the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore. It is a gift that I will always cherish, and I promise that I will fulfill the station to the best of my knowledge, strength, and ability.

"Our ceremonies today are grounded in a tradition that extends from the very foundations of our State, exemplifying the hopes, values, and dreams we as North Carolinians hold dear.

"North Carolinians are a proud family who will meet any adversity head on. The recent trauma experienced in the west by Hurricane Helene showed the world that we can take a hit, but we will come back swinging, and that we will look after our own. We are North Carolina, proud and strong and together, we are unstoppable.

"May we fully comprehend the impact that our actions have on others and may every action we take as a General Assembly, be prudent and beneficial to all, never taking for granted the sacred responsibility that has been given to us.

"Our time here is limited but the ramifications of our actions can be far-reaching. May that precept always be the guiding force as we move forward.

"Thank you for your kind attention today. 2025 awaits! Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly. Here we come!

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and ladies and gentlemen of the House."

**ELECTION OF PRINCIPAL CLERK**

The Speaker declares that nominations are in order for Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The Speaker recognizes Representative B. Jones who nominates James White for Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

"Members, today I rise to nominate Mr. James White to continue as our House Principal Clerk. Mr. White does not only have an impressive resume of service, but has worked to earn the trust and respect of each Member of this Chamber. Mr. White and his team work hard to make sure the House is ready for Session each day. Mr. White has served honorably for the last few years as our House Principal Clerk, and I ask you join me in his re-election."

The Speaker recognizes Representative Reives who seconds the nomination.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I rise to second the nomination of Mr. James White to continue as our House Principal Clerk. Not only does he have the attributes that have been spoken of already by Representative Jones, but I would indicate that one of the things he never does is - he never fails to smile and to encourage. And we appreciate that. There are long nights, long days here, and he is always the picture of steadiness, goodness, and even-temperedness. And we appreciate his service. We appreciate his knowledge. We appreciate his ability. It amazes me that he has all that he has at such a young age. We are thankful that he has chosen to keep his talents here in the House. And we are happy to follow up on seconding the nomination of Mr. James White as Principal Clerk."

Representative Bell moves that the nominations be closed and that James White be elected by acclamation. In compliance with Article VI, Section 5 of the North Carolina Constitution, the election is confirmed by vote of the Members and James White is elected Principal Clerk of the 2025 House of Representatives by acclamation.

The Principal Clerk takes and subscribes to the following oath of office administered by the Speaker of the House, Destin Hall, as authorized under G.S. 120-5.

**OATH FOR PRINCIPAL CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2025 SESSION**

"I, JAMES WHITE, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

"I, JAMES WHITE, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Principal Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God."

**APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Pursuant to Rule 45(c), the Speaker appoints Larry Elliott as Sergeant-at-Arms for the 2025 House of Representatives.

The Sergeant-at-Arms takes and subscribes to the following oath of office administered by the Speaker of the House, Destin Hall, as authorized under G.S. 120-5.

**OATH FOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 2025 SESSION**

"I, LARRY ELLIOTT, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof;

and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me God.

"I, LARRY ELLIOTT, do swear (or affirm) that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the North Carolina House of Representatives according to the best of my skill and ability, according to law; so help me, God."

## APPOINTMENT OF READING CLERK

Pursuant to Rule 45(c), the Speaker appoints Sue Frederick as Reading Clerk for the 2025 House of Representatives.

## COURTESIES

On motion of Representative Pickett and without objection, the courtesies of the floor and gallery are extended to family and friends of Speaker Hall.

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to the family and guests of Speaker Pro Tempore Setzer, Leader B. Jones and Leader Reives, and to the families of the other Officers and Members of the House of Representatives, and the courtesies of the gallery to the many friends and family members in attendance.

## CAUCUS LEADERS ANNOUNCED

Representative B. Jones is recognized and he reports that the Republican Caucus has been held and that he has been elected the Majority Leader. Representative Tyson has been elected Deputy Majority Leader. Representative Gillespie has been elected as Majority Whip. Representatives Winslow and Zenger have been elected as Majority Conference Co-Chairs. Representative Warren has been elected Majority Caucus Joint Liaison. Representative Rhyne has been elected as Majority Freshman Leader and Representative Eddins has been elected as Majority Freshman Whip. Representatives Cairns, Biggs, Penny, Johnson, and Reeder have been elected as Deputy Majority Whips.

Representative Reives is recognized and he reports that the Democratic Caucus has been held and that he has been elected the Democratic Leader. Representative Ball has been elected as Deputy Democratic Leader. Representative Lofton has been elected Legislative Chair. Representative Belk has been elected Joint Caucus Chair. Representative Alston has been elected Conference Chair. Representatives Quick, T. Brown, and G. Brown have been elected as Democratic Whips. Representatives Clark and Lopez have been elected Freshman Co-Chairs.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

The Speaker orders a Special Message sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives is organized and ready to proceed with the public business for the Regular Session of the 2025 General Assembly.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignment:

**RULES, CALENDAR, AND OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE:** Representative Bell, Chair.

## CAUCUS LEADERS ANNOUNCED

Representative Kidwell announces the following caucus leaders:

**Freedom Caucus:**
Representative Kidwell, Chair
Representative Moss, Vice Chair
Representative McNeely, Secretary

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following Special Message is received from the Senate:

**S.J.R. 2**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, AS PROVIDED BY LAW, is read the first time.

Without objection, the resolution is placed on today's Calendar for immediate consideration.

The resolution passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The resolution passes its third reading, and is ordered enrolled.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 1:43 p.m., pursuant to **S.J.R. 2**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, AS PROVIDED BY LAW (RESOLUTION 2025-1), and subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following resolution is properly enrolled, duly ratified, and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

**S.J.R. 2**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, AS PROVIDED BY LAW. (RESOLUTION 2025-1)

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

Senate Chamber
January 8, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body that the Senate is organized and is now ready to proceed with the public business of the State. For your further information, the following officers have been elected for the 2025 Session:

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| Senator Phil Berger | President *Pro Tempore* |
| Senator Ralph Hise | Deputy President *Pro Tempore* |
| Ms. Sarah Holland | Principal Clerk |
| Mr. Eddie Broughton | Sergeant-at-Arms |

Further be advised that the Senate has been notified of the election of the following party officers:

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| Senator Paul Newton | Majority Leader |
| Senator Todd Johnson | Majority Whip |
| Senator Amy S. Galey | Majority Whip |
| Senator Carl Ford | Senate Republican Joint Caucus Leader |

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| Senator Sydney Batch | Minority Leader |
| Senator Jay J. Chaudhuri | Minority Whip |
| Senator Julie Mayfield | Minority Caucus Secretary |

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

The House stands adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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# SECOND DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, January 29, 2025

The House meets at 12:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Brian Biggs:

"Lord,

"We come before You with humble hearts, seeking Your presence and guidance as we embark on the work entrusted to us. You have said in Your Word, 'If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him' (James 1:5). Lord, we ask for that wisdom now.

"Grant us clarity of mind and understanding to discern what is just and good for those we serve. Teach us to listen with open hearts, to speak with kindness, and to act with integrity, knowing that each decision we make impacts the lives of many.

"Lord, You instructed King Solomon to seek wisdom above all else, and we too asked for wisdom - not for our own gain, but that we might govern with fairness, compassion, and righteousness. May we reflect the justice of Your throne as we seek solutions that honor You and benefit all people.

"Guide us, Lord, in unity, that we may set aside our differences and come together for the common good. Let Your Spirit of peace and truth dwell among us, softening our hearts, and lighting the paths we are to take.

"We commit our deliberations to You, trusting in Your promise that 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding' (Proverbs 9:10). Lead us as we strive to uphold the trust placed in us and fulfill our duties with excellence and humility.

"In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of January 8 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Brockman, Hastings, and Torbett for today.

The Speaker states that the following Members subscribed to the oath of office: Representative Pless on January 14, 2025, administered by Matthew Wechtel, Madison County Board of Commissioners Chair; Representative Harrison on January 18, 2025, administered by Representative Marcia Morey; and Representative Shepard on January 29, 2025, administered by Speaker Destin Hall.

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**
20301 Mail Service Center ● Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Josh Stein
*Governor*

January 28, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-10(f), I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to fill vacancies on the North Carolina Utilities

Commission and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the General Assembly:

- Commissioner Floyd McKissick of Durham County to serve the remainder of Charlotte A. Mitchell's term. Ms. Mitchell resigned from the Utilities Commission on January 27, 2025.
- Mr. Steven Levitas of Buncombe County to serve the remainder of Mr. Floyd McKissick's term.

I have determined that these appointments are urgent. Accordingly, and pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-10(g), these nominees will serve on an interim basis pending confirmation. 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/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

North Carolina General Assembly
House of Representatives

Official and Heartfelt Announcement from the Office of
Representative Joe John

January 19, 2025

It is with deep sorrow and a heavy heart that I announce my resignation from my position as your Representative of North Carolina State House District 40. After a courageous and arduous battle with cancer, I have been informed by my doctors that all treatment options have been exhausted, and I now face a terminal diagnosis.

This decision, though incredibly difficult, is made with the intention of focusing on my health and spending cherished time with my family during this challenging period. Throughout this journey, I've given everything I have, and I am deeply proud of the work we've done together as a community.

I was first elected as your State Representative in 2016, and I have been honored to serve four terms, winning five consecutive elections. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. Over the years, I have also had the honor of serving in many capacities, each of which has shaped my professional life and further fueled my dedication to public service. As I did for nearly 25 years

as a North Carolina Judge, I have always made it my priority to carefully consider all sides, diligently review the pros and cons, and make the best decisions I can - guided by the law and in the best interest of the taxpaying citizens of our state. The values I hold dear - integrity, hard work, family, and a deep commitment to our community - will remain with me as I navigate the next phase of my life.

As I reflect on my time in service, I hope my legacy will be one of dedication to the common good - working to build bridges, advocate for the voiceless, and fight for justice. My deepest wish is that the work we've done together will live on, inspiring future leaders to carry the torch of compassion, reasonableness, and progress. If my time in office has made even a small difference in your lives, then I will leave this world knowing I've done my part.

I have always been and remain grateful for my loving wife, Evelyn, and my children, Steffi, Andy, and Joe, who have supported my goals and ambitions over the years. While my professional title has changed a few times over the years, the titles I always felt were the most important are husband and father, and of course, grandfather.

I am profoundly grateful for your support over the years and for the incredible privilege of serving you. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we navigate the difficult road ahead. I will always treasure the opportunity to have been part of such a remarkable community.

With deep appreciation and gratitude,
S/ Representative Joseph R. John Sr.

[The letter of resignation was received by the Office of the House Principal Clerk on January 21, 2025. The Member-elect died on January 20, 2025, vacating State House District 40 before the resignation was officially received and effective.]

**THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP ANTHONY RUBIN**

**2025-2026**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Representative Joe John, elected Representative from State House District 40, 2025-2026 General Assembly, resigned effective January 19, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-11 require that the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Joe John be filled by appointment of the person recommended by the executive committee of the Democratic Party for State House District 40; and

**WHEREAS**, the State House District 40 Committee of the Democratic Party has notified me that its members recommend Phillip Anthony Rubin of Wake County, North Carolina, to fill the unexpired term;

I do, by these presents, appoint

**PHILLIP ANTHONY RUBIN**

as a member of the

**NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**2025-2026 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-ninth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.

S/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

ATTEST:

S/ Rodney Maddox
*Chief Deputy Secretary of State*

The Speaker states Representative Rubin subscribed to the oath of office on January 29, 2025, administered by Shelby H. Ruth, Notary Public. He will occupy Seat 83.

The Speaker appoints Representatives B. Jones, Chair, and Representatives Reives, Ball, and Morey to escort the Member to his seat.

The Speaker orders that a Special Message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body of the seating of Representative Rubin as a Member of the 2025-2026 House of Representatives.

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## GUEST

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to Rabbi Eric Solomon, Clergy at Beth Meyer Synagogue.

## REMARKS BY RABBI ERIC SOLOMON

Rabbi Eric Solomon, Clergy at Beth Meyer Synagogue, is recognized to make brief remarks from the Well of the House.

## GUESTS

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to Members of the North Carolina Council on the Holocaust: Mike Abramson, Chair, Laurie Schaefer, and Richard Schwartz, Vice Chair.

## MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

On motion of Representative Bell and without objection, Rules 58 and 31 are suspended in order for a resolution altering the House Temporary Rules to be filed, receive its first reading, and be placed on today's Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following is introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Bell (Primary Sponsor); Biggs, Clampitt, Cotham, Humphrey, B. Jones, Kidwell, Reeder, Scott, and Wheatley:

**H.R. 19**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE TEMPORARY RULES OF THE HOUSE.

The resolution is placed on today's Calendar for immediate consideration.

The resolution is adopted, by electronic vote (95-21), and ordered printed.

## MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

On motion of Representative Lofton and without objection, Rules 31 and 41 are suspended in order for **H.R. 18**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOSEPH "JOE" ROBERT JOHN, SR., LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, to receive its first reading today and be placed on today's Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following is introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Ball, Reives, Morey, and A. Jones (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Arp, Balkcom, Belk, Biggs, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Dixon, Gillespie, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, R. Pierce, Pittman, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Rubin, Scott, Setzer, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Strickland, von Haefen, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.R. 18**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOSEPH "JOE" ROBERT JOHN, SR., LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The resolution is placed on today's Calendar for immediate consideration.

The resolution is adopted and ordered printed.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:** Representative Dixon, Senior Chair; Representatives Gillespie, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL:** Representatives Cairns, Pickett, and Pyrtle, Chairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS:** Representatives Arp, K. Hall, Lambeth, and Strickland, Senior Chairs; Representatives Blackwell, Brisson, and Paré, Chairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES:** Representative Dixon, Senior Chair; Representatives Balkcom, Gillespie, and Goodwin, Chairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS, CAPITAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Representatives Hastings, Johnson, and Winslow, Chairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS, EDUCATION:** Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS, GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Representatives Loftis, Riddell, and Torbett, Chairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Representatives Potts, Reeder, and White, Chairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY:** Representatives Davis, Greene, Miller, and Carson Smith, Chairs.

**APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSPORTATION:** Representatives Chesser, Iler, Shepard, and Tyson, Chairs.

**COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Representatives Ross and Sauls, Chairs.

**EDUCATION - K-12:** Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs.

**ELECTION LAW:** Representatives Blackwell and Stevens, Chairs.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER RECOVERY:** Representatives Greene and Pless, Chairs.

**ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Representatives Arp, K. Hall, and Winslow, Chairs.

**ETHICS:** Representatives Warren and Willingham, Chairs.

**FEDERAL RELATIONS AND AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS:** Representatives Clampitt, Lowery, and Ward, Chairs.

**FINANCE:** Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, and Setzer, Senior Chairs; Representatives Kidwell and Ross, Chairs.

**HEALTH:** Representative Potts, Senior Chair; Representatives Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs.

**HIGHER EDUCATION:** Representatives Hastings and Pickett, Chairs.

**HOMELAND SECURITY AND MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Representatives Goodwin, Loftis, and Pike, Chairs.

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**HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT:** Representatives Brody and Zenger, Chairs.

**INSURANCE:** Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs.

**JUDICIARY 1:** Representative Davis, Chair.

**JUDICIARY 2:** Representative Stevens, Chair.

**JUDICIARY 3:** Representative Blust, Chair.

**OVERSIGHT:** Representatives Johnson, B. Jones, and Warren, Chairs.

**PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT:** Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley, Chairs.

**REGULATORY REFORM:** Representatives Chesser, Riddell, and Zenger, Chairs.

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Representatives Adams, Iler, McNeely, Shepard, and Tyson, Chairs.

**WILDLIFE RESOURCES:** Representatives Adams and Moss, Chairs.

## CAUCUS LEADERS ANNOUNCED

Representative Budd announces the following caucus leaders:

**North Carolina Joint Legislative Women's Caucus:**
Representative Budd, Co-Chair
Representative Balkcom, Co-Vice Chair

Representative Ball is recognized and she reports that the Democratic Caucus has reorganized and that Representative Liu has been elected as Democratic Whip.

The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

Representative Hawkins announces the following caucus leaders:

**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Caucus:**
Representative Setzer, Co-Chair
Representative Hawkins, Co-Chair

**HBCU Caucus:**
Representative Ward, Co-Chair
Representative Hawkins, Co-Chair

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 1:35 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, and in honor and memory of former Member Joe John, to reconvene Thursday, January 30, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT:** Representatives Brisson, Lowery, and Moss, Vice Chairs; Representatives Ager, Alston, Balkcom, Biggs, Brockman, Brody, K. Brown, Butler, Crawford, Davis, Eddins, Goodwin, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Humphrey, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Kidwell, Lofton, Majeed, Pickett, Quick, Reives, Strickland, and Watford.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL:** Representatives Tyson, Willingham, and Willis, Vice Chairs; Representatives K. Brown, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Miller, Pike, Scott, Turner, and Wheatley.

**APPROPRIATIONS:** Representatives Balkcom, Biggs, Chesser, Cotham, Davis, Dixon, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Hastings, Iler, Johnson, Loftis, Miller, Potts, Reeder, Reives, Riddell, Shepard, Carson Smith, Torbett, Tyson, White, Willis, and Winslow, Vice Chairs; Representatives Adams, Almond, Alston, Ball, Belk, Bell, Branson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cairns, Campbell, Cervania, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Eddins, Gable, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Liu, Logan, Majeed, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Pless, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Rhyne, Roberson, Schietzelt, Charles Smith, Stevens, Turner, von Haefen, Ward, Willingham, and Zenger.

**APPROPRIATIONS, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES:** Representatives Cairns, K. Hall, Humphrey, and McNeely, Vice Chairs; Representatives Brody, G. Brown, Dahle, Eddins, Harrison, Jeffers, Penny, Price, Quick, Roberson, and Turner.

**APPROPRIATIONS, CAPITAL AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:** Representative Arp, Vice Chair; Representatives Alston, Logan, and Pittman.

**APPROPRIATIONS, EDUCATION:** Representative Blackwell, Vice Chair; Representatives Ball, Brockman, Gable, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Pickett, and Prather.

**APPROPRIATIONS, GENERAL GOVERNMENT:** Representative Paré, Vice Chair; Representatives K. Brown, Majeed, R. Pierce, and Ward.

**APPROPRIATIONS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:** Representative Lambeth, Vice Chair; Representatives Almond, Buansi, Campbell, Cervania, Crawford, Cunningham, Huneycutt, Liu, Pless, Rhyne, and von Haefen.

**APPROPRIATIONS, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY:** Representatives Brisson and Pyrtle, Vice Chairs; Representatives Clampitt, Cohn, A. Jones, Morey, G. Pierce, Reives, Charles Smith, and Stevens.

**APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSPORTATION:** Representative Strickland, Vice Chair; Representatives Adams, Belk, Branson, T. Brown, Budd, Clark, Greenfield, Helfrich, Moss, Schietzelt, Willingham, and Zenger.

**COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Representatives Adams, Cairns, and Johnson, Vice Chairs; Representatives Balkcom, Blust, K. Brown, Cohn, Cunningham, Howard, Lofton, G. Pierce, Pittman, Reeder, Shepard, Strickland, and Winslow.

**EDUCATION - K-12:** Representatives Blackwell, Brockman, Rhyne, and Wheatley, Vice Chairs; Representatives Balkcom, Ball, G. Brown, Budd, Dew, Greenfield, Iler, Johnson, Lambeth, Lofton, Morey, Potts, Riddell, Schietzelt, Shepard, Torbett, and von Haefen.

**ELECTION LAW:** Representative Dahle, Vice Chair; Representatives Almond, Baker, Ball, Belk, Buansi, Cotham, Davis, Dixon, Harrison, Riddell, Carson Smith, Ward, Warren, Willingham, and Zenger.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER RECOVERY:** Representatives Clampitt and Lowery, Vice Chairs; Representatives Ager, Davis, Gillespie, Humphrey, Johnson-Hostler, Longest, and Pittman.

**ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Representatives N. Jackson and Miller, Vice Chairs; Representatives Brisson, Brockman, Cairns, Carney, Cervania, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dixon, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Howard, Jeffers, Logan, Paré, G. Pierce, Pyrtle, Riddell, Sauls, Setzer, Strickland, Tyson, Watford, Willingham, and Zenger.

**ETHICS:** Representatives Carney, Dahle, Davis, Sauls, Setzer, and von Haefen.

**FEDERAL RELATIONS AND AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS:** Representative Pless, Vice Chair; Representatives Baker, Gillespie, G. Pierce, Riddell, Scott, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, and Willingham.

**FINANCE:** Representative Warren, Vice Chair; Representatives Ager, Baker, Blust, Butler, Carney, Carver, Colvin, Dew, Echevarria, F. Jackson, Lofton, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Pike, Sauls, Scott, Watford, and Wheatley.

**HEALTH:** Representatives Cotham, Cunningham, and Humphrey, Vice Chairs; Representatives Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Brisson, Brockman, Buansi, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Chesser, Clark, Crawford, Dixon, Gillespie, K. Hall, Liu, Loftis, Miller, Paré, G. Pierce, Pyrtle, Rhyne, Scott, Shepard, and Wheatley.

**HIGHER EDUCATION:** Representative Reeder, Vice Chair; Representatives Adams, Branson, Brody, G. Brown, T. Brown, Carney, Carver, Clampitt, Davis, Gable, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, N. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Lambeth, Longest, Penny, Prather, Price, Rhyne, Roberson, Sauls, Turner, Wheatley, and White.

**HOMELAND SECURITY AND MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Representative Chesser, Vice Chair; Representatives Arp, Cairns, Campbell, Colvin, Gable, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, Paré, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Potts, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Wheatley, and Willis.

**HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT:** Representatives Adams, Alston, G. Brown, Cotham, Cunningham, Dahle, Gable, Liu, Lopez, Penny, Watford, Willis, and Winslow.

**INSURANCE:** Representative Setzer, Vice Chair; Representatives Almond, K. Hall, Hastings, Howard, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Lambeth, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Potts, Roberson, and Warren.

**JUDICIARY 1:** Representative Blackwell, Vice Chair; Representatives Alston, Arp, Harrison, Jeffers, A. Jones, Potts, Schietzelt, and Winslow.

**JUDICIARY 2:** Representative Carson Smith, Vice Chair; Representatives Budd, Butler, Carver, Greene, Liu, Miller, Pyrtle, and Charles Smith.

**JUDICIARY 3:** Representatives Almond, Branson, T. Brown, Buansi, Howard, Kidwell, Morey, Price, and Ward.

**OVERSIGHT:** Representatives Ager, Arp, Baker, Blust, Campbell, Cervania, Chesser, Cunningham, Dahle, Echevarria, Hawkins, McNeely, Moss, Quick, Reeder, Schietzelt, Stevens, and Willingham.

**PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT:** Representatives Brody, Dew, Lambeth, Lowery, Pike, Prather, Quick, Roberson, and Ross.

**REGULATORY REFORM:** Representatives Ager, Almond, Baker, Belk, Blackwell, Brody, T. Brown, Carver, Clampitt, Dahle, Echevarria, Kidwell, Price, and Stevens.

**RULES, CALENDAR, AND OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE:** Representatives Cotham, B. Jones, and Paré, Vice Chairs; Representatives Brisson, Carney, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dixon, Eddins, Gillespie, K. Hall, Hastings, N. Jackson, Lofton, Longest, Miller, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reives, Stevens, Torbett, Tyson, White, and Willingham.

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:** Representative Greene, Vice Chair; Representatives Alston, Branson, Clark, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Loftis, Logan, Penny, Pickett, Pike, Prather, Roberson, Ross, Ward, Warren, and White.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Representative Branson, Vice Chair; Representatives Alston, Belk, Biggs, Blust, Budd, Butler, Carney, Echevarria, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Loftis, Lofton, Lopez, Moss, Paré, Pickett, Pless, Roberson, Ross, Strickland, Warren, and Winslow.

**WILDLIFE RESOURCES:** Representatives Brisson, Butler, Clampitt, Cunningham, Eddins, Gillespie, Goodwin, Hawkins, Huneycutt, Iler, Johnson, A. Jones, Pless, Charles Smith, and Turner.

The House stands adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

January 29, 2025

# THIRD DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, January 30, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Clampitt.

Prayer is offered by Representative Wyatt Gable.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Huneycutt reports the Journal of January 29 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

The Speaker grants a leave of absence to the Principal Clerk.

Representative Huneycutt moves, seconded by Representative Gable, that the House adjourn at 10:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, February 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Pyrtle, Willis, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Blust, Cairns, Campbell, Cotham, Echevarria, Gillespie, Greene, Humphrey, Kidwell, McNeely, Moss, Reeder, Rhyne, Strickland, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 2**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF CASH AND SENIOR TAR HEEL CARDS FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder (Primary Sponsor); Clampitt, Humphrey, and Kidwell:

**H.B. 3**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Cairns, Biggs, and Paré (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Baker, Balkcom, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, Echevarria, Greene, Harrison, N. Jackson, Liu, McNeely, Moss, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Riddell, Setzer, Charles Smith, White, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 4**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING WHEN A PERSON IS EXPERIENCING A SEIZURE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Adams, Moss, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Brody, Cairns, Campbell, Clampitt, Eddins, Gable, Goodwin, Greene, Hastings, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, Johnson, McNeely, Potts, Riddell, Scott, Wheatley, and Willis:

**H.B. 5**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT, TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED, AND TO AUTHORIZE OFFICIALS ELECTED IN THE STATE TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM WHILE PERFORMING THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IF THE OFFICIAL HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell (Primary Sponsor) and Humphrey:

**H.B. 6**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Moss, Cairns, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Clampitt, Echevarria, Iler, McNeely, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 7**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE CREDIT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION IN AMERICAN HISTORY OR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO GRADUATE

FROM A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WITH A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Belk, T. Brown, Cohn, Crawford, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Liu, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 8**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE AND BETTER MANAGE THE DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE WASTE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Moss, Pike, and McNeely (Primary Sponsors); Clampitt and Goodwin:

**H.B. 9**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREEMPT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING SPORT SHOOTING RANGES AND DISCHARGING FIREARMS ON OR WITHIN PRIVATE PROPERTY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Belk, Biggs, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Lopez, McNeely, Moss, Reeder, Turner, and Willis:

**H.B. 10**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE MODERNIZATION OF THE STATE'S CURRENT TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR STATE OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, TEACHERS, AND MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY ADJUSTING THE AMOUNTS BASED ON FEDERAL GUIDELINES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren, Bell, Chesser, and Paré (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Brody, Campbell, Carver, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gillespie, Goodwin, K. Hall, Hastings, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Schietzelt, Scott, Strickland, Turner, Wheatley, White, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 11**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR OVERTIME COMPENSATION, UP

TO TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF BONUS PAY, AND TIPS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren, Bell, Campbell, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Belk, Biggs, Dahle, Eddins, Goodwin, K. Hall, Harrison, Humphrey, N. Jackson, Johnson, B. Jones, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Potts, Pyrtle, Scott, Setzer, Turner, Wheatley, White, and Winslow:

**H.B. 12**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT FOR THE STATE TO OBSERVE STANDARD TIME THE WHOLE YEAR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren, Ross, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Campbell, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Echevarria, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Liu, Loftis, Lopez, McNeely, R. Pierce, Pyrtle, Quick, Turner, Wheatley, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 13**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT A MERCHANT MAY CHARGE CUSTOMERS FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, Tyson, Kidwell, and Winslow (Primary Sponsors); T. Brown, Cairns, Carver, Cohn, Gable, Goodwin, Humphrey, Johnson, Lowery, and McNeely:

**H.B. 14**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR GAMBLING LOSSES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hastings, Paré, Zenger, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, Cairns, Clampitt, Cotham, Dixon, Humphrey, Johnson, Loftis, Potts, and Ross:

**H.B. 15**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY ON A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS NOT A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OR A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Moss, Kidwell, Ward, and Pike (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Brody, Cairns, Clampitt, Cotham, Echevarria,

Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Hastings, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, Johnson, Loftis, McNeely, Potts, Pyrtle, Rhyne, Riddell, Scott, Setzer, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 16**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISPLAY THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" DIRECTLY ABOVE AND BEHIND THE DAIS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pyrtle (Primary Sponsor) and Humphrey:

**H.B. 17**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Morey, Hawkins, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, A. Jones, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 20**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Penny and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, G. Brown, T. Brown, Clampitt, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Dahle, Gillespie, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Liu, Lopez, Lowery, Moss, Prather, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Riddell, Scott, Setzer, Charles Smith, Turner, von Haefen, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 21**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Miller and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); and Greene:

**H.B. 22**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FIRE INVESTIGATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt (Primary Sponsor); Campbell, Cohn, Cotham, Howard, Moss, and Setzer:

**H.B. 23**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OPERATE A CULINARY PROGRAM AT A SITE THAT IS NOT LOCATED ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Adams, Penny, Warren, and McNeely (Primary Sponsors); Almond, G. Brown, Buansi, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clampitt, Cohn, Echevarria, Harrison, Helfrich, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Liu, Loftis, Morey, Prather, Price, Ross, Schietzelt, Setzer, Turner, von Haefen, and Wheatley:

**H.B. 24**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Cohn and Harrison:

**H.B. 25**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN STANLY AND CATAWBA COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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# FOURTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 3, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

Prayer is offered by Representative Maria Cervania.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Ward reports the Journal of January 30 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

The Speaker grants a leave of absence to the Principal Clerk.

Representative Ward moves, seconded by Representative Cervania, that the House adjourn at 11:07 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, February 4, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representative Pyrtle:

**H.B. 26**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell and Ross (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Clampitt, Harrison, Penny, and Price:

**H.B. 27**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO ALAMANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Carson Smith, Miller, and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Biggs, Branson, Brisson, K. Brown, Cairns, Carver, Cohn, Greene, Harrison, Hastings, Humphrey, Iler, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Liu, Loftis, Lowery, R. Pierce, Price, Riddell, Scott, Ward, Warren, and Zenger:

**H.B. 28**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Cohn, Colvin, Goodwin, Greenfield, Harrison, Iler, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Lopez, Lowery, R. Pierce, Price, Setzer, Turner, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 29**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD ISSUED BY A STATE OR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE WHEN MAKING ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PURCHASES, is referred to the Committee on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 2**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF CASH AND SENIOR TAR HEEL CARDS FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 3**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 4**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING WHEN A PERSON IS EXPERIENCING A SEIZURE, is withdrawn from the

Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 6**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 7**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE CREDIT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION IN AMERICAN HISTORY OR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WITH A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 8**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE AND BETTER MANAGE THE DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE WASTE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 11**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR OVERTIME COMPENSATION, UP TO TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF BONUS PAY, AND TIPS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 12**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT FOR THE STATE TO OBSERVE STANDARD TIME THE WHOLE YEAR, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 13**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT A MERCHANT MAY CHARGE CUSTOMERS FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 14**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR GAMBLING LOSSES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 15**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY ON A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS NOT A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OR A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 16**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISPLAY THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" DIRECTLY ABOVE AND BEHIND THE DAIS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 17**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 21**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 22**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FIRE INVESTIGATIONS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 23**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OPERATE A CULINARY PROGRAM AT A SITE THAT IS NOT LOCATED ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 24**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 25**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN STANLY AND CATAWBA COUNTIES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**

Submitted by Representative Maria Cervania:

**RECOGNIZING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday, January 29, 2025, marks the beginning of the Lunar New Year - a celebration of great cultural significance commemorating the arrival of spring. For more than 3,500 years, the Lunar New Year has been celebrated by billions of people around the world, including communities in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to over 300,000 Asian Americans and 7,000 Pacific Islanders, enriching the State's cultural, economic, and social framework through their contributions to their local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration symbolizes a time of renewal and honoring ancestors, while also seeking blessings for prosperity and good fortune in the coming year. The celebration traditionally marks the first new moon to occur between the end of January and the beginning of February, continuing until the full moon arrives; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Year is celebrated uniquely across many Asian countries, including Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tibetan, and many more. Regardless of country or culture, Lunar New Year's Day serves as a time for family reunions, reflection, gratitude, vibrant performances, and the sharing of foods, uniting communities in celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have enriched our country and communities as entrepreneurs, artists, small business owners, doctors, nurses, teachers, essential workers, and more;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, it is fitting to recognize January 29th as the beginning of the Lunar New Year and encourage all North Carolinians to honor the celebration.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the 3rd day of February, 2025.

S/ Representative Maria Cervania
S/ James White, House Principal Clerk

The House stands adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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# FIFTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 4, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Ward.

Prayer is offered by Representative Maria Cervania.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of February 3 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Penny moves, seconded by Representative Cervania, that the House adjourn at 11:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, February 5, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Lambeth, K. Hall, Zenger, and Potts (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, Carney, Harrison, Lofton, Price, Riddell, and Ward:

**H.B. 30**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH, STOKES,

AND DAVIDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, Ross, N. Jackson, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Cotham, Cunningham, Dahle, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Goodwin, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Riddell, Rubin, Setzer, Turner, von Haefen, Ward, Willingham, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 31**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO MAKE THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION DAY A PAID HOLIDAY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell (Primary Sponsor); Penny and Warren:

**H.B. 32**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Carney, Harrison, F. Jackson, Lofton, Price, Riddell, and Ward:

**H.B. 33**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW YADKIN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND DAVIE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDARS WITH SURRY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S OR DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Zenger, K. Hall, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Greene, Humphrey, Kidwell, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Penny, Pyrtle, Riddell, Setzer, Shepard, Strickland, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 34**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF MAIL, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives B. Jones, Chesser, Adams, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Cervania, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hastings, Helfrich, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Riddell, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Strickland, Turner, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 35**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Wheatley, Penny, and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Eddins, Gable, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Riddell, Rubin, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Charles Smith, Strickland, Turner, Ward, Warren, White, Willingham, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 36**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS TO ENHANCE OVERALL MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE'S VETERANS CEMETERIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, Huneycutt, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blust, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cairns, Cervania, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, Crawford, Dahle, Eddins, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Setzer, Shepard, Strickland, Turner, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 30**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH, STOKES, AND DAVIDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 31**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO MAKE THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION DAY A PAID HOLIDAY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 32**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 33**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW YADKIN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND DAVIE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDARS WITH SURRY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S OR DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CALENDAR, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 34**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF MAIL, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 35**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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# SIXTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Reeder.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.:

"God, may we live a life from the inside out today. May our convictions, personal discipline, and goals be up to date and shaped by Your Word.

"Help us to serve others with a pure heart.

"Amen."

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The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Gable reports the Journal of February 4 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Gable moves, seconded by Representative Penny, that the House adjourn at 11:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, February 6, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Pyrtle, Miller, Goodwin, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Cairns, Campbell, Cotham, Echevarria, Eddins, Greene, Hastings, Huneycutt, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pickett, Pike, Reeder, Scott, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 38**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ward, Goodwin, Wheatley, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Belk, Biggs, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Dahle, Davis, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Harrison, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Roberson, Ross, Scott, Charles Smith, Warren, White, Willingham, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 39**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXCLUDE MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY A VETERAN WITH A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT DISABILITY RATING FROM THE PROPERTY TAX, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Davis:

**H.B. 40**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Rhyne:

**H.B. 41**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN LINCOLN COUNTY AND CATAWBA COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY LINE THAT IS USED BY THE COUNTIES FOR TAXATION PURPOSES AND REFLECTED IN THE COUNTIES' GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS MAPS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Carson Smith, Miller, and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Branson, Brisson, Cairns, Carver, Eddins, Greene, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pike, Potts, Scott, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 42**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE OFFENSES OF FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY AND TO ENHANCE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR CERTAIN BURGLARY AND BREAKING OR ENTERING OFFENSES COMMITTED BY A PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPON, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carver, Setzer, McNeely, and Ross (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, Quick, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 43**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE CAROLINA BALLOONFEST HELD IN THE CITY OF STATESVILLE AS THE OFFICIAL BALLOON RALLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Davis (Primary Sponsor) and Ward:

**H.B. 44**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN CERTAIN CONTEXTS, PURSUANT TO A REVIEW DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Davis (Primary Sponsor) and Ward:

**H.B. 45**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Hall, Lambeth, Paré, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Blust, Brisson, Huneycutt, Kidwell, McNeely, Penny, Pike, Potts, Ward, and Zenger:

**H.B. 46**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DISCLOSE THE COST OF STATE GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES ON NORTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYERS AND TAXPAYERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greene and Bell (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Blackwell, Branson, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, Eddins, Gillespie, K. Hall, Harrison, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Logan, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Penny, Pickett, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Riddell, Ross, Scott, Setzer, Carson Smith, Strickland, Turner, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 47**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2025 - PART I, is referred to the House Select Committee on Helene Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Howard, Brody, Warren, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Belk, Butler, Carney, Cunningham, Harrison, F. Jackson, Kidwell, Liu, Logan, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Prather, Turner, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 48**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RATIFY THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION TO EXPAND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING THE HELENE DISASTER, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS A TAX CREDIT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ON WAGES PAID IN 2025, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hastings, Lambeth, Reeder, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Chesser, Cohn, N. Jackson, Loftis, McNeely, Ross, Carson Smith, Ward, and Warren:

**H.B. 49**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATE'S FILIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pyrtle, Miller, Chesser, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Baker, Belk, Biggs, Branson, K. Brown, Carver, Cohn, Greene, Harrison, Iler, Kidwell, Loftis, Logan, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Pickett, R. Pierce, Price, Reeder, Riddell, Ross, Scott, Carson Smith, Ward, Warren, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 50**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Price and Buansi (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Carney, Harrison, F. Jackson, Riddell, and Ward:

**H.B. 51**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS, CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CITY SCHOOLS, AND ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Hastings, Cotham, Miller, and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, Cairns, Carver, Goodwin, Greene, Iler, Johnson, Loftis, Logan, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, Potts, Reeder, Riddell, Scott, Strickland, Ward, Warren, White, Willingham, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 52**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren, Humphrey, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Belk, Clampitt, Harrison, Kidwell, McNeely, Moss, Pyrtle, and Ward:

**H.B. 53**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt, Howard, Potts, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Chesser, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Moss, Penny, R. Pierce, Charles Smith, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 54**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt, Howard, Potts, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Baker, Ball, Belk, Biggs, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Campbell, Chesser, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Logan, Lopez, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Penny, R. Pierce, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 55**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA IGNITE PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Paré, Loftis, Zenger, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Blust, Branson, Cotham, Moss, and Penny:

**H.B. 56**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt, Blust, and Goodwin (Primary Sponsors); Baker, K. Brown, Dahle, Johnson, Liu, Longest, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, Potts, Setzer, and Ward:

**H.B. 57**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS AS THE STATE'S VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow (Primary Sponsor) and Turner:

**H.B. 58**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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# SEVENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 6, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Diane Wheatley:

"Father,

"As we begin our new Legislative Session, I ask that all things considered be for the benefit of the citizens of North Carolina and pleasing in Your sight. Anoint us equally with both wisdom and courage. Grant that we never hesitate to do the right thing as You give us light to see it. Build in each of us a burning desire to serve and hearts filled with humility and compassion. Bless all who have been called to serve in government, both here and in Washington. Bless our military and all those who serve to protect us. Guide and direct them and keep them safe as they work to keep us safe. Thank You for all the many blessings You have poured out on this State, the Nation, and each of us personally. Know that we acknowledge with grateful hearts that You are the giver of all good things. Keep us always in the narrow path of Your good will for our lives.

"For we ask this all in Jesus' Name. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Gable reports the Journal of February 5 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Gable moves, seconded by Representative Wheatley, that the House adjourn at 11:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, February 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Paré, Cotham, Schietzelt, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Blust, K. Brown, Butler, Carver, Cervania, Cunningham, Goodwin, Harrison, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Roberson, Ward, Warren, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 59**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, Lambeth, Potts, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Baker, Ball, Belk, Blackwell, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Charles Smith, Tyson, Ward, Warren, White, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 60**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE MEDICAID DENTAL RATES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pyrtle, Carson Smith, Greene, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Chesser, Cohn, Cotham, Cunningham, Echevarria, Gable, Goodwin, Hastings, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, B. Jones, Kidwell, Loftis, Logan, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Potts, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Scott, Setzer, Strickland, Ward, Warren, White, Willingham, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 61**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives N. Jackson, Dixon, Balkcom, and Gillespie (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Blust, Branson, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Clampitt, Eddins, Goodwin, Hastings, Huneycutt, Johnson, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Scott, Strickland, Ward, Warren, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 62**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Gillespie:

**H.B. 63**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody, Setzer, Clampitt, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Kidwell, Loftis, Ward, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 64**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO GRANT CLEMENCY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives R. Pierce, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, and Roberson (Primary Sponsors); Baker, K. Brown, T. Brown, Cervania, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, G. Pierce, Price, Quick, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 65**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gable, Tyson, Kidwell, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Branson, McNeely, Penny, Pike, Strickland, Ward, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 66**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD TO THE SECOND MONDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder, Campbell, Potts, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Belk, Biggs, Carney, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Colvin, Harrison, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Kidwell, McNeely, Paré, Ward, Willingham, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 67**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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# EIGHTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 10, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Clampitt.

Prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Ward reports the Journal of February 6 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Ward moves, seconded by Representative Penny, that the House adjourn at 11:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, February 11, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Cohn (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Belk, Crawford, Harrison, and Price:

**H.B. 68**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN GRANVILLE AND VANCE COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell, Chesser, Hastings, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Arp, Baker, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Brisson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cairns, Carver, Cervania, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Goodwin, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Kidwell, Loftis, Lofton, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, Morey, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Rubin, Scott, Charles Smith, Strickland, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 69**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE MILITARY ADMISSIONS DEFERMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS ADMITTED TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION TO CERTAIN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ward (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Harrison, Johnson, Lofton, R. Pierce, Price, and Riddell:

**H.B. 70**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW HERTFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

### ADDENDA TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**HEALTH:** Add Representative Clampitt; remove Representative Dixon.

**REGULATORY REFORM:** Add Representative Dixon; remove Representative Clampitt.

The House stands adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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# NINTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Setzer, Speaker Pro Tempore.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Mike Clampitt:

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"We all have difficult journeys and must walk through many valleys. Sometimes those valleys take us through a 'valley of the shadow of death.' Knowing You are with me when the hour is the darkest, I know Your presence and Your hand is upon me. Thank You, Lord, for Your comfort. God, You are my strength and through Your Son, Jesus Christ, I know my salvation. I am so humbled that You are the Creator of my life and life forever. Your blessings to me are bountiful and I am grateful that I have the opportunity to serve You.

"In Your Son's precious and wonderful Name, Jesus Christ. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of February 10 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Penny moves, seconded by Representative Clampitt, that the House adjourn at 11:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, February 12, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 27**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO ALAMANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Moss and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Clampitt, Harrison, Johnson, Kidwell, McNeely, Reeder, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 71**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF

THE PROFESSION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Gable, Eddins, and Moss (Primary Sponsors); Blust, Johnson, McNeely, and Ward:

**H.B. 72**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PARTICIPATION IN LITIGATION ADVANCING ANY ARGUMENT THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE INVALIDATION OF ANY EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, is referred to the Committee on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Moss, Kidwell, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); Cunningham, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson, Loftis, Logan, McNeely, and Willingham:

**H.B. 73**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES TO PROVIDE SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR SUBSTATIONS TO PROTECT AGAINST VANDALISM AND OTHER THREATS, is referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Arp, Strickland, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Brisson, Clampitt, Johnson, McNeely, Potts, Setzer, and Zenger:

**H.B. 74**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren, Campbell, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Harrison, Kidwell, Logan, McNeely, Moss, Penny, and Ward:

**H.B. 75**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO MORE CLEARLY DISCLOSE RISKS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Cotham, Campbell, Paré, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Echevarria, Kidwell, and McNeely:

**H.B. 76**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, and Lopez (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Crawford, Dahle, Liu, Logan, Morey, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 77**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONSIDERATION OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF A PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING DECISION ON MINORITY OR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES AND TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERMITTING DECISIONS IMPACTING OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Price, Butler, Harrison, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Budd, Clark, Dahle, Greenfield, Morey, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 78**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA PLACES OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND HOSPITALS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lowery, McNeely, Warren, and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Blackwell, Carver, Clark, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Kidwell, Longest, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Potts, Quick, Carson Smith, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 79**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Butler, Price, Harrison, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Budd, Clark, Dahle, Morey, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 80**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ON NORTH CAROLINA FARMLAND AND CONSTRUCTION SITES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Warren, Echevarria, and Almond (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Branson, G. Brown, Butler, Cairns, Dahle, Harrison, Iler, N. Jackson, Kidwell, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Price, Pyrtle, Rubin, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 81**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS DATA, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth and Zenger (Primary Sponsors); and McNeely:

**H.B. 82**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMISSION ON LARGE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett (Primary Sponsor); Clampitt, Echevarria, Kidwell, and Loftis:

**H.B. 83**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS OR EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS; TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE; TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS TO THE LIST OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROHIBIT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING SERVICE TO UNEMANCIPATED MINORS WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING CONSENT FROM THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ager, Setzer, Harrison, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler,

Cervania, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Liu, Logan, Majeed, Morey, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 84**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE POLLINATOR PROTECTION ACT OF 2025, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Moss, Ward, and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); and Harrison:

**H.B. 85**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM WORKING IN THE ELECTIONS PROCESS FOR FAILURE TO EXERCISE DUE CARE AND DILIGENCE WHILE WORKING IN ANY JOB RELATED TO THE ELECTION PROCESS, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hastings, Biggs, Torbett, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Cairns, Clampitt, Davis, Eddins, McNeely, Penny, Pyrtle, and Ward:

**H.B. 86**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON WHO IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OR CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES FROM OBTAINING AN EXPUNCTION OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OR CHARGES FROM THE PERSON'S RECORD, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives N. Jackson, Biggs, Schietzelt, and Eddins (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Balkcom, Blackwell, Branson, Brody, Cairns, Campbell, Clampitt, Echevarria, Iler, Kidwell, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Potts, Pyrtle, Riddell, Scott, Ward, and Zenger:

**H.B. 87**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEVELOP POLICIES TO RESTRICT STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pittman (Primary Sponsor); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Harrison, F. Jackson, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, and Riddell:

**H.B. 88**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gable, Almond, Kidwell, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Cairns, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, and Zenger:

**H.B. 89**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS WHO ATTEND A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, Wheatley, Butler, and Majeed (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Lofton, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, von Haefen, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 90**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, Setzer, Kidwell, and Ross, Chairs, for the Committee on Finance:

**H.B. 48**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RATIFY THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION TO EXPAND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING THE HELENE DISASTER, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS A TAX CREDIT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

TAX ON WAGES PAID IN 2025, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The Speaker rules the committee substitute bill to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

The material committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

**H.B. 44**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN CERTAIN CONTEXTS, PURSUANT TO A REVIEW DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 45**, 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, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 40**, 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, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 81**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS DATA, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

**REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES**

The following report from select committee is presented:

By Representatives Bell and Greene, Chairs, for the House Select Committee on Helene Recovery:

**H.B. 47**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2025 - PART I, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 52**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE

AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025, is withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

The House stands adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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# TENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Mike Clampitt:

"Lord, without You I am nothing. The blessings of Your strength I can overcome any enemy and obstacle. When Your works I have completed, thank You for eternal life and the reward of being in Your presence forever. There with others I have known, we shall sing Your praises and dance with never-ending joy. Now go with me today and let everything I do exalt You. Forgive my sins and shortcomings, in all things I shall give You praise.

"In my Savior's Name Jesus Christ, I offer this prayer. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Gable reports the Journal of February 11 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of February 10 are introduced to the membership. They are: Joshua Ezema of Stanly; Chance Favors of Stanly; Caleb Littlepage of Stanly; Dillon Merritt of Stanly; Lythan Nguyen of Stanly; Kennidee Reed of Stanly; Kelly Roa of Stanly; Benjamin Vergan of Stanly; Christopher Vidal of Stanly; and Ty'Reonia Wall of Stanly.

Representative Gable moves, seconded by Representative Clampitt, that the House adjourn at 11:05 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, February 13, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## ADDENDA TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**Representative Rubin** - appointed to Appropriations; Appropriations, General Government; Election Law; and Pensions and Retirement.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representatives Arp, K. Hall, Lambeth, Strickland, Blackwell, Brisson, and Paré, Chairs, for the Committee on Appropriations:

**H.B. 47** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 13**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT A MERCHANT MAY CHARGE CUSTOMERS FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD, is withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referrals to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and the Committee on Finance are stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 53**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN,

is withdrawn from the Committee on Insurance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referrals to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and the Committee on Finance are stricken.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Loftis, Tyson, and Penny (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Biggs, Branson, Budd, Cervania, Harrison, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Kidwell, Shepard, and Ward:

**H.B. 91**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ARMED FORCES" OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE; TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RELEVANT STATUTES RELATED TO THE MILITARY; AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FORT BRAGG TO FORT LIBERTY TO CONFORM WITH THE RENAMING OF THE MILITARY BASE BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ross, Brody, Schietzelt, and D. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Echevarria, K. Hall, Hastings, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Moss, Pickett, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Shepard, Ward, Warren, and Winslow:

**H.B. 92**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TREASURER TO INVEST IN QUALIFYING DIGITAL ASSETS, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, Chesser, Buansi, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, G. Brown, K. Brown, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Helfrich, Humphrey, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Schietzelt, Setzer, Charles Smith, Turner, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 93**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL THE LITERACY TEST REQUIREMENT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, Goodwin, Balkcom, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Branson, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Kidwell, Loftis, Longest, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reeder, Riddell, Schietzelt, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, White, and Winslow:

**H.B. 94**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERANS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Moss, Adams, and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Cairns, Iler, Loftis, Majeed, McNeely, Penny, R. Pierce, Potts, Setzer, Shepard, Strickland, and Ward:

**H.B. 95**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR A THREAT AGAINST A LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER AND TO REQUIRE THE EXECUTION OF A SECURED APPEARANCE BOND FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT FOR ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, OR ELECTION OFFICER, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Tyson, Biggs, K. Hall, and Howard (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Branson, Cairns, Campbell, Eddins, Iler, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Potts, Setzer, Strickland, Ward, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 96**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Scott, Howard, Tyson, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Branson, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clampitt, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Davis, Echevarria, Gable, Greenfield, Harrison, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Schietzelt, Setzer, Shepard, Charles Smith, Strickland, Turner, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 97**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCLUDING DEATH DUE TO STOMACH CANCER IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gable, Kidwell, Eddins, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Echevarria, N. Jackson, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, and Shepard:

**H.B. 98**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND USE OF CERTAIN CONSUMER FIREWORKS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Warren, Belk, and Brody (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Kidwell, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Price, and Shepard:

**H.B. 99**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTIFIED REFLEXOLOGISTS FROM OVERSIGHT FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pyrtle, Sauls, N. Jackson, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Cairns, Colvin, Echevarria, F. Jackson, Kidwell, Riddell, Schietzelt, Shepard, and Ward:

**H.B. 100**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY USED FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cohn (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Blust, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Dahle, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Roberson, and Shepard:

**H.B. 101**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A NOTIFICATION PROCESS REGARDING PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHT TO APPEAL PROPERTY APPRAISALS AND TO REQUIRE AUTOMATIC REVIEW BY BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance.

By Representatives Cohn (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Blust, K. Brown, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, and Roberson:

**H.B. 102**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSESSORS TO INTELLIGIBLY NOTIFY PROPERTY OWNERS OF PERTINENT APPRAISAL AND TAX INFORMATION DURING A REVALUATION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance.

By Representatives R. Pierce, Clampitt, Lowery, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, T. Brown, Budd, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Echevarria, Harrison, Logan, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, G. Pierce, Price, Quick, and Shepard:

**H.B. 103**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA TRIBAL MEMBERS, is referred to the Committee on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

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# ELEVENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 13, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Reeder.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.:

"Gracious Heavenly Father,

"You teach us in the Book of Matthew 26:41 to 'watch and pray.'

"You teach us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 to 'rejoice always, pray without ceasing,' and 'in everything give thanks.'

"And when Your disciples saw how lacking they were, in the 11th chapter of Luke's Gospel they said, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'

"As Legislators in the Great State of North Carolina may we be men and women of prayer! So that we may be in Your will and represent Your people! Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Clampitt reports the Journal of February 12 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Clampitt moves, seconded by Representative Penny, that the House adjourn at 11:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, February 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Prather, Ager, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Harrison, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, Riddell, and Roberson:

**H.B. 104**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis (Primary Sponsor) and Kidwell:

**H.B. 105**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carver, Scott, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Ball, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Clark, Cohn, Eddins, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Quick, Rhyne, Riddell, Schietzelt, Setzer, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 106**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVIVE AND EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO ALLOW RETIRED EDUCATORS TO RETURN TO WORK IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Cunningham, Moss, and Kidwell (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Quick, Ross, Ward, Wheatley, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 107**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOMMEND AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WITH EPILEPSY OR OTHERWISE PREDISPOSED TO SEIZURES, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt, Ager, Kidwell, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Budd, N. Jackson, R. Pierce, Prather, Ross, Setzer, and Ward:

**H.B. 108**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONLY SOBER DRIVERS TO OPERATE VEHICLES AND VESSELS AND SAVE LIVES OF OPERATORS, PASSENGERS, AND PEDESTRIANS BY LOWERING THE ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION LEGAL LIMIT FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE OR VESSEL FROM 0.08 TO 0.05; TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY IN THE IMMEDIATE CIVIL PRETRIAL REVOCATION OF DRIVERS LICENSES; TO REQUIRE IMPAIRED DRIVERS TO PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE COSTS OF THEIR PROCESSING; TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY MOTIONS BY ADMITTING ALCOHOL AND DRUG SCREENING TESTS TO PROVE THE ARRESTING OFFICER HAD PROBABLE CAUSE; TO ASSURE TRANSPARENCY IN THE COURTS SO THAT ALL OPERATORS ARE TREATED EQUALLY AND ALL USERS OF THE STREETS AND WATERWAYS THROUGHOUT THE STATE HAVE EQUAL PROTECTION FROM IMPAIRED DRIVERS BY REQUIRING VIDEO RECORDING OF DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS AND PUBLISHING REPORTS OF HOW IMPAIRED DRIVING CASES ARE RESOLVED; TO ALLOW REPEAT OFFENDERS A METHOD TO PROVE THEIR SOBRIETY AND OBTAIN A LEGAL METHOD TO OPERATE A VEHICLE; AND TO REVISE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED ON A PERSON OVER LAWFUL AGE WHO AIDS AND ABETS A PERSON UNDER LAWFUL AGE IN THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY RESULTS, is referred to the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, White, Morey, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Dahle, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Majeed, R. Pierce, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 109**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING ASSAULT BY STRANGULATION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Loftis, Goodwin, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, von Haefen, Ward, and Wheatley:

**H.B. 110**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives (Primary Sponsor); Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Harrison, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, Price, Riddell, and Roberson:

**H.B. 111**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lowery, Biggs, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Gable, Harrison, Kidwell, Majeed, McNeely, and Wheatley:

**H.B. 112**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SPEED LIMIT ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Potts, and White (Primary Sponsors); Budd, Carney, Harrison, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pickett, Price, Riddell, Strickland, Ward, Warren, and Wheatley:

**H.B. 113**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID SUSTAINABILITY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Charles Smith, Ager, Goodwin, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, Budd, Campbell, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Gable, Harrison, F. Jackson, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Riddell, Roberson, and Ward:

**H.B. 114**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PERIOD OF WAR AND TO INCLUDE PERSONS SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY, MEMBERS OF

THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE, AND THEIR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cohn, Crawford, Clark, and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Lopez, Majeed, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, and Roberson:

**H.B. 115**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT QUALIFYING CHILD CARE FACILITIES FROM PROPERTY TAX, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 17**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Election Law and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 6**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Election Law and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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# TWELFTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 17, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Clampitt.

Prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of February 13 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

On motion of Representative Penny and without objection, the House adjourns at 11:06 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, February 18, at 11:00 a.m.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 28**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 53**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 72**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PARTICIPATION IN LITIGATION ADVANCING ANY ARGUMENT THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE INVALIDATION OF ANY EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 97**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCLUDING DEATH DUE TO STOMACH CANCER IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives B. Jones (Primary Sponsor); Humphrey, Kidwell, and Pike:

**H.B. 116**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO REPEAL ANY CONFLICTING STATUTES, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Iler:

**H.B. 117**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING THE TOWNS OF OCEAN ISLE BEACH AND SUNSET BEACH TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE

USED, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell, Loftis, Schietzelt, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Ball, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Carver, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Davis, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Goodwin, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, Humphrey, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Prather, Price, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Scott, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 118**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION TO EXCLUDE FROM TAXATION THE PERCENTAGE OF APPRAISED VALUE OF A PRIMARY RESIDENCE OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN THAT IS EQUAL TO THE VETERAN'S DISABILITY RATING, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Brown and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); Belk, K. Brown, Budd, Carney, Harrison, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, Price, and Riddell:

**H.B. 119**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Moss, Setzer, Huneycutt, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Almond, G. Brown, Budd, Butler, Campbell, Cunningham, Greenfield, Hawkins, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Logan, Majeed, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, von Haefen, Ward, and Willis:

**H.B. 120**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, FOR EXPANSION OF THE PROJECT CAREGIVER ALTERNATIVES TO RUNNING ON EMPTY (PROJECT C.A.R.E.) PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Setzer, Huneycutt, Cunningham, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Branson, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Clampitt, Clark, Colvin, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, Humphrey, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Moss, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Reeder, Riddell, von Haefen, Ward, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 121**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren and Riddell (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Butler, Harrison, Majeed, and Price:

**H.B. 122**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALING ARTS COMMISSION AND TO CREATE LICENSURE PROCESSES FOR REFLEXOLOGISTS AND MUSIC THERAPISTS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pless (Primary Sponsor); Almond, Clampitt, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 123**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Paré, K. Hall, and Potts (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Cervania, and Harrison:

**H.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Paré, K. Hall, and White (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dixon and N. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, G. Brown, Cairns, Eddins, Harrison, Humphrey, Jeffers, Majeed, McNeely, Riddell, Ward, Warren, and White:

**H.B. 126**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES FOR LAND USE DECISIONS IMPACTING LANDS IN SUCH DISTRICTS, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren, Blackwell, Echevarria, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Almond and Ward:

**H.B. 127**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO DEVELOP A SAMPLE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM TO BE USED FOR ORGANIZED VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives R. Pierce, Reeder, Campbell, and Brody (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Goodwin, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, Price, Quick, Rubin, von Haefen, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 128**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROSTATE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

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**S.B. 13** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 24**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DISCLOSE THE COST OF STATE GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES ON NORTH CAROLINA'S EMPLOYERS AND TAXPAYERS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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# THIRTEENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Clampitt.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Please pray with me beginning with Romans 13:8 in this month of love. 'Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law.'

"Father,

"Guide our thoughts and our prayers so that we can discern the needs of those who You have brought into our lives. May we see each person as You see them. Thank You for the friends who bring encouragement and laughter, comfort and prayers. Thank You for those people who may be more tenuous and fragile. Thank You for friends with deep roots.

"I pray You would help us to nurture all our acquaintances as only You know how.

"In Your Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Reeder reports the Journal of February 17 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Reeder moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 11:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Friday, February 21, at 12:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 47** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of February 25.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Morey, Rubin, A. Jones, and Longest (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 129**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES RELATING TO REENACTMENT OF

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS, AND TO REESTABLISH PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dixon, Penny, N. Jackson, and Eddins (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Blust, Branson, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Cervania, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Scott, Strickland, Turner, Ward, Wheatley, White, and Zenger:

**H.B. 130**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND FUND AN AGRICULTURAL DISASTER CROP LOSS PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Buansi, Harrison, Price, and Longest (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Greenfield, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 131**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT A SOLAR ENERGY TAX CREDIT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives F. Jackson, Wheatley, Charles Smith, and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Harrison, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 132**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, N. Jackson, Zenger, and Bell (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Ager, Almond, Arp, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Clampitt, Cohn, Colvin, Eddins, Gable, Goodwin, Greenfield, Harrison, Hastings,

Humphrey, F. Jackson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Reeder, Rhyne, Ross, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Tyson, Ward, White, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 133**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER LANDS CRITICAL TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE STATE BY CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATED AS ADVERSARIAL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dixon (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Cairns, Eddins, Goodwin, Kidwell, Loftis, Moss, Penny, Ward, White, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 134**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely, Humphrey, Lowery, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Cairns, Eddins, Kidwell, Loftis, Moss, Pickett, Ward, White, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 135**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; TO PROHIBIT COMMUNITY COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM PURCHASING CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; AND TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN MEAT, POULTRY, EGG, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS AND ANALOGOUS PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren and Campbell (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 136**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Crawford, Pyrtle, Paré, and Roberson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Alston, Belk, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Liu, Logan, Longest, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Rhyne, Rubin, Scott, Carson Smith, von Haefen, Ward, White, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 137**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO HONOR THE LIFE OF GABE TORRES, A RALEIGH POLICE OFFICER WHOSE LIFE CAME TO AN END WHILE HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO WORK AFTER A TRAGIC ACT OF VIOLENCE ON OCTOBER 13, 2022, BY EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS KILLED ON THE WAY TO OR FROM WORK, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ward (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Budd, Carney, Harrison, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 138**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW GATES COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Pickett, Potts, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Biggs, Blackwell, G. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Cairns, Eddins, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Reeder, Scott, Willingham, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 139**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW INFANTS TO BE SAFELY SURRENDERED AT CERTAIN FACILITIES IN A NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Iler and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Cunningham, Goodwin, Harrison, F. Jackson, B. Jones, Logan, Lowery, Majeed, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Riddell, Turner, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 140**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD THE GULLAH GEECHEE GREENWAY/BLUEWAY HERITAGE TRAIL TO THE STATE TRAILS SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt, White, Wheatley, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cohn, Colvin, Cunningham, Goodwin, Greenfield, Hawkins, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Lofton, Logan, Lowery, Majeed, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Roberson, Ross, Turner, von Haefen, Ward, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 141**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE JOE JOHN REMEMBRANCE ACT TO REMOVE THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blust, Warren, Lambeth, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Blackwell, Echevarria, Eddins, Greene, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Riddell, Ward, and Zenger:

**H.B. 142**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING FOR THE STATE BUDGET BY THE 2031-2033 FISCAL BIENNIUM, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Humphrey:

**H.B. 143**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MAYSVILLE TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Torbett, Biggs, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Branson, Cairns, Clampitt, Echevarria, K. Hall, Iler, N. Jackson, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Ward, and Zenger:

**H.B. 144**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO MAKE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION THE CHAIR OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER, AND TO REQUIRE THAT VACANCY APPOINTMENTS BE FILLED AS PROVIDED BY LAW, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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# FOURTEENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, February 21, 2025

The House meets at 12:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Paré.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.:

"'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God - to those who are called according to his purpose.' (Romans 8:28)

"'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?' (Romans 8:35)

"'As it is written:' (Romans 8:36)

"'For I am persuaded that neither death nor life - nor angels - nor principalities - nor powers - nor things present - nor things to come, nor height - nor depth - nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:38-39)

"Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of February 18 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

On motion of Representative Penny and without objection, the House adjourns at 12:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, February 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Lowery, Rhyne, Campbell, and Buansi (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Colvin, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Penny, R. Pierce, Quick, and Ward:

**H.B. 145**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A DIABETES RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell and Lowery (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Balkcom, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Branson, Brisson, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Chesser, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Eddins, Goodwin, Greene, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Rubin, Scott, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Strickland, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 146**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSECUTIVE REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ward (Primary Sponsor) and Humphrey:

**H.B. 147**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 148**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO JACKSON, SWAIN, AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carver (Primary Sponsor); McNeely and Willis:

**H.B. 149**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW MORE FINANCIAL AND HIRING FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson (Primary Sponsor); Humphrey, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Pike, Rhyne, Ward, White, Willingham, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 150**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, Longest, Dahle, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, Riddell, Rubin, Schietzelt, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 151**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW WAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt, Lambeth, Potts, and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Campbell, Chesser, Colvin, Harrison, Pyrtle, Rhyne, Strickland, and Willis:

**H.B. 152**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION SERVICES UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED IN THIS

STATE, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Penny and Moss (Primary Sponsors); Harrison and McNeely:

**H.B. 153**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE FEE FOR PERFORMING A VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren, Blust, Howard, and Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Blackwell, Clampitt, Hastings, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Schietzelt, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 154**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND NCINNOVATION AND TO REQUIRE NCINNOVATION TO RETURN STATE FUNDS AND ASSETS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Eddins (Primary Sponsor); Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 155**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WILKES COUNTY SCHOOLS AND ALEXANDER COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, White, Humphrey, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Campbell, Chesser, Colvin, F. Jackson, Johnson, McNeely, G. Pierce, Pike, Reeder, Ward, Willingham, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 156**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Bell (Primary Sponsor); Adams, Ager, Almond, Belk, Biggs, Brisson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Chesser, Colvin, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, Humphrey, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Penny, Pickett, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Carson Smith, Turner, Ward, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.J.R. 157**, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 82**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMISSION ON LARGE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 91**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ARMED FORCES" OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE; TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RELEVANT STATUTES RELATED TO THE MILITARY; AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FORT BRAGG TO FORT LIBERTY TO CONFORM WITH THE RENAMING OF THE MILITARY BASE BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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# FIFTEENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, February 24, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative White.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.:

"'This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope.

"'Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed - because his compassions fail not.

"'They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

"'The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore, I hope in him!

"'The LORD is good to those who wait for him.

"'It is good that one should hope and wait quietly - for the salvation of the LORD.'

"Amen."

(Lamentations 3:21-26)

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Clampitt reports the Journal of February 21 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

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There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Clampitt moves, seconded by Representative Penny, that the House adjourn at 11:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, February 25, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives R. Pierce (Primary Sponsor); Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cotham, Harrison, Hawkins, and Riddell:

**H.B. 158**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WARREN COUNTY SCHOOLS, WELDON CITY SCHOOLS, HALIFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND ROANOKE RAPIDS GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow, Tyson, and Cairns (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Alston, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Greene, Greenfield, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Johnson, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Majeed, G. Pierce, Reives, Roberson, Strickland, von Haefen, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 159**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ORPHAN ROADS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gillespie, Potts, White, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Blackwell, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pyrtle, Quick, Riddell, Ross, and Willingham:

**H.B. 160**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PROVIDE

A CORRESPONDING REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Carney, Cotham, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson, and Reives:

**H.B. 161**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN RANDOLPH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN RANDOLPH COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, N. Jackson, Ward, and Kidwell (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, Carver, Chesser, Johnson, McNeely, Miller, Pike, Pyrtle, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 162**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT IF THE POSITION BEING FILLED REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rhyne, Blackwell, Huneycutt, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, Brisson, Campbell, Carver, Chesser, Harrison, Howard, Humphrey, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Pike, Pyrtle, Reeder, Scott, Setzer, Strickland, Tyson, Ward, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 163**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF SPREAD PRICING AND CONCESSIONS BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SPECIALTY PHARMACY ACCREDITATION BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO A PHARMACY OF CHOICE, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED TO PHARMACIES DURING AUDITS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Campbell, Carson Smith, and Stevens (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Branson, Brisson, Carver, Cotham, Cunningham, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Pike, Pyrtle, Ross, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 164**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PARENTAL CONSENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE DISCLOSURE OR RELEASE OF CHILD AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Cotham, Cunningham, N. Jackson, McNeely, Moss, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 165**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey, Harrison, Price, and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cunningham, Greenfield, Hawkins, Helfrich, Liu, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 166**, 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 TO SELF OR OTHERS AND TO REQUIRE A COURT TO ORDER THE SEIZURE OF ANY FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR PERMITS THAT A DEFENDANT FAILS TO SURRENDER AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN EMERGENCY OR EX PARTE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey, Lopez, Logan, and Longest (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Johnson-Hostler, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Reives, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 167**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LEAVING A FIREARM IN AN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE UNLESS THE VEHICLE IS LOCKED AND THE FIREARM IS SECURED OR OTHERWISE SAFELY STORED, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Baker, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, and F. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Lofton, Lopez, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Quick, Turner, von Haefen, and Willingham:

**H.B. 168**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT TO CREATE A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Pless:

**H.B. 169**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE AUTHORITY FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY TO IMPOSE AN OCCUPANCY TAX, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Arp and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Carney, Harrison, and Hawkins:

**H.B. 170**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN UNION COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN UNION COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones, N. Jackson, Lowery, and Eddins (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Blackwell, Branson, Brisson, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Clampitt, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, K. Hall, Hastings, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Penny, Pickett, Potts, Pyrtle, Rhyne, Riddell, Sauls, Scott, Setzer, Carson Smith, Strickland, Torbett, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 171**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ward (Primary Sponsor); Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Carney, Cotham, Harrison, Hawkins, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 172**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CAMDEN COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Paré:

**H.B. 173**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT THE EXPANSION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WAKE COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following is received from the Senate:

**S.B. 115**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12. The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

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**H.B. 27**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO ALAMANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

**H.B. 30**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH, STOKES, AND DAVIDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

**H.B. 33**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW YADKIN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND DAVIE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDARS WITH SURRY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S OR DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CALENDAR.

**H.B. 51**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CASWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS, CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CITY SCHOOLS, AND ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

**H.B. 70**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW HERTFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

**H.B. 104**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

**H.B. 111**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

**H.B. 119**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

**H.B. 121**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Election Law. The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

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**H.B. 3**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

**H.B. 6**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

**H.B. 17**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS.

**H.B. 31**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO MAKE THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION DAY A PAID HOLIDAY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

**H.B. 32**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

**H.B. 58**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS.

**H.B. 105**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 116**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO REPEAL ANY CONFLICTING STATUTES, to the Committee on State and Local Government is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 127**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO DEVELOP A SAMPLE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM TO BE USED FOR ORGANIZED VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES, to the Committee on State and Local Government is stricken.

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The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 40** (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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of February 26.

**H.B. 44**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN CERTAIN CONTEXTS, PURSUANT TO A REVIEW DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of February 26.

**H.B. 45**, 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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of February 26.

**H.B. 48** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RATIFY THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION TO EXPAND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING THE HELENE DISASTER, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS A TAX CREDIT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ON WAGES PAID IN 2025, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the material committee substitute bill is placed on the Calendar of February 25.

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**H.J.R. 157**, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute resolution, unfavorable as to the original resolution.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the committee substitute resolution is placed on the Calendar of February 25. The original resolution is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**S.B. 115**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the House committee substitute bill is placed on the Calendar of February 25. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House stands adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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# SIXTEENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Cotham.

The following prayer is offered by McKenna Daley, Administrative Clerk for the Office of the House Principal Clerk:

"Dear Lord, thank You for this day. May we go forth with love in our hearts and in our actions. In Your Name we pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Gable reports the Journal of February 24 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Brockman, Cairns, Cunningham, and Rhyne for today.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 62**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 83**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS OR EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS; TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE; TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS TO THE LIST OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROHIBIT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING SERVICE TO UNEMANCIPATED MINORS WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING CONSENT FROM THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Butler, Rubin, Lopez, and Belk (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Brockman, K. Brown, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Liu, Logan, Longest, Morey, Prather, Price, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 174**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AFFIRM AND PROTECT MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Butler, Rubin, Lopez, and Belk (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Brockman, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Liu, Longest, Morey, Prather, Price, Reives, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 175**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION AND REPEAL A CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION THAT RECOGNIZES MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN AS THE ONLY DOMESTIC LEGAL UNION THAT IS VALID OR RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Cotham, Harrison, Hawkins, R. Pierce, Price, and Riddell:

**H.B. 176**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO KANNAPOLIS CITY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Bell, Sauls, Gillespie, and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Cervania, Chesser, Cotham, Cunningham, Goodwin, Greene, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Longest, Majeed, Moss, Pike, Prather, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Riddell, Rubin, Scott, von Haefen, Ward, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 177**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Butler, Harrison, Morey, and Price (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, Budd, Cervania, Hawkins, Lopez, Prather, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 178**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INTRODUCE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY INTO THE BUDGET PROCESS BY AMENDING THE STATE BUDGET ACT TO

INCREASE PUBLIC NOTICE AND PARTICIPATION AND BY REMOVING LEGISLATIVE CONFIDENTIALITY FOR CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS TO OR FROM LEGISLATORS REQUESTING BUDGET PROVISIONS OR FUNDS MADE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Crawford, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and von Haefen (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Prather, Price, Reives, Rubin, and Charles Smith:

**H.B. 179**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TAX DEDUCTION FOR LABOR ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP DUES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Butler, Harrison, Morey, and Price (Primary Sponsors); Brockman, K. Brown, Cervania, Hawkins, and Prather:

**H.B. 180**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES TO COLLABORATE ON LONG-TERM BUDGET ASSESSMENTS THAT MEASURE ONGOING BUDGET SUSTAINABILITY UTILIZING A CURRENT SERVICES BASELINE TO ENSURE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Longest, Prather, Buansi, and G. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, K. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Quick, Reives, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 181**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES BY REENACTING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, K. Hall, Stevens, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, Brisson, Budd, Cairns, Chesser, Cotham, Hastings, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Loftis, Moss, G. Pierce, Pike, Pyrtle, Quick, Riddell, Ross, Shepard, Charles Smith, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 182**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS FELONY CHILD ABUSE FOR ANY PERSON PROVIDING CARE TO OR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD LESS THAN SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO COMMIT OR ALLOW THE COMMISSION OF A SEXUAL ACT UPON THE CHILD, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Clampitt:

**H.B. 183**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WAKE SURFING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WATERS OF LAKE GLENVILLE IN JACKSON COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gillespie, Brody, Greene, and Penny (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, K. Brown, Cairns, Cervania, Cunningham, Goodwin, Hawkins, Jeffers, Johnson, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Moss, Pike, Riddell, Scott, Shepard, Wheatley, White, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 184**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Ross and Sauls, Chairs, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 38**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

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By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 21**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**H.B. 67**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 134**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H.B. 120**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, FOR EXPANSION OF THE PROJECT CAREGIVER ALTERNATIVES TO RUNNING ON EMPTY (PROJECT C.A.R.E.) PROGRAM, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 62**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION

IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 26**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 43**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE CAROLINA BALLOONFEST HELD IN THE CITY OF STATESVILLE AS THE OFFICIAL BALLOON RALLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 63**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 95**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR A THREAT AGAINST A LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER AND TO REQUIRE THE EXECUTION OF A SECURED APPEARANCE BOND FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT FOR ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, OR ELECTION OFFICER, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

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By Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 2**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF CASH AND SENIOR TAR HEEL CARDS FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 87**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEVELOP POLICIES TO RESTRICT STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

## MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

On motion of Representative Bell and without objection, the Temporary Rules are suspended for any pro forma session preceding a same-day voting session. The effect of this motion is to convene session but delay the prayer and pledge, with administrative business proceeding during any recess.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of February 24 are introduced to the membership. They are: Nakiya Carson of Sampson; Tavarious Collins of Sampson; Joshua Greenfield of Sampson; Aniyah Hamilton of Sampson; Bryan Jacobs of Sampson; Jayden Jacobs of Sampson; Jericho Jacobs of Sampson; Jasmin Maldonado of Sampson; Brandon Moreno of Sampson; Lillian Rickerman of Sampson; Peyton Scott-Chavis of Sampson; and Jaylen Spruill of Sampson.

**CALENDAR**

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 47** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE.

Representative Bell offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (113-0).

Representatives Belk and Harrison request and are granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (115-0).

Representative Morey offers an amendment.

The Speaker rules the amendment out of order, pursuant to Rule 43.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (116-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 48** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RATIFY THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION TO EXPAND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING THE HELENE DISASTER, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS A TAX CREDIT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ON WAGES PAID IN 2025.

Representative Longest offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-69).

The bill passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler,

F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Sauls, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 115.

Voting in the negative: Representative Butler.

Excused absences: Representatives Brockman, Cairns, Cunningham, and Rhyne - 4.

**H.J.R. 157** (Committee Substitute), A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The resolution passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**S.B. 115** (House Committee Substitute), 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, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (93-23), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence in the House committee substitute bill by Special Message.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 34**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF MAIL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 42**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE OFFENSES OF FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY AND TO ENHANCE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR CERTAIN BURGLARY AND BREAKING OR ENTERING OFFENSES COMMITTED BY A PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPON, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 52**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## CAUCUS LEADERS ANNOUNCED

Representative Reives is recognized and he reports that the Democratic Caucus has reorganized. Representative T. Brown has been appointed as Chief Democratic Whip.

The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

Representative Reives announces the following caucus leaders:

**Economic Development and Foreign Trade Caucus:**
Representative Bell, Co-Chair
Representative Reives, Co-Chair

Representative Torbett announces the following caucus leaders:

**Joint Motorsports Caucus:**
Representative Torbett, Chair

**County Caucus:**
Representative Torbett, Chair
Representative Carney, Chair

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative Lambeth, that the House adjourn at 5:43 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, February 26, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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# SEVENTEENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Jimmy Dixon.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of February 25 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Brody, Cairns, Cunningham, Carson Smith, and von Haefen for today.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representative Clampitt:

**H.B. 185**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TRANSYLVANIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, Balkcom, N. Jackson, and Bell (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Carver, Clampitt, Cotham, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gillespie, Goodwin, Iler, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Loftis, Lowery, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pike, Pyrtle, Rhyne, Riddell, Scott, Shepard, Strickland, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 186**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SCHEDULE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND TO REQUIRE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE AT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard, Bell, Balkcom, and Liu (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Blust, Butler, Clampitt, Cotham, Harrison, Iler, Loftis, Prather, Scott, Setzer, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 187**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CREDIT UNION STATUTES, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Stevens and Kidwell (Primary Sponsors); Blackwell, Budd, Loftis, Pike, Ward, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 188**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré (Primary Sponsor); Penny, Pike, and Wheatley:

**H.B. 189**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RED LIGHT CAMERA DELAY INTERVAL, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rhyne and McNeely (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Carney, Cotham, and Riddell:

**H.B. 190**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST THE SCHOOL CALENDAR AND REQUIRE A TWO-WEEK WINTER BREAK FOR LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Jeffers (Primary Sponsor); Alston, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, Price, and Riddell:

**H.B. 191**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO DURHAM COUNTY AND PERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, Lambeth, Cotham, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brockman, Carver, Chesser, Crawford, Cunningham, F. Jackson, Johnson, Loftis, Lowery, Miller, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, Pike, Reeder, Rhyne, Ross, Shepard, Charles Smith, Ward, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 192**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RAISE SALARIES AND REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A DOLLAR ALLOTMENT SYSTEM FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely, Pyrtle, Miller, and Carver (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Almond, Biggs, Branson, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, Moss, Pike, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 193**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH A VALID CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, OR WHO IS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, TO POSSESS OR CARRY A HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED, USED, OR OPERATED BY A PRIVATE SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Turner, Prather, and Ager (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Budd, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 194**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO ASHEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Belk, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Logan, and Price:

**H.B. 195**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN CHATHAM COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN CHATHAM COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Belk, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Liu, Logan, Majeed, Penny, G. Pierce, Price, and Quick:

**H.B. 196**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A NEW BIOTECHNOLOGY EXHIBIT AND LABORATORY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF LIFE AND SCIENCE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White and Potts (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Carney, Cervania, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Liu, Lopez, Majeed, Moss, Penny, Price, Quick, Reeder, and Ward:

**H.B. 197**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO CONTINUE THE STATE'S PROGRESS IN COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RESPONSE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Miller and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Branson, Budd, Iler, Logan, Moss, Scott, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 198**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REQUIRING ALCOHOL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO NOTIFY PERMIT HOLDER OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS COMMITTED ON THE PERMITTED ESTABLISHMENT, is referred to the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith, Budd, Pyrtle, and Logan (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Brisson, Carney, Clark, Greenfield, Harrison, Johnson, Liu, Lopez, Pickett, Prather, Quick, and White:

**H.B. 199**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REFORMING THE LAWS RELATED TO NONCONSENSUAL BOOTING AND TOWING, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Belk, Budd, Carney, Cotham, Harrison, Hawkins, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 200**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PENDER COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF CAPE FEAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Pless:

**H.B. 201**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTRICT MOTOR VEHICLE TRAILER COMBINATIONS ON U.S. ROUTE 25/70 IN MADISON COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Logan and Willingham (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Majeed, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 202**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF MAIL, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, Belk, and Longest (Primary Sponsors); Butler, Carney, Crawford, Harrison, Majeed, and Prather:

**H.B. 203**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PLACE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AROUND HOME SERVICE AGREEMENTS AND TO DIFFERENTIATE THE STATUTE SECTIONS REGARDING HOME AND VEHICLE SERVICE AGREEMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond, Echevarria, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Belk, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, and Price:

**H.B. 204**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN CABARRUS COUNTY AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond, Campbell, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Carney, Cotham, Harrison, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 205**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CABARRUS COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith, Cairns, Ward, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Brisson, and Willis:

**H.B. 206**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE RETRIEVAL OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND PERMITS SURRENDERED PURSUANT TO AN EX PARTE, EMERGENCY, OR PERMANENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER AND TO PROTECT MINOR VICTIMS OF AND WITNESSES TO CRIME, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Morey, Butler, Harrison, and Price (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, Budd, Cervania, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Prather, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 207**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING LABOR ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE UNABRIDGED RIGHT TO ENTER INTO LABOR AGREEMENTS AND REPEALING RESTRICTIONS ON LABOR ORGANIZING BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 48** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RATIFY THE GOVERNOR'S ACTION TO EXPAND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING THE HELENE DISASTER, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS A TAX CREDIT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ON WAGES PAID IN 2025.

Representative Hastings is recognized to speak to a question of privilege regarding the reputation and conduct of the Members.

The bill passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Belk, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Sauls, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 113.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Ball and Butler - 2.

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Excused absences: Representatives Brody, Cairns, Cunningham, Carson Smith, and von Haefen - 5.

Representative Ball requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (114-1).

**H.B. 40** (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.

Representative Davis offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (114-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 44**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN CERTAIN CONTEXTS, PURSUANT TO A REVIEW DIRECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 45**, 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, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CAUCUS ANNOUNCED

Representative Butler announces the following caucus:

**Progress Now Caucus**

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Dixon, Gillespie, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

**H.B. 8**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE AND BETTER MANAGE THE DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE WASTE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 130**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND FUND AN AGRICULTURAL DISASTER CROP LOSS PROGRAM, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## CAUCUS LEADERS ANNOUNCED

Representative Willis announces the following caucus leaders:

**Sports Industry and Tourism Caucus:**
Representative Willis, Leader
Representative B. Jones, Leader

Representative Carney announces the following caucus leaders:

**Joint Arts and Arts Educational Caucus:**
Representative Carney, Co-Chair
Representative K. Hall, Co-Chair

Representative Gillespie announces the following caucus leader:

**North Carolina Joint Agriculture Caucus:**
Representative Gillespie, Leader

Representative Adams announces the following caucus leaders:

**Sportsmen's Caucus:**
Representative Adams, Co-Chair
Representative Cunningham, Co-Chair

Representative Cotham moves, seconded by Representative Iler, that the House adjourn at 1:55 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, February 27, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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# EIGHTEENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 27, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

Prayer is offered by Representative Jimmy Dixon.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Clampitt reports the Journal of February 26 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following bill is properly enrolled, duly ratified, and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

**S.B. 115**, 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 following resolution is properly enrolled, duly ratified, and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

**H.J.R. 157**, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE. (RESOLUTION 2025-2)

Representative Clampitt moves, seconded by Representative Dixon, that the House adjourn at 11:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, March 3, 2025, at 9:45 a.m.

The motion carries.

## ADDENDA TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER RECOVERY:** Add Representative Turner; remove Representative Longest.

**ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Add Representative T. Brown.

**HIGHER EDUCATION:** Add Representative Buansi.

**INSURANCE:** Add Representatives Buansi and Willingham.

**JUDICIARY 1:** Add Representative Lofton; remove Representative Jeffers.

**JUDICIARY 3:** Add Representative Longest; remove Representative Buansi.

**RULES, CALENDAR, AND OPERATIONS OF HOUSE:** Add Representatives Ball and Pickett; remove Representatives Hastings and Lofton.

**WILDLIFE RESOURCES:** Add Representative Jeffers.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Alston, Hawkins, Jeffers, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Baker, G. Brown, Butler, Crawford, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 208**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE LOCALITIES TO WHICH THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING LIMITED ACCESS TO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF MINORS PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN PROGRAMS APPLY, is referred to the Committee

on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Alston, Hawkins, Jeffers, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Crawford, Dahle, F. Jackson, and Price:

**H.B. 209**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Penny and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Cairns, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, F. Jackson, Loftis, Logan, Morey, Moss, Quick, Charles Smith, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 210**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DEFINING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES LICENSED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE CEMETERY COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES AND IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THOSE STANDARDS, AND REQUIRING ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE PERFORMED AT CEMETERIES, is referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ward, Wheatley, Echevarria, and Moss (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Blackwell, Blust, Carver, Loftis, Riddell, Shepard, and Willis:

**H.B. 211**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF CALL LOCATION INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representative Blust:

**H.B. 212**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE OR JOIN SPOUSES OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN CONDEMNATION ACTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Goodwin, Loftis, Majeed, and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, Biggs, G. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Logan, Longest, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, and Ward:

**H.B. 213**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO POST NOTICE OF VETERANS' BENEFITS, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Bell, Loftis, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Cairns, Clampitt, Howard, Johnson, McNeely, Potts, Rhyne, Scott, Setzer, Ward, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 214**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAITHFUL ARTICLE V COMMISSIONER ACT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt (Primary Sponsor); Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, and Majeed:

**H.B. 215**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT PARTICIPANTS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FROM HARM RELATED TO BREACHES OF DATA, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt (Primary Sponsor) and Ager:

**H.B. 216**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AND FUND A CONTINUOUS ALCOHOL MONITORING FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ACCESS TO CONTINUOUS ALCOHOL MONITORING AS A SENTENCING OPTION TO PERSONS THE COURT DETERMINES ARE UNABLE TO PAY FOR THE CONTINUOUS ALCOHOL MONITORING, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lowery, Biggs, and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Johnson, Loftis, Logan, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and White:

**H.B. 217**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A COURSE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS FOR PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS AND OLDER THAT ARE NOT LICENSED, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith, B. Jones, and Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Brisson, Butler, Cairns, Cervania, Harrison, N. Jackson, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Scott, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 218**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REQUEST EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ON DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Pless:

**H.B. 219**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW THAT AUTHORIZES COUNTIES TO FRANCHISE AMBULANCE SERVICES AND PROVIDING THAT COUNTY OFFICIALS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS IN THE LEVEL OF CARE PROVIDED BY EMS PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT OWNED OR OPERATED BY A CITY IN THE COUNTY OR THE COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives B. Jones (Primary Sponsor) and Moss:

**H.B. 220**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF TABOR CITY TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND TO SUPPORT TOWN SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones (Primary Sponsor); Moss and Penny:

**H.B. 221**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF TABOR CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN RAILROAD REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS TO ENSURE CONTINUED OR IMPROVED RAIL SERVICE TO THE TOWN, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones, Johnson, Lowery, and Winslow (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Dixon, Echevarria, Gable, Greene, Hastings, Huneycutt, Kidwell, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Penny, Potts, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Scott, Setzer, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 222**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CLOSE OUT OPERATIONS PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF ACT (C.O.O.P.E.R. ACT), TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY, TO IMPOSE AUDITING, REPORTING, AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE THE OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY RESPONSIBILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carver (Primary Sponsor); Gillespie and McNeely:

**H.B. 223**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING FOR LOW– AND MODERATE–INCOME PERSONS, VETERANS, AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Lowery, B. Jones, Ward, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Dixon, Harrison, Hawkins, Jeffers, McNeely, Penny, R. Pierce, and Willis:

**H.B. 224**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GAMING EDUCATION REVENUE FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THAT FUND, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Schietzelt (Primary Sponsor); Adams, Carney, Crawford, Harrison, and Hawkins:

**H.B. 225**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN THE TOWNS OF WAKE FOREST AND ROLESVILLE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Blust:

**H.B. 226**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Goodwin, Chesser, Riddell, and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Branson, G. Brown, Butler, Cairns, Cervania, Cohn, Dixon, Eddins, Gable, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Kidwell, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Penny, R. Pierce, Reeder, Rhyne, Ward, White, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 227**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Prather, Ager, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Harrison, Hawkins, Jeffers, and Logan:

**H.B. 228**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO CONDUCT OR FACILITATE A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM TO THE NEW PISGAH VIEW STATE PARK, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Potts, White, Reeder, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Brisson, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, Loftis, McNeely, Rhyne, and Ward:

**H.B. 229**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID RATES PAID TO AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett (Primary Sponsor); Brisson, Jeffers, Loftis, Logan, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 230**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A FELONY CRIME OF HABITUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO ALLOW A WARRANTLESS ARREST WHEN AN OFFICER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder, Campbell, Potts, and Blackwell (Primary Sponsors); Brisson, Cervania, Crawford, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Harrison, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Lambeth, Loftis, Morey, Price, Rhyne, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 231**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pless and Clampitt (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 232**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF SHORT-LINE RAILROADS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Price:

**H.B. 233**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF MILTON FOR REPAIRS AT THE TOWN'S WASTEWATER PUMP STATION, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Adams, Carson Smith, Gillespie, and Kidwell (Primary Sponsors); Cairns, Echevarria, Eddins, McNeely, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 234**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SENATOR REPRESENTS TWO COUNTIES, TO PERMIT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVISE THE SENATE DISTRICTS FROM TIME TO TIME, AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE IS COMPOSED OF ONE HUNDRED COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett (Primary Sponsor); Blust, Liu, Logan, and White:

**H.B. 235**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PENALIZE THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES, TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO ENABLE A VICTIM OF A FRAUDULENT DEED FILING TO REMOVE THE FRAUDULENT RECORDING FROM THE RECORD, AND TO REQUIRE TAX CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO RECORDING CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Moss, Kidwell, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Cairns, Johnson, and White:

**H.B. 236**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING THE FREEDOM FLAG AS A SYMBOL OF THE STATE'S CONTINUED REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIVES LOST DUE TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND AUTHORIZING THE FREEDOM FLAG TO BE DISPLAYED ON SEPTEMBER 11 OF EACH YEAR, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Stevens (Primary Sponsor); Brisson and Ward:

**H.B. 237**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Prather, Ager, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Harrison and Logan:

**H.B. 238**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REIMBURSE BUNCOMBE COUNTY FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION STUDY REQUIRED BY LAW, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 74**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CHAPTERED BILLS

The following bill is properly enrolled, assigned a chapter number, and presented to the office of the Secretary of State:

February 27, 2025

**S.B. 115**, 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.L. 2025-1)

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 52** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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# NINETEENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 3, 2025

The House meets at 9:45 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for Your Word that teaches us to be thankful, and in all things to be in prayer. Thank You for being with us at all times and for helping us to feel Your presence.

"In Your precious Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Ward reports the Journal of February 27 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Ward moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 9:47 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m.

March 3, 2025

The motion carries.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 23**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OPERATE A CULINARY PROGRAM AT A SITE THAT IS NOT LOCATED ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Higher Education and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 233**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF MILTON FOR REPAIRS AT THE TOWN'S WASTEWATER PUMP STATION, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 98**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND USE OF CERTAIN CONSUMER FIREWORKS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Scott, Almond, Penny, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Echevarria, Johnson, Loftis, Moss, Ward, and Willis:

**H.B. 239**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES FUNDING FORMULA, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Carver:

**H.B. 240**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Jeffers (Primary Sponsor); Alston, Baker, G. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Dahle, Hawkins, Majeed, and Quick:

**H.B. 241**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN PERSON COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Potts, White, and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Belk, Brisson, G. Brown, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, Loftis, Lofton, Lopez, Morey, Moss, Penny, R. Pierce, Prather, Quick, Turner, and Willingham:

**H.B. 242**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Jeffers (Primary Sponsor); Alston, Budd, Cohn, Dahle, Hawkins, and Morey:

**H.B. 243**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria, N. Jackson, B. Jones, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Blust, Branson, Cairns, Clampitt, Dixon, Iler, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, Moss, Pike, Scott, Ward, and Willis:

**H.B. 244**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE STATE OR

A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willingham (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Quick, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 245**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCENTIVIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES AND COUNTIES WITH HIGHER POVERTY LEVELS, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett (Primary Sponsor); Cairns, Carney, Kidwell, Liu, Loftis, Logan, Majeed, Moss, Pike, Turner, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 246**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RECKLESS DRIVING OR STREET RACING THAT CAUSES SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR HIT AND RUN OFFENSES THAT RESULT IN DEATH, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Zenger, Watford, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Penny, and Willingham:

**H.B. 247**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Roberson, Price, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, G. Brown, Butler, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Johnson-Hostler, Majeed, and Prather:

**H.B. 248**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN OWNER-OCCUPIED, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS WITH PERMITTED BUSINESS USES FROM THE LIVE/WORK REQUIREMENTS OF THE

NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Roberson, Baker, and Logan (Primary Sponsors); Ager, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Dahle, Hawkins, Majeed, and Morey:

**H.B. 249**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY FOR A PILOT PROGRAM IN WAKE COUNTY TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE GAME OF PICKLEBALL, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carver and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Blust, G. Brown, Budd, Cairns, Clark, Colvin, Cotham, Eddins, Greenfield, Hawkins, Iler, F. Jackson, Johnson, Loftis, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Quick, Scott, Charles Smith, Turner, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 250**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO WAIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT AND FEE FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES OWNED BY DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hastings, Greene, Balkcom, and Bell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Cairns, Carver, Cotham, Dixon, Eddins, Johnson, Kidwell, Liu, Lowery, Penny, Ross, Scott, Turner, Tyson, Ward, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 251**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION IN THE PROVISION OF STATE DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Belk, Logan, Lopez, and Majeed:

**H.B. 252**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY'S STEELE CREEK COMMUNITY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Carney, Crawford, Dahle, Harrison, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, and Turner:

**H.B. 253**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN HENDERSON COUNTY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Price, Goodwin, Majeed, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Iler, Jeffers, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Quick, Reives, Rubin, von Haefen, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 254**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cohn (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 255**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO GRANVILLE COUNTY SCHOOLS AND VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, Alston, Lopez, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Quick, Reives, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 256**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING TO AFFORD PUBLIC EMPLOYEES THE SAME RIGHTS AS PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 2** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF CASH FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 5.

**H.B. 34** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 4.

**H.B. 42** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE OFFENSES OF FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY AND TO ENHANCE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR CERTAIN BURGLARY AND BREAKING OR ENTERING OFFENSES COMMITTED BY A PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPON, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 4.

**H.B. 74**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill.

The Speaker rules the committee substitute bill to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

March 3, 2025

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the material committee substitute bill is placed on the Calendar of March 4. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House stands adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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# TWENTIETH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Principal Clerk.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 10:00 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1 and the reading of petitions, memorials, and papers addressed to the House, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

**RECESS**

**THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE**

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Josh Stein
*Governor*

February 27, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall,

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-77 (a1), I am pleased to nominate The Honorable Kenneth L. Goodman, Sr. of Moore County for reappointment to the

North Carolina Industrial Commission for a term beginning on March 1, 2025, and hereby submit his name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for Mr. Goodman'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/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives G. Pierce (Primary Sponsor); G. Brown, T. Brown, Carney, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, R. Pierce, and Quick:

**H.B. 257**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES IN SCOTLAND AND HOKE COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Hall, Miller, Crawford, and Jeffers (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Echevarria, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, McNeely, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Pyrtle, Reeder, Riddell, Rubin, Setzer, von Haefen, Ward, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 258**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER, is referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Roberson, Hawkins, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney,

Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 259**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PILOT PROGRAM TO FACILITATE INCREASED PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT PARTICIPATION IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Pierce (Primary Sponsor); Alston, Baker, Colvin, Dahle, F. Jackson, Logan, and Majeed:

**H.B. 260**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL USES FOR CERTAIN FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF RAEFORD, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives N. Jackson, Balkcom, Biggs, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Cairns, Eddins, Johnson, McNeely, Pike, and Scott:

**H.B. 261**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY OTHER THAN A CLASS A FELONY WHILE BEING UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY COMMITTED WHILE CONSPIRING WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITTING, PROMOTING, OR FURTHERING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Pierce (Primary Sponsor); Baker, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, and Quick:

**H.B. 262**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE CHIEF ROBERT LEE MALLOY OVERPASS, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Jeffers (Primary Sponsor); Alston, Baker, Belk, Carney, Cohn, Crawford, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, Morey, and Price:

**H.B. 263**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN THE COUNTIES OF DURHAM AND PERSON AND THE CITIES OF DURHAM AND ROXBORO, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Zenger, Howard, and Davis (Primary Sponsors); Clark, Harrison, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Lambeth, Liu, Logan, McNeely, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 264**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE WIRE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Cotham, T. Brown, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Carver, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 265**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH THE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Goodwin, Majeed, Cunningham, and Logan (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Liu, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Price, Riddell, von Haefen, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 266**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Blackwell and Stevens, Chairs, for the Committee on Election Law:

March 4, 2025

**H.B. 3**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 17**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 32**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 58**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 105**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 116**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO REPEAL ANY CONFLICTING STATUTES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 136**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Ross and Sauls, Chairs, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 14**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR GAMBLING LOSSES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 29**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD ISSUED BY A STATE OR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE WHEN MAKING ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PURCHASES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 103**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM HUNTING, TRAPPING, AND FISHING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA TRIBAL MEMBERS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referrals to the Committee on State and Local Government, the Committee on Regulatory Reform, and the Committee on Wildlife Resources are stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 224**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GAMING EDUCATION REVENUE FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THAT FUND, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 160**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY

INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PROVIDE A CORRESPONDING REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

By Representatives Blackwell and Stevens, Chairs, for the Committee on Election Law:

**H.B. 6**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**
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Josh Stein
*Governor*

March 4, 2025

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North Carolina Senate
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March 4, 2025

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.

Consistent with Section 1, this letter shall serve as my official designation of the 3rd Floor of the Albemarle Building, 325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, as the location of the "Office of the Legislative Counsel."

Consistent with Section 2, I hereby designate the following employees of the Governor's Office as the officials to whom delivery of bills can be made:

- John Lucey
- Amber Harris
- Sunila Chilukuri
- Connor Retell

Sincerely,
S/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Blust, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 3:

**H.B. 16**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISPLAY THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" DIRECTLY ABOVE AND BEHIND THE DAIS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 142**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING FOR THE STATE BUDGET BY THE 2031-2033 FISCAL BIENNIUM, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 50**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 53**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**H.B. 222**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CLOSE OUT OPERATIONS PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF ACT (C.O.O.P.E.R. ACT), TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY, TO IMPOSE AUDITING, REPORTING, AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE THE OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY RESPONSIBILITIES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 28**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs.

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**H.B. 123**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health.

**H.B. 162**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT IF THE POSITION BEING FILLED REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 52** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

By Representatives Biggs and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 82**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMISSION ON LARGE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 150**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 182**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS FELONY CHILD ABUSE FOR ANY PERSON PROVIDING CARE TO OR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD LESS THAN SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO COMMIT OR ALLOW THE COMMISSION OF A SEXUAL ACT UPON THE CHILD, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 147**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Biggs and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 186**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SCHEDULE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND TO REQUIRE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE AT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Amos L. Quick, III:

"Holy God, our Father, thank You for the gift of today.

"In this ever-changing world - filled with turbulent times - thank You for the peace of this prayer moment.

"Please continue to bring Your peace and calm to today's legislative actions in this Chamber.

"What a delight it is to be in Your hands; under Your authority; and safely abiding in Your shadow.

"Because You love justice, help us to act justly. Because You love mercy, help us to be merciful.

"In Your intelligent, creative design, You have made mankind diverse - and then You compel us to be unified and to work together for the greater good.

"Therefore, remind us to not forget that there are those in our State - even in our individual districts - who have no shelter, have no food, suffer from violence, and are running out of hope.

"Grant us the wisdom to discern and yield to Your voice and to trust Your guidance in every decision that we make.

"Because You love us, we exist. And because You have graced us with Your favor, we are here.

"For these things - and other blessings too numerous to measure - we are forever grateful.

"In Jesus' Name. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 3 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Cotham, Iler, Moss, Scott, Carson Smith, and Strickland for today.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 74** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS.

Representative Morey moves that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The motion to re-refer fails by electronic vote (46-67).

Representative Turner offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (49-65).

The bill passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Chesser, Clampitt, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, K. Hall, Hastings, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Paré, Penny, Pickett, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Sauls, Schietzelt, Setzer, Shepard, Charles Smith, Stevens, Torbett, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 69.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen - 45.

Excused absences: Representatives Cotham, Iler, Moss, Scott, Carson Smith, and Strickland - 6.

**H.B. 34** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 42** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE OFFENSES OF FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY AND TO ENHANCE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR CERTAIN BURGLARY AND BREAKING OR ENTERING OFFENSES COMMITTED BY A PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR OTHER DEADLY WEAPON, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of March 3 are introduced to the membership. They are: Akilah Anderson of Wake; Gavin Bullock of Wake; Ethann Burkett of Mecklenburg; Brooke Cameron-Simmons of Durham; Kyle Cooper of Guilford; Daniel Echevarria of Cabarrus; Kendall Ellis of Union; Ethan Fox of Forsyth;

Luke Henderson of Wake; Sanaa Hicks of Mecklenburg; Dalton Hunt of Clay; Jason Lu of Orange; Kya Newell of Union; Moriah Parks of Wake; Paisley Rigsbee of Person; and Rebekah Smith of New Hanover.

## CAUCUS LEADERS ANNOUNCED

Representative Campbell announces the following caucus leaders:

**North Carolina House Veterans Caucus:**
Representative Campbell, Co-Chair
Representative G. Pierce, Co-Chair

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 4:57 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 3** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 5.

**H.B. 6** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL OF THE TOWNS IN PAMLICO COUNTY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 5.

**H.B. 17** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 5.

**H.B. 32** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 5.

**H.B. 58** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 5.

The House stands adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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# TWENTY-FIRST DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Abe Jones.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 4 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Chesser, Cotham, Goodwin, Iler, Moss, Quick, Roberson, and Carson Smith for today.

## GUESTS

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to Clay McCreary and Cindy Day with the Caldwell Heritage Museum.

March 5, 2025

**CALENDAR**

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 3** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, passes its second reading and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 6** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL OF THE TOWNS IN PAMLICO COUNTY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, passes its second reading and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 17** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, passes its second reading and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 32** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, passes its second reading and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 58** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, passes its second reading and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 74** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO

THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Clampitt, Cunningham, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Greene, K. Hall, Hastings, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Sauls, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger - 70.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Reives, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen - 40.

Excused absences: Representatives Chesser, Cotham, Goodwin, Iler, Moss, Quick, Roberson, and Carson Smith - 8.

**H.B. 2** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF CASH FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representatives Ross and Sauls, Chairs, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 92**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TREASURER TO INVEST IN QUALIFYING DIGITAL ASSETS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

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On motion of the Chair, the serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, the committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement, and if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Cohn, F. Jackson, Price, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, G. Pierce, Prather, Quick, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 267**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OF CERTAIN EVICTION RECORDS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hastings and Pickett (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Arp, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Branson, Brisson, Cairns, Campbell, Clark, Cotham, K. Hall, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Longest, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Pittman, Prather, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Rubin, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, and Ward:

**H.B. 268**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cohn, Crawford, K. Brown, and Logan (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 269**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING BARRIERS TO JOB MOBILITY, EMPOWERING WORKERS TO NEGOTIATE BETTER WAGES, AND FOSTERING A FAIRER LABOR MARKET BY BANNING EXPLOITATIVE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND AUTHORIZING THE

LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY STREAMLINING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Pyrtle, Miller, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Carver, N. Jackson, Kidwell, and Scott:

**H.B. 270**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE METHODS OF EXECUTION AVAILABLE FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND SENTENCED TO DEATH, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria and Almond (Primary Sponsors); Adams and Riddell:

**H.B. 271**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN CABARRUS COUNTY SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY VOTERS RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTS SHALL VOTE FOR THAT MEMBER IN THE CITY OF CONCORD, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Zenger, Chesser, Pyrtle, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Campbell, Carver, Cervania, Crawford, Cunningham, K. Hall, Harrison, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Lambeth, Loftis, Logan, McNeely, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, Pittman, Potts, Prather, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Rubin, Scott, Setzer, Turner, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 272**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROBATION/PAROLE, AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHO HOLD AN ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION OR THE ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION

AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION TO PURCHASE, AT FULL COST, UP TO FOUR YEARS' CREDITABLE SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Eddins (Primary Sponsor); Branson, Dahle, and Harrison:

**H.B. 273**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AND FUND THE BRUSHY MOUNTAINS STATE NATURAL AREA IN ALEXANDER, CALDWELL, AND WILKES COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, K. Hall, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Brisson, Crawford, Cunningham, Harrison, N. Jackson, Potts, Prather, Rubin, and Willis:

**H.B. 274**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CROSSNORE COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN FOR FOSTER CARE SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cairns, White, Pyrtle, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Baker, Ball, Brisson, Brockman, Buansi, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Loftis, Morey, Penny, R. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Quick, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 275**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones, Cairns, Clampitt, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Alston, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Eddins, Goodwin, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Humphrey, Huneycutt,

F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Rubin, Scott, Strickland, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 276**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCLUDE ANY CANCER, THE DIAGNOSIS OF WHICH QUALIFIED A FIREFIGHTER FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM OR THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM, IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Strickland, White, and Penny (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Carney, Harrison, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 277**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey, Majeed, Ager, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, Brockman, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 278**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE RULE OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS STATING COVERED VOTERS VOTING A NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY-OVERSEAS BALLOT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION WHEN CASTING A BALLOT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Pless:

**H.B. 279**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27, is referred

to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Pierce, Reives, and White (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Howard, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Loftis, Logan, Lopez, Lowery, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reeder, Roberson, Rubin, Setzer, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, and Watford:

**H.B. 280**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cairns (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Carney, Crawford, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, and Quick:

**H.B. 281**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN MOREHEAD CITY, THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT, THE TOWN OF BOGUE, THE TOWN OF CAPE CARTERET, THE TOWN OF CEDAR POINT, AND THE TOWN OF NEWPORT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Butler, Belk, F. Jackson, and Roberson (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Brockman, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Longest, Lopez, Prather, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 282**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS ACT (STI) FUNDS FOR INDEPENDENT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Bell, Ross, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison,

Hawkins, Helfrich, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, Charles Smith, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 283**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RENAME THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNT THE SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT AND TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CAUCUS ANNOUNCED

Representative Tyson announces the following caucus:

**North Carolina Golf Caucus**

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 2:18 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 6, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representatives Cairns, Pickett, and Pyrtle, Chairs, for the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control:

**H.B. 198**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REQUIRING ALCOHOL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO NOTIFY PERMIT HOLDER OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS COMMITTED ON THE PERMITTED ESTABLISHMENT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House stands adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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# TWENTY-SECOND DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 6, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Reeder.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for being the author of true happiness and helping us in tough times to feel Your support, which brings us happiness.

"Our personal joy and happiness in You gives us strength to carry on in difficult times. Thank You for the holy Scripture that is abundant in happiness.

"In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Clampitt reports the Journal of March 5 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Clampitt moves, seconded by Representative Penny, that the House adjourn at 11:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, March 10, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 49**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATE'S FILIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 79**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 271**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN CABARRUS COUNTY SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY VOTERS RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTS SHALL VOTE FOR THAT MEMBER IN THE CITY OF CONCORD, is withdrawn from the Committee on Election Law and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Pickett (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, and Riddell:

**H.B. 284**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOWING GOOD CAUSE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR EMERGENCIES, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Pierce (Primary Sponsor); T. Brown, Budd, Dahle, F. Jackson, and Majeed:

**H.B. 285**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR LAURINBURG-MAXTON AIRPORT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow (Primary Sponsor); Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 286**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO VANCE COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Winslow (Primary Sponsor); Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, and Riddell:

**H.B. 287**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Goodwin, Charles Smith, Majeed, and Hastings (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Colvin, Cunningham, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 288**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING POW/MIA FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF THE FLAG CAN BE ATTACHED TO AN EXISTING FLAGPOLE, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Ross, Cunningham, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Brisson, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Lambeth, Loftis, Lofton, Longest, Majeed, Moss, Scott, and White:

**H.B. 289**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION MAY SELECT ONE PERSON TO SERVE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Budd (Primary Sponsor); Belk, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Harrison, and Majeed:

**H.B. 290**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE FOR A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Winslow:

**H.B. 291**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN DESCRIBED NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLINTON, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 292**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Ball, Belk, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Butler, Cervania, Crawford, and Jeffers:

**H.B. 293**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AQUACULTURE OF ANY SPECIES OF OCTOPUS FOR PURPOSES OF HUMAN CONSUMPTION, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Clampitt:

**H.B. 294**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gillespie, B. Jones, Tyson, and Iler (Primary Sponsors); Eddins, Miller, Penny, Scott, Ward, White, and Winslow:

**H.B. 295**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL PROPERTY CORNER MARKERS ALONG CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives B. Jones, Penny, Brisson, and Cairns (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Branson, Campbell, Carver, Eddins, Goodwin, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, Jeffers, Kidwell, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Pittman, Pyrtle, Quick, Rhyne, Riddell, Sauls, Scott, Strickland, Ward, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 296**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CORN FARMERS RECOVERY ACT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Carney, White, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Brisson, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Howard, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reeder, Ross, Rubin, Setzer, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 297**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Pickett:

**H.B. 298**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Goodwin, Winslow, Pike, and Carson Smith (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Ball, Biggs, T. Brown, Butler, Cairns, Cervania, Colvin, Cunningham, Dew, Eddins, Harrison, Hawkins, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Lowery, Majeed, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Scott, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, White, Willis, and Zenger:

**H.B. 299**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Gillespie, Pyrtle, Miller, and Carson Smith (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Balkcom, Ball, Biggs, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Goodwin, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Longest, Majeed, Penny, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Roberson, Ross, Schietzelt, Scott, Ward, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 300**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REIMBURSE OWNERS OF RETIRED FIRST RESPONDER CANINES FOR VETERINARY CARE, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Zenger, N. Jackson, Almond, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Branson, Cairns, Echevarria, Eddins, Loftis, McNeely, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 301**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT MINORS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE FROM HARMFUL ONLINE SOCIAL MEDIA, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder (Primary Sponsor) and Humphrey:

**H.B. 302**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey, Butler, Price, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Clark, Crawford, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Prather, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 303**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX PHASEOUT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely, Setzer, and Carver (Primary Sponsors); Hawkins, F. Jackson, and Winslow:

**H.B. 304**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS TO OPERATE A TRADES HIGH

SCHOOL AND ISSUE TRADES DIPLOMAS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blust (Primary Sponsor) and Branson:

**H.B. 305**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pickett (Primary Sponsor); Alston, T. Brown, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Majeed, Miller, and Prather:

**H.B. 306**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, AND THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TOWN AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Stevens (Primary Sponsor); Brisson, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 307**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY TIME LIMITS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN NONCAPITAL CASES; TO PLACE XYLAZINE AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES; TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; TO REQUIRE RECORDATION OF ALL CRIMINAL MATTERS IN DISTRICT COURT AND ESTABLISH WHEN THOSE RECORDS MAY BE DISCLOSED; TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF IMMUNITY TO WITNESSES; AND TO CLARIFY THE STANDING OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN CASES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Stevens (Primary Sponsor); Brisson, Kidwell, and Ward:

**H.B. 308**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND STRANGULATION PENALTIES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES REGARDING THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO PROHIBIT EXPUNCTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH PENDING CHARGES, AND TO REQUIRE SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY IF NOT SPECIFIED BY THE COURT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Arp, Lambeth, Paré, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Brisson, N. Jackson, Loftis, and Ward:

**H.B. 309**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, D. Hall, Arp, and Blust (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Branson, Campbell, Penny, Scott, Ward, Warren, and White:

**H.B. 310**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CONDEMNATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY EXCEPT FOR A PUBLIC USE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF JUST COMPENSATION WITH RIGHT OF TRIAL BY JURY IN ALL CONDEMNATION CASES, AND TO MAKE SIMILAR STATUTORY CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative G. Pierce:

**H.B. 311**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF GIBSON FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

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**S.B. 55**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 133**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO SOLICIT A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TO ADD THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE TO THE LIST OF ENTITIES EXEMPTED IN G.S. 143B-1320, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 153**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE BORDERS OF THE STATE BY (I) REQUIRING COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, (II) ENSURING STATE FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS IN THE STATE LEGALLY, (III) CREATING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, AND (IV) PROHIBITING UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROM BECOMING SANCTUARY UNIVERSITIES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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# TWENTY-THIRD DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 10, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father,

"Thank You for springtime and the blessings of fresh grass, daffodils, baby blue skies, and warming weather.

"The winter is needed for the Earth to rest, and the renewal of Spring brings joy to our souls.

"Thank You for giving us Isaiah, who teaches us to accept weariness, but not to be hopeless. You give us strength, so we don't faint when we are running on low and feeling weary.

"Thank You for refreshing our spirit with Your strength and might and thank You for refreshing the Earth with springtime.

"In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative White, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 6 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

On motion of Representative White and without objection, the House adjourns at 11:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Pless (Primary Sponsor) and Turner:

**H.B. 312**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RELOCATE THE MADISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE DAMAGED BY HURRICANE HELENE OUT OF THE FLOODPLAIN, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pless (Primary Sponsor) and Turner:

**H.B. 313**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS REPAIRS NEEDED IN MADISON COUNTY AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE HELENE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cunningham, Cotham, and Winslow (Primary Sponsors); Blust, Brody, G. Brown, Colvin, F. Jackson, Logan, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Scott, Setzer, Ward, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 314**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pyrtle, Miller, Carson Smith, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Brisson, G. Brown, T. Brown, Carver, Clark, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dew, Hastings, Hawkins, Humphrey, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Lowery, McNeely, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Rhyne, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Charles Smith, Strickland, Turner, Ward, Warren, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 315**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OFFENSE FOR WRONGFULLY ENTERING A PART OF A BUILDING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF GIFT CARDS; AND TO REVISE THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT OFFENSE TO INCLUDE OFFENSES INVOLVING GIFT CARDS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, G. Brown, Lopez, and G. Pierce (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, Brockman, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Lofton, Longest, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 316**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD TAX CREDIT, TO EXPAND THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM AND INCREASE CARE SUBSIDY BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE LUNCH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO STUDENTS THROUGH AN ALLOCATION BASED ON

SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY EVALUATIONS, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC CHILD CARE PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND TO REQUIRE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF A HIGH SCHOOL CHILD CARE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Quick and Brockman (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Carney, Clark, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 317**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives D. Hall, Carson Smith, B. Jones, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Arp, Balkcom, Bell, Biggs, Campbell, K. Hall, Hastings, Huneycutt, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Potts, Reeder, Rhyne, Scott, Setzer, Ward, Warren, White, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 318**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WHEN A PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White, Zenger, Ross, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Branson, McNeely, and Penny:

**H.B. 319**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO HISPANIC GRASSROOTS TO SUPPORT ITS EDUCATION OUTREACH SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Budd (Primary Sponsor); Cotham, Greenfield, and Logan:

**H.B. 320**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE TO AUTHORIZE RESERVE POLICE AND THEIR COMPENSATION WHEN CALLED INTO

ACTIVE DUTY, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Quick and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 321**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Prather, Harrison, Morey, and Helfrich (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, R. Pierce, Price, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 322**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO LEGISLATIVE RECORDS, TO REPEAL CHANGES REGARDING THE ARCHIVING OF RECORDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO AMEND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING FEDERAL POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Belk, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, and Logan:

**H.B. 323**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN THE TOWNS OF CORNELIUS, DAVIDSON, AND HUNTERSVILLE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Branson and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Belk, Blust, Brockman, G. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, and Quick:

**H.B. 324**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GREENSBORO TRANSIT AGENCY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives R. Pierce, Johnson-Hostler, Baker, and F. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Quick, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 325**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ATTEND A FIELD TRIP TO THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives F. Jackson (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Ball, Brockman, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 326**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY METHODS OF INCREASING TEACHER PLANNING TIME, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives F. Jackson (Primary Sponsor); G. Brown, T. Brown, Dahle, and Majeed:

**H.B. 327**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cunningham, Loftis, Lambeth, and Potts (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Biggs, Branson, Brisson, G. Brown, Buansi, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Cotham, Dahle, Greenfield, N. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Pittman, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rubin, Scott, von Haefen, Ward, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 328**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BAN DELTA-8 AND DELTA-9 PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS AND TO CLARIFY THAT VAPOR PRODUCTS ARE BANNED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cunningham, Lambeth, Potts, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Branson, Cotham, F. Jackson, Majeed, Moss, Pyrtle, Ward, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 329**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO AND HEMP PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt, Miller, Pyrtle, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Cotham, Cunningham, McNeely, Reeder, Scott, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 330**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Miller and Lowery (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 331**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE NORTH CAROLINA RICE FESTIVAL HELD AT THE BRUNSWICK TOWN STATE HISTORIC SITE IN THE COMMUNITY OF WINNABOW AS THE OFFICIAL RICE FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser (Primary Sponsor) and Willingham:

**H.B. 332**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NASH COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Shepard and Gable (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 333**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE SHALL EXERCISE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ONLY WITHIN THE CITY'S CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Stevens (Primary Sponsor); Brisson and Ward:

**H.B. 334**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM COMMUNITY PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT DEATH ACT,

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Pierce, A. Jones, Morey, and Blackwell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, Brisson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Howard, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Majeed, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Rubin, Setzer, and Charles Smith:

**H.B. 335**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND EMERGENCY JUDGE ELIGIBILITY BY ALLOWING JUDGES WHO SERVED AS BOTH A SUPERIOR COURT AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT TO BE AN EMERGENCY JUDGE ON EITHER COURT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Pless:

**H.B. 336**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Miller:

**H.B. 337**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Miller:

**H.B. 338**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following is received from the Senate:

**H.B. 47** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Calendar of March 11.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 220**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF TABOR CITY TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND TO SUPPORT TOWN SERVICES, is withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 221**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF TABOR CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN RAILROAD REVITALIZATION PROGRAMS TO ENSURE CONTINUED OR IMPROVED RAIL SERVICE TO THE TOWN, is withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 43**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE CAROLINA BALLOONFEST HELD IN THE CITY OF STATESVILLE AS THE OFFICIAL BALLOON RALLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 11.

**H.B. 52** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 11.

**H.B. 105** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 11.

**H.B. 116** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 11.

**H.B. 136** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 11.

**H.B. 182** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS FELONY CHILD ABUSE FOR ANY PERSON PROVIDING CARE TO OR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD LESS THAN SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO COMMIT OR ALLOW THE COMMISSION OF A SEXUAL ACT UPON THE CHILD, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 12.

The House stands adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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# TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Almond.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:00 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 329**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO AND HEMP PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 328**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BAN DELTA-8 AND DELTA-9 PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS AND TO CLARIFY THAT VAPOR PRODUCTS ARE BANNED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Harrison, Logan, Morey, and Dew (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Brockman, G. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Hawkins, Majeed, Prather, Price, Quick, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 339**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADVANCING ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR ALL IN NORTH CAROLINA BY INCREASING THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE TO TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS PER HOUR, ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION ANNUALLY;

MANDATING EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK; REQUIRING PAID SICK LEAVE, PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE, AND WORKPLACE SAFETY, EMERGENCY, AND EVACUATION PROTECTIONS; RESTORING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION AND STUDYING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR APP-BASED "GIG ECONOMY" WORKERS; INCREASING THE TIPPED MINIMUM WAGE; ENDING WAGE THEFT; REQUIRING THE FAIR ASSESSMENT OF PERSONS WITH CRIMINAL HISTORIES BY "BANNING THE BOX"; REPEALING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESTRICTIONS; REENACTING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT AND TAX CREDITS FOR CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES; CREATING A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT FIRST RESPONDERS, HEALTH CARE WORKERS, AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKERS INFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS CONTRACTED THE DISEASE IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT; AND PROVIDING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives R. Pierce, Johnson-Hostler, Baker, and F. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Brockman, G. Brown, Cervania, Colvin, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Majeed, Prather, and Quick:

**H.B. 340**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP OR PURCHASE AND DISSEMINATE A SCREENING ASSESSMENT FOR ACADEMICALLY OR INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED CHILDREN TO BE ADMINISTERED IN SIXTH GRADE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cunningham, Goodwin, and Majeed (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Brockman, G. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson, Logan, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Roberson, and Ward:

**H.B. 341**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION TO EXCLUDE FROM TAXATION THE APPRAISED VALUE OF A

PRIMARY RESIDENCE OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN THAT IS EQUAL TO THE VETERAN'S DISABILITY RATING RANGE, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clark, Quick, Branson, and Blust (Primary Sponsors); Brockman, G. Brown, and Harrison:

**H.B. 342**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR HIGH DOSAGE TUTORING AND LEARNING HUBS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cunningham, Cotham, Potts, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Cervania, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Quick, Rubin, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 343**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES, TO ENHANCE PROTECTIONS FOR RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES BY MOVING THE STATE'S LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM TOWARD NATIONAL STANDARDS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Brown, von Haefen, Hawkins, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Brockman, G. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Logan, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, and Roberson:

**H.B. 344**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE ROADSIDE AND OTHER LITTERING AND TO ENCOURAGE RECYCLING BY REQUIRING A DEPOSIT ON BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND REQUIRING REDEMPTION CENTERS TO ACCEPT RETURNED BEVERAGE CONTAINERS AND REFUND THE DEPOSITS, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Harrison, Morey, Cervania, and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Brockman, G. Brown, Crawford, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 345**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE DAN AND HAW RIVER ECOSYSTEMS AND TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO A HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM FOR THOSE RIVERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Sauls (Primary Sponsor); F. Jackson, Penny, and Reives:

**H.B. 346**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO INCLUDE THE HEALTH SCIENCES LOCATIONS IN THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT CALCULATION OF THE RESPECTIVE MAIN CAMPUSES OF CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING MULTICAMPUS CENTER STATUS, is referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey (Primary Sponsor); McNeely and Willingham:

**H.B. 347**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE IN A CREDIT PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely, Huneycutt, and Jeffers (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Branson, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Dixon, Harrison, Iler, Johnson, Kidwell, Lowery, Moss, G. Pierce, Price, Ross, Turner, and Willingham:

**H.B. 348**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CARRYFORWARD OF DEFERRED PROPERTY TAXES FOR PRESENT-USE VALUE PROPERTIES FROM THREE YEARS TO SIX YEARS, TO CREATE A LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM USING THE EXCESS FUNDS CREATED THEREBY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE FARMERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT PRIOR TO ANNEXING

CERTAIN PRESENT-USE VALUE PROPERTY, A CITY MUST OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt, Potts, Cunningham, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, Buansi, Clark, Colvin, Harrison, F. Jackson, McNeely, Pickett, G. Pierce, Reeder, and Willingham:

**H.B. 349**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clark, Harrison, Lopez, and Rubin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Dahle, Logan, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 350**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF A LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt, K. Hall, Chesser, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Brockman, T. Brown, Cervania, Harrison, Logan, G. Pierce, Prather, and Willingham:

**H.B. 351**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RECOVERY-FRIENDLY WORKPLACE PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Paré:

**H.B. 352**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE TOWNS OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND FUQUAY-VARINA FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Morey, Cohn, Dew, and Dahle (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 353**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RAISING THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE AND INDEXING FOR AUTOMATIC INCREASES AND REQUIRING PAYMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS IN ACTIONS FOR UNPAID WAGES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Ross and Sauls, Chairs, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 11**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR OVERTIME COMPENSATION, UP TO TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF BONUS PAY, AND TIPS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 134**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Goodwin, Loftis, and Pike, Chairs, for the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs:

**H.B. 35**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 28**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 69**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE MILITARY ADMISSIONS DEFERMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS ADMITTED TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION TO CERTAIN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 91**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ARMED FORCES" OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE; TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RELEVANT STATUTES RELATED TO THE MILITARY; AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF FORT BRAGG TO FORT LIBERTY TO CONFORM WITH THE RENAMING OF THE MILITARY BASE BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 71**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 231**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 242**, 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, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 156**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 98**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND USE OF CERTAIN CONSUMER FIREWORKS, to the Committee on State and Local Government and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 186** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SCHEDULE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND TO REQUIRE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE AT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 198** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REQUIRING THE ABC COMMISSION TO NOTIFY AN ABC PERMIT HOLDER OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS COMMITTED ON THE PREMISES OF THE PERMITTED ESTABLISHMENT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 223**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING FOR LOW– AND MODERATE–INCOME PERSONS, VETERANS, AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

**H.B. 185**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TRANSYLVANIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 244**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell and Torbett, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

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**H.B. 173**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT THE EXPANSION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WAKE COUNTY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

**H.B. 22**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FIRE INVESTIGATIONS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Insurance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 83**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS OR EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS; TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE; TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS TO THE LIST OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROHIBIT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES FROM PROVIDING SERVICE TO UNEMANCIPATED MINORS WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING CONSENT FROM THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 95**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR A THREAT AGAINST A LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER AND TO REQUIRE THE EXECUTION OF A SECURED APPEARANCE BOND FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT FOR ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE

OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, OR ELECTION OFFICER, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 188**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Lord,

"Help us to build a place of sacrifice for You. Help us to put our personal objectives aside to have a personal altar for You. Help us to clear unclean thoughts from our heart and mind.

"When our faith in You becomes our altar, help us to remember Your Son who died on the cross and rose in three days and became our altar.

"Love became our altar, Your sacrifice. Help us every waking moment to worship You in mind and deed and lean on You for better understanding.

"In Your Holy Name I pray. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 10 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

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Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Brockman, Dew, Iler, Lowery, and Watford for today.

## GUEST

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to Tim Whitman, Wayne Christian School Executive Director for Safety and Security.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 47** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE.

On motion of Representative Greene, the House does not concur in the Senate committee substitute bill, by electronic vote (115-0), and conferees are requested. The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

**H.B. 105** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (71-44), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 116** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (71-44), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 136** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 43**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE CAROLINA BALLOONFEST HELD IN THE CITY OF STATESVILLE AS THE OFFICIAL BALLOON RALLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 52** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025.

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

## CONFEREES APPOINTED

The Speaker appoints the following conferees on **H.B. 47** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE: Representatives Greene and Bell, Co-Chairs; Representatives Gillespie, Balkcom, Pickett, Johnson, Pless, Clampitt, Arp, Lambeth, Dixon, and B. Jones.

The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

## CALENDAR (continued)

**H.B. 52** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT OF 2025, which was temporarily displaced, is before the Body.

Representative Rubin offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (45-69).

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (105-9), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of March 10 are introduced to the membership. They are: Jacob Denham of Iredell; Godfrey Ejindu of Wake; David Fisher of Guilford; Kamryn Hollowell of Johnston; Emma Lafone of Lenoir; Haelee

Moone of Johnston; Garrett Murdock of Person; Rachel Parker of Chatham; Sana Peddisetty of Wake; Sara Peddisetty of Wake; Campbell Price of Lenoir; Aiden Spencer of Cumberland; and Anna Waskey of Macon.

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 32, **H.B. 5**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT, TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED, AND TO AUTHORIZE OFFICIALS ELECTED IN THE STATE TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM WHILE PERFORMING THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IF THE OFFICIAL HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 5:16 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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# TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Matthew Winslow.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 11 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

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Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Dew, Iler, and Moss for today. Representatives Hawkins, Lambeth, Lowery, and Reives are excused for a portion of the Session.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 182** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS FELONY CHILD ABUSE FOR ANY PERSON PROVIDING CARE TO OR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD LESS THAN SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO COMMIT OR ALLOW THE COMMISSION OF A SEXUAL ACT UPON THE CHILD, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Speaker, the House recesses at 1:47 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 6:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Pyrtle, Miller, B. Jones, and Greene (Primary Sponsors); Johnson, McNeely, Pickett, and Ward:

**H.B. 354**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 17 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GATEKEEPER ORDERS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pyrtle, Miller, B. Jones, and Greene (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Balkcom, Branson, G. Brown, Chesser, Colvin, Cunningham, Harrison, Hawkins, Iler, F. Jackson, Loftis, Longest, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Reeder, Riddell, Ward, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 355**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FUTURE OF FIREFIGHTING IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey, Balkcom, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); McNeely and Pickett:

**H.B. 356**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE REBATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey, Almond, Arp, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Adams, McNeely, Moss, Pickett, and Warren:

**H.B. 357**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey, Balkcom, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); and Willingham:

**H.B. 358**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Gable:

**H.B. 359**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Reives, Winslow, Schietzelt, and Rubin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Clark, Colvin, Cotham, Cunningham, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Longest, G. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Riddell, and Charles Smith:

**H.B. 360**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN FRAUDULENT INSTRUMENTS; TO ESTABLISH A FORM OF EXPEDITED RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF A FRAUDULENT INSTRUMENT; AND TO MODIFY STATUTES AFFECTING THE RECORDING OF DEEDS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Winslow, Schietzelt, and Liu (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Clark, Colvin, Cunningham, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, and Rubin:

**H.B. 361**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES TO PREVENT AND DETER DEED AND TITLE FRAUD, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond, McNeely, and Pike (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Eddins, Gable, Harrison, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Loftis, Moss, Setzer, and Warren:

**H.B. 362**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE INTENTIONAL RELEASE OF POLLUTING EMISSIONS, INCLUDING STRATOSPHERIC AEROSOL INJECTION, CLOUD SEEDING, AND ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIO FREQUENCY, INTO THE ATMOSPHERE TO ALTER THE TEMPERATURE, WEATHER, OR THE INTENSITY OF SUNLIGHT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Penny, White, and Price (Primary Sponsors); Baker, G. Brown, and Hawkins:

**H.B. 363**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO OPERATE A BUSPOOL MORE THAN TEN MILES BEYOND ITS TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Winslow, Chesser, Tyson, and Paré (Primary Sponsors); Branson, McNeely, and Pickett:

**H.B. 364**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT IS IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Willis, Campbell, and Roberson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Carver, Clark, Colvin, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Liu, Lofton, Longest, Lopez, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Reeder, Riddell, Rubin, Charles Smith, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 365**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO REVISE ITS FUNDING MODEL FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND ESTABLISH ENROLLMENT INCREASE RESERVE, TO EXPAND FUNDING FOR COOPERATIVE INNOVATIVE HIGH SCHOOLS, TO CREATE GRANT PROGRAMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO PROMOTE CTE PROGRAMS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Majeed, Logan, and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, Longest, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 366**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE PISTOL PURCHASE PERMIT LAW AND ALSO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LONG GUN, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Charles Smith, A. Jones, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Clark, Colvin, Cotham, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Liu, Longest, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Reives, Riddell, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 367**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE RIGHTS OF INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION TO VICTIMS REGARDING SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Penny, Ross, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Greene, Pickett, Pike, Reeder, and Ward:

**H.B. 368**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY LAW REGARDING CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Brody, Penny, and Dahle (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Cunningham, Harrison, Helfrich, and Prather:

**H.B. 369**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REQUIRING A MINIMUM NUMBER OR SIZE OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES, TO BAN THE FUTURE PURCHASE AND IMPORTATION FOR USE OF PAVEMENT SEALANTS CONTAINING HIGH LEVELS OF POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDRO-CARBONS, AND TO CLARIFY THE LIMITS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES REGARDING STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS FOR REDEVELOPMENT SITES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Davis:

**H.B. 370**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT AND TO ENACT ARTICLE THREE OF THE UNIFORM UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFER ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Branson, Clark, Harrison, and Quick (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, Helfrich, Liu, Logan, Lopez, G. Pierce, Prather, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 371**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE IN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson, Chesser, Rhyne, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, McNeely, Pickett, Pike, and Ward:

**H.B. 372**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES SHALL NOT PROHIBIT CERTAIN HOME-BASED BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell, Pickett, Chesser, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Branson, G. Brown, T. Brown, Carver, Clark, Colvin, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hawkins, B. Jones, Liu, Loftis, Longest, Lowery, McNeely, G. Pierce, Prather, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, and Charles Smith:

**H.B. 373**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTED TUITION TO PERSONS RECEIVING MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE OR PERSONS ENROLLED IN AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cohn, Logan, Dew, and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, G. Pierce, Prather, and Price:

**H.B. 374**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE FUNCTION AND ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM AND THE OPERATIONS OF REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley, Chairs, for the Committee on Pensions and Retirement:

**H.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 137**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO HONOR THE LIFE OF GABE TORRES, A RALEIGH POLICE OFFICER WHOSE LIFE CAME TO AN END WHILE HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO WORK AFTER A TRAGIC ACT OF VIOLENCE ON OCTOBER 13, 2022, BY EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS KILLED ON THE WAY TO OR FROM WORK, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**H.B. 276**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCLUDE ANY CANCER, THE DIAGNOSIS OF WHICH QUALIFIED A FIREFIGHTER FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM OR THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM, IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Representatives Dixon, Gillespie, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

**H.B. 184**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 62**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Adams, McNeely, Shepard, and Tyson, Chairs, for the Committee on Transportation:

**H.B. 21**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 189**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RED LIGHT CAMERA DELAY INTERVAL, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

**H.B. 201**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTRICT MOTOR VEHICLE TRAILER COMBINATIONS ON U.S. ROUTE 25/70 IN MADISON COUNTY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 212**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE OR JOIN SPOUSES OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN CONDEMNATION ACTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

By Representatives Brody and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Housing and Development:

**H.B. 15**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY ON A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS NOT A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OR A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

**H.B. 100**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY USED FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 223**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING FOR LOW– AND MODERATE–INCOME PERSONS, VETERANS, AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs, for the Committee on Insurance:

**H.B. 53**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

Senate Chamber
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Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to **H.J.R. 157 (Resolution 2025-2)**, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, the President *Pro Tempore* appoints the following Senators as a committee on the part of the Senate to escort The Honorable Josh Stein to the Joint Session in the Hall of the House of Representatives March 12, 2025:

Senator P. Newton, Chair
Senator Blue
Senator Chaudhuri
Senator Hise
Senator Rabon

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

## ESCORT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED

The Speaker appoints the following Members as an Escort Committee for the Governor, pursuant to **H.J.R. 157**, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE: Representative B. Jones, Chair; Representatives Reives, Cotham, Dixon, Paré, and Willingham.

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The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative Shepard, that the House adjourn upon dissolution of the Joint Session, at 6:09 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

The Speaker orders a Special Message sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives stands ready to receive them in Joint Session at the hour appointed.

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Mr. Speaker:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the House of Representatives with the information that pursuant to **H.J.R. 157 (Resolution 2025-2)**, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, the Senate stands ready to repair to the Hall of the House, there to sit in Joint Session with your honorable body for the State of the State Address.

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

## JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to resolution heretofore adopted and exchange of messages, the Sergeant-at-Arms announces the arrival of the Senate at the door of the House of Representatives. The Speaker directs the admittance and seating of that Honorable Body. The President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt, is seated to the right of the Speaker.

The Sergeant-at-Arms is recognized and announces the approach of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court and the Chief Judge and Judges of the Court of Appeals who are seated in a body for the Joint Session.

The Sergeant-at-Arms is recognized and announces the approach of the members of the Council of State and the members of the Governor's Cabinet who are seated in a body for the Joint Session.

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the gallery to the First Lady of North Carolina, Mrs. Anna Stein, and all invited guests.

The Speaker of the House relinquishes the gavel to the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Hunt. The Joint Session is called to order by the President.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the House announces the approach of the Governor. His Excellency enters, escorted by Senator P. Newton, Chair; Senators Blue, Chaudhuri, Hise, and Rabon and Representative B. Jones, Chair; Representatives Reives, Cotham, Dixon, Paré, and Willingham.

The President recognizes Representative Bell, who presents his Excellency, Josh Stein, Governor of North Carolina, to the Joint Assembly.

**STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. President Pro Tempore, Lieutenant Governor, other members of the Council of State, Members of the General Assembly, Mr. Chief Justice and members of the Supreme Court, Mr. Chief Judge and members of the Court of Appeals, Cabinet Secretaries, and to all North Carolinians watching from home - good evening.

"With me tonight are my parents Adam and Jane, my sister Gerda, my brother-in-law Lee, my brother Eric, and my incredible wife, our First Lady, Anna, and our wonderful daughter Leah.

"I am honored to address this Chamber and share my vision for our future. But first, I must report on the state of our State. I was sworn in as Governor 10 weeks ago today. Assuming this office's responsibilities has led to prayer and reflection. When any of us faces an important challenge, we search for strength. Strength to rise to the occasion. Strength to reach across differences in search of common ground. Strength to stand up for what we know is right. Strength to meet the moment. Sometimes, you don't know how strong you are until you are put to the test.

"Hurricane Helene and its horrific aftermath tested our State and our people in unprecedented ways. The storm flooded much of western North Carolina, stealing too many lives from us and devastating too many communities. But in the days, weeks, and months that followed, I have seen - we all have seen - that the state of our State is strong - North Carolina strong! And that is because our people are strong.

"Ashley Cook is a lifelong resident of Avery County. Her life completely changed on September 27th when Hurricane Helene swept through her mountain town of Minneapolis. Her roof was damaged, but her neighbors got hit worse, so she immediately turned her attention to what they needed. She and her cousin Freddy Carpenter first went to work clearing roads and then spent weeks hauling food, propane tanks, and heaters. In the months since, Ashley's used her Facebook page to connect people with whatever they need - gravel for driveways, roof repairs, notary services, even a sludge pump.

"You ask me if our State is strong? I point to Ashley and Freddy and the thousands of Ashleys and Freddys who stared devastation down and went to work helping others. The spirit of the people of North Carolina has never been stronger! Ashley and Freddy were due to join us tonight, but unfortunately Ashley is under the weather. But let's still thank them and all of our citizen heroes. And let's make sure they can hear us all the way out in Avery County and the rest of western North Carolina!

"By the way, the people who have been aiding folks out west don't care a whit about the politics of the people they are helping. They simply want to help their neighbors in need, just like the Good Samaritan who took mercy on the traveler left beaten and bloody on the side of the road to Jericho. We must follow their example and step up for our neighbors in western North Carolina.

"My team and I have been focused on doing whatever we can to help. On day 1 as Governor, I took action to cut red tape and make it easier for folks to recover. The crews and contractors of the Department of Transportation have reopened more than 1,300 roads so far. And as of March 1st, I-40 is open! That's great work, Secretary Hopkins. We've removed nearly 5 million cubic yards of debris from our roadways. Half of all state parks and cultural sites hit by the storm have fully reopened, and almost all of them are accepting visitors.

"So many people and organizations, public and private, have worked so hard. I saw firsthand the remarkable efforts of Baptists on Mission in mid-January when I volunteered with them to repair the home of a schoolteacher

in Spruce Pine. Groups like Baptists on Mission and Habitat for Humanity are working tirelessly to get people back into their homes. We need them to keep up their good work. That's why, in January, I announced $6 million in grants to these two organizations!

"In addition to addressing housing, we've been focused on supporting struggling small businesses. After a major disaster, more than 40% of all affected small businesses never reopen; within two years, 60% have permanently closed their doors. Folks, we cannot let that become our story! Small business is the beating heart of the economy of western North Carolina.

"So, we have partnered with the Dogwood Health Trust and the Duke Endowment to offer $35 million in grants to impacted small businesses. They can use these grants for paying their staff, restoring inventory, and fixing up their property - whatever they need. So far, we have been able to award grants to more than 1,000 small businesses!

"One of those is Chimney Rock Gemstone Mine, a beloved family destination. Matt and Michelle Banz have run their gemstone mine for 21 years. That was until Helene caused the Rocky Broad River to jump its banks and flood their store.

"They've been working hard to rebuild so they can reopen this summer, and their small business grant has enabled them to start replenishing their merchandise, hiring back staff, and rebuilding. Matt and Michelle, thank you for not giving up on Chimney Rock. We will not give up on you!

"Western North Carolina's small businesses aren't looking for a handout. They just need a hand up, so they can get back on their feet. And as many small businesses as we've been able to support, many, many more are still waiting for help. So let's support small businesses with grants, just like we do our farmers.

"Folks, we're talking $60 billion in damages overall - by far the costliest storm to ever hit North Carolina. That's too much for those affected to bear themselves. They need our help. People need to get back in their homes. Roads and bridges need to be fixed. Businesses need to keep their doors open and their workers employed. And communities need clean drinking water.

"That's why I'm working with President Trump, his cabinet, and our congressional delegation to seek billions more in federal funds - ASAP. And that's why I urge you to pass the $500 million western North Carolina recovery bill.

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"We need that money now. Heck, we needed it yesterday. Ashley and Freddy, Matt and Michelle, all of western North Carolina - they need us to do our jobs. So let's do it, and let's pass this bill. I am ready to sign it! And once we get it done, let's get right back to work. We want the people of western North Carolina to know - we will not forget you!

"And by the way, when we talk about rebuilding, we don't mean only out west. A number of folks down east still need help, folks who lost everything after Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, folks who just want their home back. That bill we're waiting on also includes funding to help them move forward, as well. And no matter where you live, you need to know that if disaster strikes, we will be there!

"Fundamentally, our commitment to our people is that they have a real shot at success - to get a good-paying job or start a small business. That's the promise of North Carolina - that where you come from should never limit how far you can go. Delivering on that promise is what drives me as your Governor.

"In recent years, we've recruited businesses that have created tens of thousands of jobs across the State. We've been ranked in the top two states for business, four years running! We've become a leader in the clean energy economy. There is a lot to be proud of and plenty of credit to go around. And I am committed to doing my part as Governor to continue our State's economic success.

"In just the past two months, we've announced more than 1,500 new jobs, most of which are in rural North Carolina. But we cannot rest on our laurels. Other states want what we have here - it's a competitive world. We cannot afford to leave anyone's talents on the sidelines - we must be a State that is welcoming to all people.

"We must continue to grow our economy and ensure it works for everyone! The people of North Carolina are our greatest asset. So to invest in our future, we must invest in our people. And know this: while I am Governor, when it comes to developing our workforce, no state will outwork us!

"Our goal is to set the national pace in growing the number of skilled workers, including doubling the number of apprentices over the next four years, and empowering hundreds of thousands more North Carolinians with the credentials they need to secure a good-paying job. So, I'm proposing that for students getting certified in high-demand sectors, like in advanced manufacturing, health care, and IT, we provide them free community college!

"We've also got to support Propel NC, which rewards community colleges when students earn credentials for high wage jobs. And I'm creating a Council on Workforce and Apprenticeships to unite our community colleges, public schools, and local businesses around our shared goal of getting more people access to good jobs with good wages. We know how to do this; heck, in many corners of the State, we already are.

"Northern Regional Hospital in Mt. Airy had a nursing shortage and had to pay for expensive traveling nurses to fill the gaps. So, in partnership with Surry-Yadkin Works, a local workforce organization, the hospital worked with Surry Community College to create an apprenticeship program.

"Emily Orellana always knew she wanted to be a nurse, but she didn't know where to start. This apprenticeship program helped Emily get connected to Northern Regional as a high schooler and earn her certified nursing assistant credential. Now, she's about to graduate from the community college's nursing program as a registered nurse with a focus on ICU care.

"Emily inspired her sister Haylee, who is now pursuing her own nursing credential to work in labor and delivery. Haylee and Emily, please stand so we can thank you for taking care of our people.

"Thanks to this apprenticeship program, Northern Regional Hospital is training its next generation of health care workers - homegrown - dramatically reducing its dependence on traveling nurses.

"It's about turning apprenticeships into careers, which is good for both workers and employers. Folks should not have to get a bachelor's degree to get a good-paying job and provide for their family. Every hard-working North Carolinian deserves a real shot at a brighter future!

"And we have to create the conditions that allow them to fulfill their potential. Yes, that means good-paying jobs. It also means clean air to breathe and clean water to drink. And it means lower costs. Too many North Carolinians are struggling to pay their bills, including housing and child care.

"North Carolina is the third fastest growing state in the nation after Texas and Florida. But our housing supply has not kept up. To keep prices down, we need more housing of all types - single family, duplexes, triplexes, condos, apartments, special needs housing. We can find bipartisan solutions to high housing costs if we're willing to work together. So let's do it and get more homes built for our people!

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"It's not just housing that's in short supply; we also need more child care options. You want to hear something crazy - too many parents cannot afford to work. That's because they can't find child care they can afford, if they can find it at all. At the same time, we don't have enough child care workers because they don't get paid enough. Currently, there is only one child care spot for every five families wanting one. Of course, parents should always have the option to stay home with their children. But it should be a choice - parents shouldn't be pushed out of the workforce. When they are, they suffer - and our economy suffers.

"Each year, our State loses billions of dollars in economic activity because of our child care crisis. So this week, I announced a bipartisan Task Force on Child Care and Early Education to find innovative solutions to this challenge. When we do, it will be a win for our children, a win for our parents, and a win for our businesses and economy. Let's work together to expand access to quality, affordable child care here in North Carolina!

"To make North Carolina a state where folks thrive, we need to invest in children and their families by cutting taxes for middle-class families. We can cut taxes to help families manage the cost of raising a child. We can cut taxes to make child care more affordable. And we can cut taxes on working families to put more money in their pockets, lift children out of poverty, and stimulate local economies. These three targeted tax cuts are what being pro-family looks like!

"We can afford them and still meet our critical education, health care, and public safety needs. But we won't be able to make these necessary investments if we do not address the self-inflicted fiscal cliff we face in a couple of years, especially given today's uncertainties. We're at a fork in the road when it comes to our budget.

"We can go ahead with nearly $10 billion of tax giveaways over the next four years, mainly to the wealthy and to corporate shareholders. By the way, very few of these shareholders are North Carolinian - heck, many aren't even American! Or we can help our neighbors recover from Hurricane Helene, invest in our public safety and public schools, provide targeted tax cuts to support our working families, and keep up with the needs of our fast-growing population.

"So what's it going to be? Give money to out-of-state shareholders, or invest in North Carolina families? We cannot afford to do both. We should choose North Carolina's children and families every time!

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"Of course, we have to be fiscally prudent - to be smart about how we invest taxpayers' dollars. That's why I'm directing my budget office to set up the Impact Center to ensure our government is run effectively and efficiently, because people should know that their tax dollars are being well spent! But let's get this right. Let's use a scalpel, not a chainsaw.

"Today, the State of North Carolina is strong - let's invest to keep it that way! That includes investing in our teachers. Just remember your favorite teacher. A good teacher inspires their students. That's why we must recruit and retain the best. And that's why we must give teachers a real pay raise!

"Right now, North Carolina's starting teacher pay is the second-lowest in the Southeast, lower than every one of our bordering states - even South Carolina. Anna and I know some parents of recent college graduates. Those graduates wanted to live and teach in their home state, but they chose other states because our salaries simply aren't competitive. It's an embarrassment. We can and must do better! Here's a goal we can all get behind: let's make starting teacher salaries in North Carolina the highest in the Southeast!

"And let's reward experienced teachers who stay in the classroom. I know that there is bipartisan support for these efforts. This is an area where we can work together. So let's do it; let's invest in our kids; and let's pay our teachers a salary that shows how much we value them!

"We are honored to be joined this evening by several recent North Carolina Teachers of the Year and Beginning Teachers of the Year, including Ms. Kimberly Jones who teaches English at my alma mater, Chapel Hill High. Will these remarkable educators please stand up? They are shaping our next generation, and we are grateful.

"Yes, we have to pay teachers more, but raising pay alone isn't enough to improve our kids' education. We need to expand the State's advanced teacher initiative to better utilize our best teachers and give them a career pathway. We need to extend the 'science of reading' to middle schools to improve learning.

"And we need to put our public dollars toward our public schools. North Carolina is 48th in the nation in per pupil investment - we can do so much better. We should not be taking money from our public school kids to pay for wealthy parents sending their kids to unaccountable private schools, to the tune of $7.5 billion over the next decade.

"We also need to feed our kids because they can't learn when they're hungry. A square meal improves student attendance, behavior, and learning. Principal Ali Setser leads Eastern Elementary in Pitt County, which is already

providing free school meals to all of its students. Principal Setser, will you please stand? Thank you for your leadership.

"The experience of Pitt and several other school systems prove that we can do it. Let's provide every North Carolina student a free school breakfast!

"Our students also need safe and well-built schools. Unfortunately, too many of our schools are overcrowded or use trailers or have old, leaking roofs and broken heating and air conditioning. It's 2025 - we shouldn't have to send kids home from school because the heat doesn't work. We need safer, healthier, and more modern schools. So tonight, I'm proposing a $4 billion public school bond! Let's let the voters decide!

"We also need safety upgrades like cameras, fences around playgrounds, exterior locks, and fewer access points to secure our school buildings from people who mean harm. Nothing is more important than keeping our kids safe! And that also means protecting their mental health. North Carolina has underinvested in school social workers, counselors, and psychologists for far too long. Let's make sure our schools have the support staff they need to improve our kids' mental health and help them thrive.

"And when we talk youth mental health, we've got to talk about cell phones and social media. Cell phones are a major source of distraction for students and disruption for teachers. When teachers don't have to compete with TikTok for student attention, and when students don't have to choose between social studies and social media, real learning happens. And their mental health improves.

"Too many young people are struggling. Too many kids are bullied. They need and they deserve a seven-hour break from the unrelenting pressures of phones and social media. Classrooms should be cell phone-free zones! I'm pleased that bipartisan Members of both Chambers are tackling this issue. And I look forward to working with you to make this happen.

"I spent my last eight years as Attorney General working to keep North Carolinians safe, and as Governor, I'm still at it. So I'm standing up for the people who protect our communities. We ask our law enforcement officers to make tremendous sacrifices. We ask them to run towards danger when the rest of us might flee. Time and time again, they say yes - to protect and to serve. There are a number of law enforcement officers here tonight with us - will all of you please stand? Every one of these people is a hero.

"For brevity, I'll call out just one - Forsyth County Sheriff Bobby Kimbrough, who has dedicated four decades to public safety. Sheriff, we

appreciate you, all of your peers here tonight, and every one of North Carolina's more than 30,000 certified law enforcement officers. Thank you, all!

"As I travel the State, I regularly hear about law enforcement staffing challenges. Vacancies make it harder for our law enforcement to keep us safe. That's why I'm proposing salary increases for state law enforcement and correctional officers and signing bonuses for new officers. Let's make sure that we have more police officers on the beat.

"Let's show the nation: that we put our money where our mouths are. That in North Carolina, we value our law enforcement. And that we invest in them like they invest in us!

"And let's improve public safety and health by tackling the scourges of opioid and fentanyl addiction.

"I first met Debbie Dalton after she experienced one of the most terrible tragedies a parent can face. Her son Hunter was one of those larger-than-life people who made everyone he met feel special. He loved golf and travel and once beat Steph Curry in a free-throw shooting competition at Davidson Basketball Camp.

"Three days ago, Hunter should have celebrated his 32nd birthday. But at 23 years old, fentanyl tragically ended his life. There are thousands of stories like Hunter's - young people whose lives ended too soon because of one of the deadliest drugs ever to poison our country. And too many North Carolinians are like Debbie - parents, siblings, spouses, children, and friends who will never get their loved one back.

"During my time as Attorney General, we made real progress combatting the fentanyl crisis and reducing overdose deaths. But even one death to fentanyl is one death too many. That's why I'm calling on the General Assembly to fund a Fentanyl Control Unit of law enforcement and prosecutors dedicated to getting it off our streets!

"That's how we can honor the memory of Hunter and all the North Carolinians we have lost too soon. Debbie, thank you for your willingness to turn your personal pain into purpose for other people. Please stand.

"What we've been talking about tonight - they are not red issues or blue issues, they are North Carolina issues! Of course, on some of them, we may differ about how best to get there. That's fine. That's the democratic process. But I am certain that if we come together across our differences, we can find common ground and make progress.

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"If those of us who believe in the possibility of bipartisanship look to Washington, D.C., we will surely become discouraged. But we do not need to be pulled into those political games. We can create something better, something forward-looking right here in North Carolina. And we can do it together!

"After all, we've done it before. Two years ago, Republicans and Democrats worked together to expand Medicaid here in North Carolina! Today, more than 640,000 of our neighbors have access to newfound, high-quality health care. And our struggling rural hospitals have been given a lifeline.

"But we know that some in Washington are poised to take aim at our effective, efficient, and critical Medicaid program. The cuts Congress is considering would be absolutely devastating to the health of our people and our entire health care system. I've been urging Washington to follow our example by putting party aside and people first.

"Just as we stood arm-in-arm as North Carolinians to make Medicaid expansion a reality, let's stand arm-in-arm to defend our health care. When we - Republicans and Democrats - come together, that's when we make a real difference for our people. We've made big things happen before, and we can do it again.

"We can help western North Carolina recover from the most damaging storm in our history. We can grow our economy and make it work for more people. We can make sure our workforce meets the needs of our people and our businesses. We can keep our communities safe. And we can put our kids first, every time. That's because the state of our State is strong - North Carolina strong!

"Our teachers make us strong! Our law enforcement officers make us strong! Our small business owners, our farmers, our vets, our child care workers, and our community college students make us strong! You the people of North Carolina make us strong. So, let's come together to keep North Carolina strong!

"Thank you. May God bless you, and may God bless the Old North State."

Upon completion of his address, the Governor is escorted from the Chamber by Senator P. Newton and Representative B. Jones.

President Pro Tempore Berger moves, seconded by Speaker Hall, that the Joint Session be dissolved and, pursuant to the motions prevailing earlier in the Senate and the House, the houses stand adjourned to reconvene at the times stipulated in their earlier adjournment motions.

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The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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# TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 13, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative White.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Mike Clampitt:

"Father,

"Help me to keep my focus on You when the pain and hurt are overwhelming. Help me be faithful and see the good and blessings surrounding me. Please strengthen my mind, heart, and body, and heal me today. May the Holy Spirit guide me in peace and comfort.

"In Your Son's Holy Name, Jesus Christ, I do pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of March 12 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Penny moves, seconded by Representative Clampitt, that the House adjourn at 1:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, March 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Warren, Davis, Schietzelt, and Blust (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Almond, Branson, T. Brown, Buansi, Clark, Harrison, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Lowery, McNeely, G. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Price, and Ward:

**H.B. 375**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF DEEPFAKES AND DECEPTIVE ADVERTISEMENTS IN ELECTIONS AND PROTECT MINORS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM MISUSE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SYNTHETIC MEDIA, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody, Zenger, and Riddell (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 376**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO ON-SITE WASTEWATER PROVISIONS, TO ESTABLISH THE PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL TASK FORCE, AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN CERTIFIED WELL CONTRACTORS TO PERFORM WELL SITE EVALUATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Stevens:

**H.B. 377**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT; TO MAKE UPDATES TO THE ELECTIVE SHARE STATUTES; TO UPDATE STATUTES RELATING TO TRUST ADMINISTRATION; AND TO MAKE REVISIONS TO THE YEAR'S ALLOWANCE STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ESTATE PLANNING AND FIDUCIARY LAW SECTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pickett, Cotham, Liu, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, G. Brown, Cunningham, Harrison, F. Jackson, Lowery, Quick, Roberson, and Ward:

**H.B. 378**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS OF MINOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE PARENTS OF THE DEPENDENT STUDENT, is

referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Setzer, Blust, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Blackwell, Cairns, Chesser, Clampitt, Huneycutt, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pike, Rhyne, Scott, Ward, and White:

**H.J.R. 379**, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond, Setzer, Balkcom, and N. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Biggs, Cairns, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Loftis, McNeely, Pike, Rhyne, and Ward:

**H.B. 380**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION EXEMPTION TO NORTH CAROLINA'S STUDENT VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren, Huneycutt, Gillespie, and Zenger (Primary Sponsors); and Carver:

**H.B. 381**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ON-SITE SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER STATUTES, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt, Bell, Gillespie, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Balkcom, Biggs, Cairns, Campbell, Clampitt, K. Hall, Howard, Humphrey, Miller, Moss, Pyrtle, Rhyne, and Setzer:

**H.B. 382**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO ISSUE ELK PERMITS BY RAFFLE AND AUCTION, is referred to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lowery (Primary Sponsor) and Ward:

**H.B. 383**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CHAPTER REGARDING PAYMENTS TO SUBCONTRACTORS TO AUGMENT THE PROTECTIONS AFFORDED BY THAT CHAPTER, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Schietzelt, Gable, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Harrison, Kidwell, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 384**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ENLISTED MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD WITH A RANK OF E-1 THROUGH E-5 WHO RESIDE IN NORTH CAROLINA TO DEDUCT THEIR FEDERAL BASIC PAY FROM THE INCOME TAX, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Bell:

**H.B. 385**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 2 OF S.L. 2024-31, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Clampitt:

**H.B. 386**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES FOR PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES TO FUND STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SALARIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION INCREASES TO MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Schietzelt and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Harrison, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 387**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE INCOME RECEIVED FROM A NORTH CAROLINA STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RETIREMENT PLAN, OR A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RETIREMENT PLAN, EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representative Stevens:

**H.B. 388**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Arp, Lambeth, Bell, and Strickland (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Baker, Campbell, Harrison, Loftis, Paré, Schietzelt, and White:

**H.B. 389**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cunningham, White, Blackwell, and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Carney, Clark, Harrison, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Penny, Price, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 390**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION IN HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

Senate Chamber
March 13, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to your message received on March 11, 2025 that the House of Representatives failed to concur in **H.B. 47 Senate Committee Substitute (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY

FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE, the President *Pro Tempore* appoints:

Senator Jackson, Co-Chair
Senator Hise, Co-Chair
Senator Lee
Senator Rabon
Senator Daniel
Senator Moffitt
Senator Corbin
Senator Settle

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

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 58** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PARTICIPATION IN LITIGATION THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE INVALIDATION OF ANY EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF G.S. 14-277, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 77** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 227**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 352**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE TOWNS OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND FUQUAY-VARINA FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, to the Committee on State and Local Government and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Housing and Development and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**ADDENDA TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**ENERGY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES:** Add Representative Gillespie.

**REGULATORY REFORM:** Add Representative Harrison.

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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# TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 17, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Clampitt.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for the blessings that You bestow on us every day.

"Thank You for the people who surround us in this House of Representatives. Thank You.

"Thank You for the opportunity to serve the people of this great State.

"On this St. Patrick's Day, help us to respect his heart for missions and bringing the gospel to Ireland. Help us to always represent You and spread the Word.

"In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of March 13 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Penny moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 1:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Price and Buansi (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Moss, Prather, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and White:

**H.B. 391**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, TO FUND ADDITIONAL ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS AT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE AN INCREASING VOLUME OF ELDER ABUSE REPORTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Baker and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors); T. Brown, Harrison, and Quick:

**H.B. 392**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED WAY OF FORSYTH COUNTY TO FUND SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Baker and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 393**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ARTS COUNCIL, INC., TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL 1LOVE FESTIVAL IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Iler (Primary Sponsor) and Adams:

**H.B. 394**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO INTERACT WITH CHILDREN OR ANIMALS IN AN UNSAFE MANNER WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Clampitt:

**H.B. 395**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT, AND NONPROFIT INITIATIVES ACROSS SWAIN, JACKSON, AND TRANSYLVANIA COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Potts, White, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Brisson, K. Brown, Cervania, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins, R. Pierce, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 396**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NURSING FELLOWS PROGRAM AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CURRICULUM

SUPPORT FOR NURSING STUDENTS AT WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Brisson, Brockman, Butler, Carney, Cohn, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Moss, Prather, Rubin, Turner, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 397**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF EPINEPHRINE NASAL SPRAY IN ADDITION TO AUTO-INJECTORS IN SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cunningham, Carney, Quick, and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Majeed, Prather, Roberson, and Ward:

**H.B. 398**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE WAGE AND HOUR ACT TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES TO USE SICK LEAVE FOR THE CARE OF FAMILY MEMBERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White, Wheatley, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Cohn, Harrison, Logan, Majeed, and Willingham:

**H.B. 399**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE VARIOUS FEES FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Carver, Moss, Riddell, Scott, Ward, and Warren:

**H.B. 400**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE RESTITUTION IN THE FORM OF CHILD SUPPORT IF THE VICTIM OF A FELONY DEATH BY VEHICLE OFFENSE WAS THE PARENT OF A MINOR CHILD, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Logan, Harrison, Hawkins, and F. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Colvin, Crawford, Greenfield, Prather, Roberson, and Turner:

**H.B. 401**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LOTTERY WINNER TO CHOOSE TO TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser, Bell, Zenger, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brody, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Cotham, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, K. Hall, Hastings, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 402**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT, is referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, Greenfield, Harrison, and Roberson (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Hawkins, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Prather, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 403**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING WORKERS' RIGHTS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lopez, G. Brown, Ager, and Buansi (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 404**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE STATE, TO MAKE HOUSING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF "SOURCE OF INCOME" A VIOLATION OF THE STATE FAIR HOUSING ACT, TO EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE

HOUSING TRUST FUND, TO PROHIBIT CREDIT REPORTING AGENCIES FROM REPORTING LAWSUITS FOR EJECTMENT THAT DO NOT RESULT IN A JUDGMENT FOR THE LANDLORD, AND TO ESTABLISH THE OPTIONAL CREDIT REPORTING FOR TENANTS OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pless (Primary Sponsor) and Arp:

**H.B. 405**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1983, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones, Tyson, and Ross (Primary Sponsors); Arp, Branson, Hastings, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, McNeely, Paré, Penny, Riddell, Strickland, and Ward:

**H.B. 406**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Roberson, Hawkins, and Dahle (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Baker, Belk, Brockman, T. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Harrison, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, R. Pierce, Price, and Turner:

**H.B. 407**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE DIVINE NINE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ACT BY ESTABLISHING A SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE AND ADJUSTING THE FEES AND DISTRIBUTION OF FEES FOR VARIOUS OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES RELATED TO DIVINE NINE FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 59**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF

ALTERNATIVES FOR LAND USE DECISIONS IMPACTING LANDS IN SUCH DISTRICTS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 149**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT HENDERSON COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 174**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT RUTHERFORD COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 223**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 193**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH A VALID CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, OR WHO IS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, TO POSSESS OR CARRY A HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED, USED, OR OPERATED BY A PRIVATE SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 62** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 21**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 18.

**H.B. 28** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF POSSESSING, BRANDISHING, OR DISCHARGING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 18.

**H.B. 35**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 18.

**H.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 18.

**H.B. 91** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ARMED FORCES" OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RELEVANT STATUTES RELATED TO THE MILITARY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 18.

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**H.B. 95** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING OR MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, OR ELECTION OFFICER TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 19.

**H.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 18.

**H.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 18.

**H.B. 184**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 19.

**H.B. 186** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SCHEDULE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND TO REQUIRE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE AT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 19.

**H.B. 198** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REQUIRING THE ABC COMMISSION TO NOTIFY AN ABC PERMIT HOLDER OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS COMMITTED ON THE PREMISES OF THE PERMITTED ESTABLISHMENT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 19.

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**H.B. 223**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING FOR LOW– AND MODERATE–INCOME PERSONS, VETERANS, AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 18.

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 98**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND USE OF CERTAIN CONSUMER FIREWORKS, to the Committee on State and Local Government and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

The House stands adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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# TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Scott.

**GUESTS**

The Chair extends the courtesies of the floor to Kelly and Anna Kate Scott.

On motion of the Speaker, the House recesses at 11:00 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

**RECESS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Davis (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Butler, Carney, Goodwin, Harrison, Iler, Miller, Penny, Riddell, Ross, and Ward:

**H.B. 408**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COMPLETE PHASE ONE AND PHASE TWO OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FORT FISHER STATE HISTORIC SITE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Price (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Budd, Harrison, and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 409**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CASWELL COUNTY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CASVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FACILITY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Lambeth, Howard, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Dahle, Greenfield, F. Jackson, Morey, G. Pierce, Price, Turner, and Warren:

**H.B. 410**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE TO STUDY THE LEGALIZATION OF MEDICAL AID IN DYING IN NORTH CAROLINA; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives N. Jackson, Tyson, Gable, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Branson, Brody, Cairns, Eddins, Iler, Johnson, Loftis, McNeely, Penny, Scott, Shepard, Strickland, Ward, Watford, White, and Winslow:

**H.B. 411**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD FOR ALL ELECTIONS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL ELECTION FROM SEVENTEEN DAYS TO SIX DAYS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Arp, Lambeth, Paré, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Brisson, Johnson, Loftis, McNeely, Strickland, and Ward:

**H.B. 412**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECOUPLE THE CHILD CARE RATED LICENSE SYSTEM AND SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SUBSIDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND TO MAKE OTHER

CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lopez, Dew, Hawkins, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, F. Jackson, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Roberson, and Turner:

**H.B. 413**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEGALIZE AND REGULATE THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND USE OF CANNABIS IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Cotham, Biggs, and Pickett (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, Colvin, Harrison, F. Jackson, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, G. Pierce, Shepard, Ward, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 414**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE EQUAL CREDIT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN BY CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE STUDENTS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Biggs, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Johnson, McNeely, Shepard, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 415**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES MODIFYING HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION PATHWAY TO PROVIDE MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY RULES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Buansi, Jeffers, Price, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Cotham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Lofton, Logan, Prather, Quick, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 416**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DURHAM AND ORANGE COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Pierce (Primary Sponsor); Budd, F. Jackson, and Logan:

**H.B. 417**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO HOKE COUNTY FOR UPGRADES AT THE ROCKFISH PARK IN THE TOWN OF RAEFORD, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carney, K. Hall, and Paré (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Quick, and White:

**H.B. 418**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPECIFY INSTRUCTION ON MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Hall and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Budd, Butler, Dahle, Harrison, and Zenger:

**H.B. 419**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUILDING IN WINSTON-SALEM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Ball, Hawkins, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Quick, Rubin, Turner, and Willingham:

**H.B. 420**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SOUND BASIC EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives B. Jones, Tyson, and Ross (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Colvin, Eddins, Iler, F. Jackson, Loftis, McNeely, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 421**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Charles Smith, Goodwin, Loftis, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Dixon, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Longest, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Quick, Riddell, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 422**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT VETERANS, THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND OTHER COVERED INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE VETERANS ACCESS, CHOICE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WHO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE CHARGED IN-STATE TUITION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THEIR DISCHARGE FROM A PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OF NINETY DAYS OR MORE, is referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 203**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 261**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE INTERIM DATE FOR CARBON REDUCTION BY CERTAIN ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TO ALLOW AN ALTERNATIVE COST RECOVERY MECHANISM FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS FOR BASELOAD ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Goodwin, Loftis, and Pike, Chairs, for the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs:

**H.B. 94**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERANS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 213**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO POST NOTICE OF VETERANS' BENEFITS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H.B. 118**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION TO EXCLUDE FROM TAXATION THE PERCENTAGE OF APPRAISED VALUE OF A PRIMARY RESIDENCE OWNED BY A DISABLED VETERAN THAT IS EQUAL TO THE VETERAN'S DISABILITY RATING, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Election Law:

**H.B. 279**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 294**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 302**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Chesser, Riddell, and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Regulatory Reform:

**H.B. 71** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 402**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

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By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 297**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

By Representative Blust, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 3:

**H.B. 87** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEVELOP POLICIES TO RESTRICT STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 212**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE OR JOIN SPOUSES OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN CONDEMNATION ACTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 309**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

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**H.B. 171**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 251**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION IN THE PROVISION OF STATE DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 370**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT AND TO ENACT ARTICLE THREE OF THE UNIFORM UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFER ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 123**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 8**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE AND BETTER MANAGE THE DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE WASTE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 16**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISPLAY THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" DIRECTLY ABOVE AND BEHIND THE DAIS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 23**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OPERATE A CULINARY PROGRAM AT A SITE THAT IS NOT LOCATED ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 162**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT IF THE POSITION BEING FILLED REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 227**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H.B. 236**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING THE FREEDOM FLAG AS A SYMBOL OF THE STATE'S CONTINUED REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIVES LOST DUE TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND AUTHORIZING THE FREEDOM FLAG TO BE DISPLAYED ON SEPTEMBER 11 OF EACH YEAR, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 240**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Grant L. Campbell, MD.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 17 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

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Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Blackwell and Brockman for today.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 223**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF HOUSING FOR LOW– AND MODERATE–INCOME PERSONS, VETERANS, AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (118-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 21**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO DEVELOP A DESIGNATION FOR DRIVERS LICENSES THAT MAY BE GRANTED UPON REQUEST TO A PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (118-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 28** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF POSSESSING, BRANDISHING, OR DISCHARGING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-7), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 35**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (118-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (118-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

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The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 91** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ARMED FORCES" OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCLUDE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RELEVANT STATUTES RELATED TO THE MILITARY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (118-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (118-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (118-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of March 17 are introduced to the membership. They are: Harrison Cable of Brunswick; Avery Foster of Durham; Anne Marie Franklin of Wake; Molly Jenkins of Brunswick; Riley Land of Burke; Jonathan Lehman of Johnston; Steve Murrell of Durham; Kyland Phelps of Brunswick; and Sunny Zhao of Wake.

## CONFERENCE REPORT

Representative Greene sends forth the Conference Report on **H.B. 47** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE. Without objection, the Conference Report is placed on today's Calendar.

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**CALENDAR (continued)**

**CONFERENCE REPORT**

Representative Greene moves the adoption of the following Conference Report.

**Senate Committee Substitute for H.B. 47**

To: The President of the Senate
The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on House Bill 47, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE, Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee Substitute Adopted 3/4/25, Fifth Edition Engrossed 3/5/25, submit the following report:

The House and the Senate agree to the following amendment to the Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee Substitute Adopted 3/4/25, Fifth Edition Engrossed 3/5/25, and the House concurs in the Senate Committee Substitute, as amended:

Delete the entire Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Committee Substitute Adopted 3/4/25, Fifth Edition Engrossed 3/5/25, and substitute the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H47-PCCS30207-NB-1.

The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: March 18, 2025.

| *Conferees for the Senate* | *Conferees for the House of Representatives* |
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| S/ Brent Jackson, Chair | S/ Dudley Greene, Chair |
| S/ Ralph E. Hise, Chair | S/ John R. Bell, IV, Chair |
| S/ Michael V. Lee | S/ Karl E. Gillespie |
| S/ Bill Rabon | S/ Jennifer Balkcom |
| S/ Warren Daniel | S/ Ray Pickett |

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S/ Timothy D. Moffitt
S/ Kevin Corbin
S/ Eddie D. Settle
S/ Jake Johnson
S/ Mark Pless
S/ Mike Clampitt
S/ Dean Arp
S/ Donny C. Lambeth
S/ Jimmy Dixon
S/ Brenden H. Jones

The Conference Report is adopted, by electronic vote (115-1), and the Senate is so notified by Special Message. (The text of the Conference Committee Substitute may be found in its entirety in the 2025 Session Laws, Chapter 2.)

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative Dixon, that the House adjourn at 5:34 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, and in honor of all the North Carolina men's and women's basketball teams making the NCAA Tournament and all the winners of the state championships, to reconvene Wednesday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 237**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 275**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN, with a favorable report as

to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 308**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND STRANGULATION PENALTIES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES REGARDING THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO PROHIBIT EXPUNCTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH PENDING CHARGES, AND TO REQUIRE SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY IF NOT SPECIFIED BY THE COURT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 315**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OFFENSE FOR WRONGFULLY ENTERING A PART OF A BUILDING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF GIFT CARDS; AND TO REVISE THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT OFFENSE TO INCLUDE OFFENSES INVOLVING GIFT CARDS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 330**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 50**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 56**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 336**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 337**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 338**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House stands adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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# TWENTY-NINTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Amber M. Baker.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Cotham, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 18 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Bell, Blackwell, Brockman, Hawkins, and Logan for today.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 95** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR ANY PERSON CHARGED

WITH ASSAULTING OR MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, OR ELECTION OFFICER TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## GUEST

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to former Member Michael Speciale.

## CALENDAR (continued)

**H.B. 184**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 186** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SCHEDULE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND TO REQUIRE RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE AT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 198** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REQUIRING THE ABC COMMISSION TO NOTIFY AN ABC PERMIT HOLDER OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS COMMITTED ON THE PREMISES OF THE PERMITTED ESTABLISHMENT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Representative Cotham moves, seconded by Representative Warren, that the House adjourn at 2:06 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, and in honor and memory of Officer Michael "Mike" Horan, to reconvene Thursday, March 20, at 11:00 a.m.

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The motion carries.

**A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**
Submitted by Representative Jerry "Alan" Branson:

**HONORING MICHAEL "MIKE" HORAN,
FALLEN POLICE OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, Michael "Mike" Horan was born on May 4, 1980, in Fitzgerald, Georgia, to Mark and Patti Horan. He graduated from Northwest High School in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he was a member of the wrestling and football teams; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike joined the U.S. Coast Guard on January 11, 2000, and while a member served in many capacities, including as a law enforcement officer, tactical fast boat instructor, and a search and rescue operator. After September 11, he conducted counter-terror, counter-narcotics, and counter-human trafficking missions; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Horan received numerous awards and recognitions for his service to the Coast Guard, including three Coast Guard Achievement medals, five Commandant Letters of Commendations, six Good Conduct awards, two Reserve Good Conduct awards, three Special Operations awards, a Sea Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Medal, and Coast Guard Enlisted Person of the Year in 2015 and 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, while a reservist with the Coast Guard, Mike Horan joined the Greensboro Police in September of 2017. After completing his training, he went on to serve as a member of the Violent Crime Reduction Team, Crimes Against Persons Unit, and in Patrol Districts 2 and 4. He was also part of the Special Events Team, serving as an instructor for rapid deployment and active shooter training; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Horan received a Lifesaving Award from the Greensboro Police Department and was recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard for his heroic actions in saving a father and son from drowning during a rip current in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, in his spare time, Mike Horan spent time at the ocean, enjoying paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, and boating. He also was a fan of the New York Giants, New York Yankees, Greensboro Grasshoppers, and Carolina Hurricanes; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Horan was killed in the line of duty on December 23, 2024, when he responded to a call of an armed person at a local grocery. He leaves his daughter, Kayla Horan; wife, Courtney Horan; stepson, Nate O'Leary; mother, Patti Horan; father, Mark Horan; stepmother, Christina Horan; sister, Maureen Horan; and step-sister, Jordan Steady;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, it is fitting and proper to honor the life of Michael "Mike" Horan and to express gratitude for his exceptional service to the United States Coast Guard and the Greensboro Police Department.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the 19th day of March, 2025.

S/ Representative Jerry "Alan" Branson
S/ Representative Cecil Brockman
S/ Representative Pricey Harrison
S/ Representative John M. Blust
S/ Representative Tracy Clark
S/ Representative Amos L. Quick, III
S/ James White, House Principal Clerk

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives von Haefen, Butler, Roberson, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, Budd, Cervania, Clark, Greenfield, Hawkins, and Majeed:

**H.B. 423**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE FOODWARE IN TAKE-OUT AND DELIVERY OF PREPARED MEALS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Johnson, Hawkins, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Pickett and Willingham:

**H.B. 424**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS REGULATING GAMING DO NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES PLAYED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, HOME, OR COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Campbell, Ross, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Branson, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Cotham, Crawford, Hawkins, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, Price, Reeder, Riddell, Rubin, Scott, Ward, Wheatley, and Willingham:

**H.B. 425**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE YOUTH FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF VAPING AND NICOTINE ADDICTION BY RAISING THE LEGAL SALES AGE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO AGE 21 AND TO REQUIRE A TOBACCO RETAIL SALES PERMIT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham and Stevens (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Biggs, G. Brown, Budd, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Kidwell, Lofton, Longest, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Rubin, Charles Smith, Ward, Wheatley, and Winslow:

**H.B. 426**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WORKFORCE DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Moss, Pike, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); and Adams:

**H.B. 427**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPLACE THE REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH OR CAPACITY OF AN APPLICANT FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT WITH A "YES" OR "NO" STATEMENT INDICATING WHETHER THE PERSON OR ENTITY HAS INFORMATION THAT THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives F. Jackson and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 428**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY HOW PARENT

INVOLVEMENT CAN REDUCE RECURRING STUDENT DISCIPLINE ISSUES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle, Ball, Cervania, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Majeed, Price, Roberson, and Turner:

**H.B. 429**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A TURTLE RESCUE TEAM SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Campbell, Ross, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Branson, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Cotham, Davis, Greenfield, N. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, Pike, Price, Reeder, Rubin, Scott, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 430**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE YOUTH FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF VAPING AND NICOTINE ADDICTION BY RAISING THE LEGAL SALES AGE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO AGE 21 AND TO REQUIRE A TOBACCO RETAIL SALES PERMIT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Liu, Stevens, Biggs, and Budd (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Cohn, Colvin, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, Pike, Price, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 431**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REFUSE TO RECORD CERTAIN SUSPICIOUS INSTRUMENTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REQUIRE NON-TRUSTED SUBMITTERS TO PRODUCE A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE RECORDING A DEED OR CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS, TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEM, TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED CAUSE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AFTER AN ATTEMPTED FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Echevarria, Winslow, N. Jackson, and Dixon (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Almond, Biggs, Branson, Clampitt, Eddins, Iler, Kidwell, Loftis, Pike, Scott, Ward, and Zenger:

**H.B. 432**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EXCLUSION AMOUNT UNDER THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, TO EXPAND THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, TO CREATE THE HOMEOWNER ADVANTAGE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM AND THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THOSE PROGRAMS, AND TO CREATE EXEMPTIONS TO THE FORCED SALE OF A HOMESTEAD, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gillespie, White, Cotham, and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dew, Dixon, Harrison, Hawkins, Huneycutt, Johnson-Hostler, Loftis, Longest, Majeed, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Rubin, Setzer, Ward, Wheatley, and Willingham:

**H.B. 433**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES TO SERVE AS SCHOOL NURSES, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Bell, Reeder, Cotham, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Belk, Biggs, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Dew, Dixon, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Humphrey, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Lambeth, Loftis, Lofton, Longest, Lowery, McNeely, Pickett, Potts, Prather, Rhyne, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Charles Smith, Strickland, Turner, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 434**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CUT AUTHORIZATION RED TAPE EFFICIENTLY AND FACILITATE INTERVENTIONS RAPIDLY, START TREATMENT ACT, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Arp, Setzer, Riddell, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Loftis and McNeely:

**H.B. 435**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE NORTH CAROLINA ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING ACT, MODIFYING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, BOARD POWERS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES, AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND PRACTICE, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Majeed and Belk (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Greenfield, and Logan:

**H.B. 436**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO PROVIDE THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN EITHER SEMIANNUAL OR ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rhyne, Chesser, and Pickett (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Campbell, Huneycutt, Johnson, McNeely, Reeder, Carson Smith, and Willingham:

**H.B. 437**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONES AND INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN DRUG OFFENSES IN A DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle (Primary Sponsor); Ball, Belk, Budd, Cervania, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Prather, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 438**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE WAGE AND HOUR ACT TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE A TWENTY-MINUTE PAID BREAK TO ANY EMPLOYEE WORKING A SHIFT OF SIX HOURS OR MORE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

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By Representatives Hastings and Pickett, Chairs, for the Committee on Higher Education:

**H.B. 268**, 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, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 373**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTED TUITION TO PERSONS RECEIVING MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE OR PERSONS ENROLLED IN AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 378**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS OF MINOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE PARENTS OF THE DEPENDENT STUDENT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Dixon, Gillespie, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

**H.B. 134** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS,

with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 199**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REFORMING THE LAWS RELATED TO NONCONSENSUAL BOOTING AND TOWING, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 1 and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remain.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 400**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE RESTITUTION IN THE FORM OF CHILD SUPPORT IF THE VICTIM OF A FELONY DEATH BY VEHICLE OFFENSE WAS THE PARENT OF A MINOR CHILD, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Arp, K. Hall, and Winslow, Chairs, for the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities:

**H.B. 247**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 258**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER, with a favorable report as

to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 5**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT, TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED, AND TO AUTHORIZE OFFICIALS ELECTED IN THE STATE TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM WHILE PERFORMING THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IF THE OFFICIAL HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

Senate Chamber
March 19, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the House of Representatives with the information that the Senate adopts the report of the conferees for **H.B. 47 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE.

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

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

The bill is ordered enrolled and presented to the Governor by Special Message.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs, for the Committee on Insurance:

**H.B. 356**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE REBATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 358**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following bill is duly ratified and presented to the Governor:

**H.B. 47**, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE.

The House stands adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

March 19, 2025

# THIRTIETH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 20, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative White.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Mike Clampitt:

"'Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

"'And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.'

"In the Name of Jesus Christ, I offer this prayer. Amen."

(James 5:13-20)

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Almond reports the Journal of March 19 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## GUESTS

The Chair extends the courtesies of the floor to students from the Coast to Mountains Preparatory Academy.

Representative Almond moves, seconded by Representative Clampitt, that the House adjourn at 11:05 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, March 24, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

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## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

Senate Chamber
March 20, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

It is ordered that a message be sent to your honorable body notifying you that pursuant to **S.R. 104 (Adopted)**, A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, the Senate has elected the following individuals to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors:

Kirk J. Bradley
Jimmy D. Clark
Kathryn C. Greeley
Sonja Phillips Nichols
James Arthur Pope
Randall Clark Ramsey

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

## A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT

Submitted by Representative Donny Lambeth:

### CELEBRATING FORSYTH TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth Technical Community College was established in 1960; and, for the past 65 years, has been a pillar of academic excellence, workforce development, and community transformation within the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth Technical Community College has continuously expanded its educational reach by annually serving tens-of-thousands of students with high-quality instruction, cutting-edge technical training, and innovative career pathways that strengthen the economic fabric of our great State; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth Technical Community College has been nationally recognized for its leadership in advanced manufacturing, biotechnology, health sciences, and cybersecurity fostering a skilled workforce that drives North Carolina's global competitiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth Technical Community College has been a champion for access to education, ensuring opportunity for all, including first-generation college students and working adults seeking upward mobility through education and training; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth Technical Community College has forged strong partnerships with industry leaders, K-12 school districts, and universities, included among them, its collaboration with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, Stokes County Schools, and Winston-Salem State University in the creation of innovative early college models that prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth Technical Community College is home to the nationally recognized College Lift Program, a beacon of hope and opportunity for young people from local communities, equipping them with the knowledge, confidence, and resources to achieve their academic and career aspirations; and

**WHEREAS**, under the visionary guidance of Dr. Janet Spriggs, President, and its Board of Trustees, the leadership of Forsyth Technical Community College has been instrumental in securing major investments that include a landmark $30 million NSF Grant, solidifying its position as a trailblazer in college innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth Technical Community College has played a pivotal role in economic development, producing graduates who are leaders in healthcare, technology, business, and skilled trades, and who contribute immeasurably to the prosperity and well-being of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth Technical Community College's unwavering commitment to student success, resilience, and excellence has earned the admiration of this legislative body and all who recognize the transformative power of community colleges;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, Forsyth Technical Community College deserves to be honored for its 65 years of extraordinary service to the people of North Carolina and shown appreciation for its contributions to educational

innovation, workforce readiness, and economic empowerment within the State of North Carolina.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the 20th day of March, 2025.

S/ Representative Donny Lambeth
S/ James White, House Principal Clerk

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Kidwell, Ward, and Pike (Primary Sponsors); and Willingham:

**H.B. 439**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONCEALED CARRY OF BLADED WEAPONS IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow, Almond, Lambeth, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Cairns, Echevarria, McNeely, and Zenger:

**H.B. 440**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LABEL FOODS WITH VACCINES AND PROHIBIT HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Iler, Goodwin, Davis, and Kidwell (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, G. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Cairns, Carney, Cervania, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson, B. Jones, Longest, Lowery, Penny, Prather, Ross, and White:

[Pursuant to Rule 59(d), the following Members were removed as sponsors: Representatives Iler, Goodwin, Davis, and Kidwell (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, G. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Cairns, Carney, Cervania, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson, B. Jones, Longest, Lowery, Penny, Prather, and White.]

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**H.B. 441**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE AS THE OFFICIAL SALTWATER REPTILE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Iler, Goodwin, and Davis (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, T. Brown, Humphrey, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, McNeely, Penny, Reeder, Ross, Setzer, Ward, and White:

[Pursuant to Rule 59(d), the following Members were removed as sponsors: Representatives Iler, Goodwin, and Davis (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, T. Brown, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, McNeely, Penny, Reeder, Setzer, Ward, and White.]

**H.B. 442**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE RECREATIONAL FISHING FOR SUMMER FLOUNDER AND RED SNAPPER IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE CREATION OF A FOUR-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Hall, Blackwell, Stevens, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Cairns, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, McNeely, Pickett, Ward, and Warren:

**H.B. 443**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, AUDITOR, TREASURER, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, AND COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Liu and Iler (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Cohn, Colvin, Cunningham, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, G. Pierce, and Prather:

**H.B. 444**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING UNIT OWNER ASSOCIATIONS AND LOT OWNER ASSOCIATIONS, TO MANDATE PRELITIGATION MEDIATION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO COLLECT AND REPORT ON COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED TO IT INVOLVING SUCH DISPUTES, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Quick, Ball, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, and Rubin:

**H.B. 445**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL, INCLUDING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS, AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLICIZE SALARY SCHEDULES FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, A. Jones, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, and Turner:

**H.B. 446**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DISSEMINATION AND REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF BOOKING PHOTOGRAPHS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Lambeth:

**H.B. 447**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE KERNERSVILLE EVENT CENTER, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Crawford, Harrison, Hawkins,

F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Prather, Price, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 448**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM ACCESSING FIREARMS, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Pyrtle, Stevens, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Cairns, Cotham, Echevarria, Eddins, Hastings, Huneycutt, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Riddell, Ross, Schietzelt, Scott, and White:

**H.B. 449**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF SOLICITATION OF MINORS BY COMPUTER; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PETITIONS PERTAINING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION BE PLACED ON THE CRIMINAL DOCKET; AND TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSES OF HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE AND AGGRAVATED HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser, Miller, Pyrtle, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Cairns, Cotham, Eddins, Hastings, Iler, Kidwell, Loftis, Penny, Pickett, and Warren:

**H.B. 450**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PRIVATE DETECTIVE OR PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FROM INSTALLING AND USING AN ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING A SEARCH WARRANT OR OTHER JUDICIAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION AND USE; AND TO REQUIRE THAT WILDLIFE PROTECTORS OBTAIN A SEARCH WARRANT OR OTHER SIMILAR ORDER BEFORE CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS ON OR IN CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham, Arp, Cunningham, and Kidwell (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson, Logan, Lowery, Penny, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 451**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT DIABETES TO PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greenfield, K. Brown, Johnson-Hostler, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Clark, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 452**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF OBSTRUCTION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White, Wheatley, Cunningham, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, G. Pierce, Prather, and Price:

**H.B. 453**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES AND PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Moss, and Pike (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 454**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OR REVIEW BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF FEDERAL ACTS TO DETERMINE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THOSE ACTS AND TO PROHIBIT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL FEDERAL LAWS, RULES, AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell, Ward, and Pike (Primary Sponsors); and Goodwin:

**H.B. 455**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives von Haefen, Buansi, Greenfield, and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, G. Pierce, Prather, and Turner:

**H.B. 456**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICE MORE EQUITABLE AND THE COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS MORE TRANSPARENT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Price, K. Brown, and Penny (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 457**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ALLOTMENT AMOUNTS FOR AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE SMALL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOTMENT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Butler, Harrison, Price, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Belk and Cervania:

**H.B. 458**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BETTER ENSURE THE CORRECTION OF MIGRANT HOUSING VIOLATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Butler, Budd, Greenfield, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Cervania, and Price:

**H.B. 459**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTION TRIGGER, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Carney, Cunningham, and Buansi (Primary Sponsors); Ager, G. Brown, Cervania, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 460**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS OF MEDICAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL RADIATION THERAPY EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT OWNERS AND REPAIR PROVIDERS

ACCESS TO THE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS, TOOLS, AND PARTS NECESSARY TO PERFORM DIAGNOSTIC, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR SERVICES ON THE EQUIPMENT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Logan, Dahle, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors); Ball, G. Brown, Carney, Harrison, Majeed, R. Pierce, Prather, and Price:

**H.J.R. 461**, A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION ADMITTING WASHINGTON, D.C., INTO THE UNION AS A STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, Chesser, N. Jackson, and Longest (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Clark, Colvin, Cunningham, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Pickett, G. Pierce, Prather, and Roberson:

**H.B. 462**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINIANS BY ENACTING THE PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY ACT AND SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY ACT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Campbell, Cervania, Cotham, Cunningham, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Penny, G. Pierce, Charles Smith, and White:

**H.B. 463**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE POLICY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ball, Lambeth, Cunningham, and White (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cotham, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Charles Smith, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 464**, 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 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO

APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow, Schietzelt, Paré, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors); Ager, G. Brown, Campbell, Cervania, Cunningham, Dahle, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Penny, G. Pierce, Price, Charles Smith, and White:

**H.B. 465**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT WAIVING THE FEE TO RENEW A DRIVERS LICENSE WITH AN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY DESIGNATION OR A VETERAN MILITARY DESIGNATION, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs, for the Committee on Insurance:

**H.B. 81**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS DATA, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Transportation. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 412**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECOUPLE THE CHILD CARE RATED LICENSE SYSTEM AND SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SUBSIDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND TO MAKE OTHER CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 373** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTED TUITION TO PERSONS RECEIVING MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE OR PERSONS ENROLLED IN AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM, to the Committee on Appropriations is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

## CHAPTERED BILLS

The following bill is properly enrolled, assigned a chapter number, and presented to the office of the Secretary of State:

**H.B. 47**, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE. (S.L. 2025-2)

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 389**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 8**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE AND BETTER MANAGE THE DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE WASTE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 7**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE CREDIT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION IN AMERICAN HISTORY OR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM A

CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WITH A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 271**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN CABARRUS COUNTY SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY VOTERS RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTS SHALL VOTE FOR THAT MEMBER IN THE CITY OF CONCORD, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 430**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE YOUTH FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF VAPING AND NICOTINE ADDICTION BY RAISING THE LEGAL SALES AGE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO AGE 21 AND TO REQUIRE A TOBACCO RETAIL SALES PERMIT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 1 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The House stands adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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# THIRTY-FIRST DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 24, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father,

"Every day, as Legislators, we are exposed to so much information, through emails, text, social media, news from so many sources and venues. Sometimes there is little room left for Your instruction.

"Details are important, and information makes our work arena function. Help us to clear our minds with morning prayer and reading Your Word.

"Help us to close out our day on our knees thanking You and seeking guidance for the next mind-boggling day. Let everything fade away for a brief period in devotion to let You speak in our hearts.

"In Thy Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Clampitt reports the Journal of March 20 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Clampitt moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 1:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, March 25, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives R. Pierce, Branson, Cotham, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Lowery, Majeed, Riddell, and White:

**H.B. 466**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greenfield, A. Jones, T. Brown, and Crawford (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Longest, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 467**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely, Cotham, Chesser, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Kidwell, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 468**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones, K. Hall, McNeely, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Colvin and A. Jones:

**H.B. 469**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE HIGH-ENROLLMENT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REGULARLY COMPETE AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, AND SOFTBALL, is referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria, Kidwell, Biggs, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Almond, Blust, Branson, Brody, Eddins, Moss, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 470**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SECOND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gillespie, Penny, Loftis, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Ager, Almond, Blust, Brody, G. Brown, Eddins, Kidwell, Lopez, Moss, Pickett, Riddell, Scott, Ward, White, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 471**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and

Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Branson, Loftis, Schietzelt, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Carver, Colvin, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Longest, Moss, Pittman, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 472**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich, Cohn, Pittman, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Longest, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 473**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ACCESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR MEDICAID MATERNAL SUPPORT SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich, Prather, Greenfield, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 474**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DECLARING THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT PREGNANCY SHALL NOT BE LIMITED, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pickett, Budd, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Cervania, Cotham, Harrison, Hawkins, Penny, Prather, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 475**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO OBTAIN A NORTH CAROLINA SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR A FEE AND TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO ISSUE SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN MECKLENBURG, RANDOLPH, UNION, AND WATAUGA COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Ward and Willingham:

**H.B. 476**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING AND RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); G. Pierce and Willingham:

**H.B. 477**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SURVIVOR'S ALTERNATE BENEFIT UNDER THOSE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Stevens, K. Hall, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Branson, N. Jackson, Loftis, Moss, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 478**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL DISTRICT ATTORNEY VACANCIES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the

Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 247** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 16**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISPLAY THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" DIRECTLY ABOVE AND BEHIND THE DAIS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 25.

**H.B. 23**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OPERATE A CULINARY PROGRAM AT A SITE THAT IS NOT LOCATED ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

**H.B. 87** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEVELOP POLICIES TO RESTRICT STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 25.

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**H.B. 134** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 25.

**H.B. 162**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT IF THE POSITION BEING FILLED REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 25.

**H.B. 236**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING THE FREEDOM FLAG AS A SYMBOL OF THE STATE'S CONTINUED REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIVES LOST DUE TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND AUTHORIZING THE FREEDOM FLAG TO BE DISPLAYED ON SEPTEMBER 11 OF EACH YEAR, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 25.

**H.B. 240**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 25.

**H.B. 268**, 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 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

**H.B. 275** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

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**H.B. 294** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

**H.B. 302** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

**H.B. 308** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND STRANGULATION PENALTIES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES REGARDING THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CREATE A FELONY CRIME OF HABITUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CLARIFY EXPUNCTIONS MAY NOT BE GRANTED FOR PERSONS WITH PENDING CHARGES, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF EXPUNCTION, AND TO REQUIRE SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY IF NOT SPECIFIED BY THE COURT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 25.

**H.B. 315** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OFFENSE FOR ENTERING A PART OF A BUILDING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH THE INTENT TO COMMIT AN UNLAWFUL ACT; TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF LARCENY OF GIFT CARDS; TO REVISE THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT OFFENSE TO INCLUDE OFFENSES INVOLVING GIFT CARDS; AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR LARCENY OF GIFT CARDS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

**H.B. 330** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 25.

The House stands adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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# THIRTY-SECOND DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Principal Clerk.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:00 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, Setzer, Kidwell, and Ross, Chairs, for the Committee on Finance:

**H.B. 67**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 141**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE JOE JOHN REMEMBRANCE ACT TO REMOVE THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 231** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 187**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CREDIT UNION STATUTES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representative Carson Smith:

**H.B. 479**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF BURGAW TO BE USED FOR FIRE TRAINING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC USES, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Branson, K. Brown, Butler, Cairns, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dew, Echevarria, Harrison, Huneycutt, Iler, N. Jackson, Loftis, Logan, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, Potts, Pyrtle, Rhyne, Rubin, Strickland, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 480**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Davis:

**H.B. 481**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives F. Jackson, Loftis, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Davis, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Longest, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 482**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REAUTHORIZE BONUSES FOR TEACHERS FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO REVISE THE PROGRAM TO PERMIT TEACHERS TO RECEIVE THE BONUSES WHO ARE UNABLE TO CONTINUE TEACHING IN THE SAME PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT BECAUSE OF MILITARY ORDERS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Davis, Greene, and Carson Smith (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, N. Jackson, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Pyrtle, Scott, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 483**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND TERMS OF PROBATION AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION FOR YOUTH ADJUDICATED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO CLARIFY A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT TERMINATION OF PROBATION OR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION; TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR SECURE CUSTODY TO CLARIFY THAT A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MAY ENTER A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE VIOLATION OF A CHAPTER 50B DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER; TO CLARIFY THAT ALL FELONY SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO CLASS A THROUGH CLASS E FELONIES; TO EXTEND THE RETENTION PERIOD FOR CLOSED COMPLAINTS TO ALLOW FOR REVIEW BY THE PROSECUTOR; TO CREATE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR ESCAPING FROM A JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY OR OFFICER; TO CLARIFY AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE JUVENILE CAPACITY TO PROCEED PROCESS; AND TO CLARIFY THE PLACE OF CONFINEMENT FOR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Lofton and Quick (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, A. Jones, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 484**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING EVENTS AND PERSONS RELATING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE STATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO PLACE MARKERS AT SITES ALONG NORTH CAROLINA'S CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Sauls and Potts (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Lambeth, Logan, Longest, McNeely, Morey, Moss, Penny, R. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Reives, Rubin, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 485**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL TO EXTEND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN ADULT CARE HOMES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell, Wheatley, Charles Smith, and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Alston, Belk, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Chesser, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Lambeth, Lowery, Majeed, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pyrtle, and Rubin:

**H.B. 486**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BLUE STAR FAMILIES, INC., TO SUPPORT ITS PROGRAMS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Belk, Brockman, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson, Longest, Morey, Pike, Pittman, Pyrtle, Rubin, Scott, Charles Smith, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 487**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW RETIRED ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND RETIRED ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS TO RETURN TO WORK FOR THE STATE AFTER A THIRTY-DAY SEPARATION, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Rhyne, Paré, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Blust, Brockman, G. Brown, Campbell, Dahle, Harrison, Johnson, Lambeth, Penny, Pike, Prather, and Ross:

**H.B. 488**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SCHOOLS RECEIVE A GRADE FOR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND A GRADE FOR SCHOOL GROWTH, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Potts, Huneycutt, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Brockman, Carney, Cunningham, Harrison, Logan, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Prather, Charles Smith, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 489**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM ALLOWABLE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN OUT-OF-NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow, Pickett, K. Hall, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Ager, Alston, G. Brown, T. Brown, Cairns, Cervania, Chesser, Cotham, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Longest, Lopez, Morey, Penny, R. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Price, Reeder, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 490**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO REVISE ITS FUNDING MODEL FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ALIGN WITH THE PROPEL NC FUNDING MODEL, TO ESTABLISH THE ENROLLMENT INCREASE RESERVE, AND TO PERMIT COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL TUITION AND FEE SURCHARGE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Rhyne, White, and Dixon (Primary Sponsors); Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Cairns, Campbell, Huneycutt, Johnson, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pyrtle, Scott, Strickland, Ward, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 491**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle and Alston (Primary Sponsors); Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Logan, Morey, Prather, Price, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 492**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL SESSION LAW 2023-106 AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle and Alston (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Johnson-Hostler, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 493**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL PROCESS FOR REPORTING AND RESOLVING INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND OTHER IMPROPER WORKPLACE BEHAVIOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO REQUIRE TRAINING TO PREVENT WORKPLACE HARASSMENT AND OTHER IMPROPER WORKPLACE BEHAVIOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO ADOPT CLEAR SANCTIONS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Dahle (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Baker, Belk, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Morey, Prather, Price, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 494**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF MINORS AND ADULTS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES FROM ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, AND GENDER EXPRESSION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Cunningham, Carney, and Ball (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Logan, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Riddell, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 495**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES LICENSING ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ross, Bell, Tyson, and Ward (Primary Sponsors); Cairns, Johnson, Moss, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 496**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CIVIC YOUTH GROUPS TO GIVE PRESENTATIONS ABOUT ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**H.B. 58** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASHEBORO CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS ELECTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS; TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE CASWELL

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A SCHOOL BUDGET IN ITS DISCRETION; TO ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING FLOOR; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

On motion of the Chair, the Senate committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 50** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT AND TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PAID FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS AND TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR SLAIN NC LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 123** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF, OR OMISSION OF INFORMATION FROM MEDICAL RECORDS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 279**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN

ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Ross and Sauls, Chairs, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 283**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RENAME THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNT THE SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT AND TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 213**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO POST NOTICE OF VETERANS' BENEFITS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 250**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO WAIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT AND FEE FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES OWNED BY DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 397**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF EPINEPHRINE NASAL SPRAY IN ADDITION TO AUTO-INJECTORS IN SCHOOLS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

By Representatives Adams and Moss, Chairs, for the Committee on Wildlife Resources:

**H.B. 382**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO ISSUE ELK PERMITS BY RAFFLE AND AUCTION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 247** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 15**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY ON A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS NOT A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OR A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 173**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT THE EXPANSION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WAKE COUNTY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 189**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RED LIGHT CAMERA DELAY INTERVAL, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 218**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REQUEST EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ON DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**H.B. 333**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE SHALL EXERCISE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ONLY WITHIN THE CITY'S CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 96**, 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, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 352**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE TOWNS OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND FUQUAY-VARINA FROM THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill changes the bill from a local bill to a public bill.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 206**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE RETRIEVAL OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND PERMITS SURRENDERED PURSUANT TO AN EX PARTE, EMERGENCY, OR PERMANENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER AND TO PROTECT MINOR VICTIMS OF AND WITNESSES TO CRIME, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 377**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT; TO MAKE UPDATES TO THE ELECTIVE SHARE STATUTES; TO UPDATE STATUTES RELATING TO TRUST ADMINISTRATION; AND TO MAKE REVISIONS TO THE YEAR'S ALLOWANCE STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ESTATE PLANNING AND FIDUCIARY LAW SECTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 388**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 328**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BAN DELTA-8 AND DELTA-9 PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS AND TO CLARIFY THAT VAPOR PRODUCTS ARE BANNED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 329**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO AND HEMP PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 349**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF

ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 331**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE NORTH CAROLINA RICE FESTIVAL HELD AT THE BRUNSWICK TOWN STATE HISTORIC SITE IN THE COMMUNITY OF WINNABOW AS THE OFFICIAL RICE FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 150**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 244** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Jennifer Balkcom:

"Heavenly Father,

"As we gather in this Chamber today, we do so with heavy hearts and a deep sense of responsibility - for those we serve and for those currently walking through hardship. Today, we lift up the communities that are being affected by wildfires.

"Lord, we ask Your hand of protection over the first responders, the firefighters, and emergency personnel who risk their lives to protect ours. Grant them strength when they are weary, courage in the face of danger, and wisdom in every decision they make.

"When the call comes, may they move swiftly, and when the danger rises, may they stand boldly. May they be a shield for the helpless, a light in the smoke, and calm in the chaos.

"For the families affected, may Your comfort surround them. For our State, may we act with compassion to meet their needs. And for each of us here, Lord, give us servant hearts, steady hands, and clear minds as we do the work of the people.

"In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative B. Jones, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 24 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Cohn, Charles Smith, and Tyson for today.

## WITHDRAWAL OF BILL FROM CALENDAR

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 308** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND STRANGULATION PENALTIES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES REGARDING THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CREATE A FELONY CRIME OF HABITUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CLARIFY EXPUNCTIONS

MAY NOT BE GRANTED FOR PERSONS WITH PENDING CHARGES, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF EXPUNCTION, AND TO REQUIRE SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY IF NOT SPECIFIED BY THE COURT, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 240**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Sauls, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 116.

Voting in the negative: None.

Excused absences: Representatives Cohn, Charles Smith, and Tyson - 3.

**H.B. 16**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISPLAY THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" DIRECTLY ABOVE AND BEHIND THE DAIS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (100-17), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 134** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-11), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 162**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT IF THE POSITION BEING FILLED REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (117-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 236**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING THE FREEDOM FLAG AS A SYMBOL OF THE STATE'S CONTINUED REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIVES LOST DUE TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND AUTHORIZING THE FREEDOM FLAG TO BE DISPLAYED ON SEPTEMBER 11 OF EACH YEAR, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (102-14), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 330** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (117-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 87** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEVELOP POLICIES TO RESTRICT STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Representative Cotham offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (116-1).

Representative Harrison offers an amendment.

The Speaker rules the amendment is not germane to the bill and is out of order.

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The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of March 24 are introduced to the membership. They are: Fisher Brinson of New Hanover; Julia Goggin of New Hanover; Reagan Greene of Greene; Jace Isler of Forsyth; Abigail Kreh of Moore; Georgia Ann Morgan of New Hanover; Evan Scott of Wake; Ava Smith of Craven; Michael Tomczak of Wake; and Thede Triphaus of Wake.

## CAUCUSES ANNOUNCED

Representative Zenger announces the following caucus:

**Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Legislative Caucus**

Representative Riddell announces the following caucus:

**Friends of Taiwan Caucus**

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 5:12 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 26, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT

Submitted by Representative Dean Arp:

## RECOGNIZING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

**WHEREAS**, engineers use their scientific skills and specialized knowledge in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs and help organizations and communities adapt to new challenges and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, engineers help solve major technological challenges of our time - from designing efficient building systems to rebuilding towns devastated by natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, engineering has been called the invisible or stealth profession because things we use every day and many things around us - roads, bridges, buildings, water systems, and energy - have been engineered in some way, yet we may not see the engineers behind the scenes or know much about engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, engineers' technical expertise and analytical skills are essential for evaluating the feasibility, safety, and sustainability of proposed projects and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1951, National Engineers Week (EWeek) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce by increasing understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers; and

**WHEREAS**, EWeek is a formal coalition of more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, with more than 50 corporations and government agencies dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, EWeek promotes recognition among parents, teachers, and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science, and technology literacy and motivates youth to pursue engineering careers in order to provide a diverse and vigorous engineering workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, National Engineers Week was observed February 16-22, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina colleges and universities are leading the way with incredible engineering programs at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, North Carolina State University, Campbell University, Western Carolina University, Wake Forest University, East Carolina University, Methodist University, and Elon University; and

**WHEREAS**, this marks the 75th anniversary of the Professional Engineers of North Carolina, a professional organization that promotes the ethical practice of engineering, and engineering as a licensed profession, maintaining public health, safety, and well-being;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, it is fitting to acknowledge the work of professional engineers and to observe the 75th anniversary of the Professional Engineers of North Carolina.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the 25th day of March, 2025.

S/ Representative Dean Arp
S/ James White, House Principal Clerk

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 187** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CREDIT UNION STATUTES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

**H.B. 247** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

**H.B. 58** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASHEBORO CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS ELECTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS; TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A SCHOOL BUDGET IN ITS DISCRETION; TO ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING FLOOR; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, with the recommendation that the House do concur.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of March 26.

The House stands adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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# THIRTY-THIRD DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 26, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Dante Pittman:

"Dear Lord, our strength and our redeemer,

"We come to You today to thank You for the blessings of life. We thank You for the support of our families, the security provided by law enforcement and our armed forces, and we thank You for the privilege and honor to serve the people of North Carolina.

"We ask for the strength and guidance as we make policy for all of our people. Touch our hearts and guide our minds so that we may be able to do Your will and grant us compassion for those in need of help. Lord, we are thankful that You are a battle axe in the time of battle and shelter in the time of the storm. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Cotham, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 25 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Bell, Campbell, Clark, Cohn, B. Jones, Reeder, and Strickland for today. Representative Hastings is excused for a portion of the Session.

## GUESTS

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to Kristina Teachout, CJ Nickolas, Faith Dillon, and Jonathan Healy, members of the 2024 Olympic Taekwondo Team; and Steve McNally, Team Manager.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 58** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASHEBORO CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS ELECTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS; TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A SCHOOL BUDGET IN ITS DISCRETION; TO ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING FLOOR; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

On motion of Representative Winslow, the House concurs in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title, by electronic vote (60-50), and the bill is ordered enrolled.

Representative Dahle requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "aye" to "no." Representative Baker requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "no." The adjusted vote total is (59-52).

**H.B. 240**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Sauls, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 111.

Voting in the negative: Belk.

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Excused absences: Representatives Bell, Campbell, Clark, Cohn, B. Jones, Reeder, and Strickland - 7.

Representative Belk requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (112-0).

**H.B. 294** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (65-47), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 302** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

**H.B. 268**, 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, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Sauls, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 112.

Voting in the negative: None.

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Excused absences: Representatives Bell, Campbell, Clark, Cohn, B. Jones, Reeder, and Strickland - 7.

**H.B. 23**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OPERATE A CULINARY PROGRAM AT A SITE THAT IS NOT LOCATED ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Kidwell requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (112-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 187** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CREDIT UNION STATUTES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (101-11), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 247** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Belk requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (111-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 275** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 315** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN OFFENSE FOR ENTERING A PART OF A BUILDING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITH THE INTENT TO COMMIT AN UNLAWFUL ACT; TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF

LARCENY OF GIFT CARDS; TO REVISE THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT OFFENSE TO INCLUDE OFFENSES INVOLVING GIFT CARDS; AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR LARCENY OF GIFT CARDS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 302** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, which was temporarily displaced, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**WITHDRAWAL OF BILL FROM CALENDAR**

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 268**, 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, is withdrawn from the Calendar of March 27 and placed on the Calendar of April 1.

Representative Cotham moves, seconded by Representative Dixon, that the House adjourn at 2:31 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 27, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

**A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**
Submitted by Representative Maria Cervania:

**OBSERVING EID AL-FITR**

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan is a sacred time of reflection and devotion, beginning and ending with the appearance of the crescent moon. Fasting from dawn until sunset, Ramadan is a time of spiritual reflection and solidarity for those less fortunate; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration concludes with Eid al-Fitr, a joyous celebration of breaking the fast, sharing meals, and giving to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, on Eid al-Fitr, Muslims around the world give Zakat al-Fitr, a charitable donation that enables those without wealth or food to participate in the celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to over 130,000 Muslims whose contributions enrich the State; and

**WHEREAS**, Muslim-Americans represent one of the most racially and ethnically diverse communities in the United States, including individuals of Arab, African, Asian, Latino, and Caucasian heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramadan emphasizes values of charity, gratitude, and strengthening bonds within families and communities;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, it is fitting to recognize March 30th as Eid al-Fitr, recognizing its value and significance to communities across the State.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the 26th day of March, 2025.

S/ Representative Maria Cervania
S/ Representative Nasif Majeed
S/ James White, House Principal Clerk

**A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT**
Submitted by Representative Julie von Haefen:

**CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud to be home to a diverse population of women dedicated to our nation's well-being and whose courageous efforts advance the livelihood of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, women make up more than 51 percent of the population in North Carolina and serve as leaders in our communities, continuing the breakthrough of barriers they face; and

**WHEREAS**, women comprise approximately 56 percent of North Carolina's labor force, and an increasing number of employed women in North Carolina are in managerial and professional occupations; and

**WHEREAS**, as of 2024, even though women represented only 26 percent of board members from the top 50 North Carolina public companies, North Carolina has continued to strive to diversify its leadership at the corporate and state level to accurately reflect the vision, values, and ideas of our state's population; and

**WHEREAS**, women are still fighting for equal rights under our United States Constitution and continue to advocate for the ratification and publication of the 28th Amendment (otherwise known as the Equal Rights Amendment),

**WHEREAS**, each year since 1987, the month of March has been designated as Women's History Month to honor, recognize, and celebrate the diverse accomplishments of women; and

**WHEREAS**, during Women's History Month it is important to commemorate the women who have helped expand the opportunities of women; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 national theme for Women's History Month is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating and Inspiring Generations," honoring women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, many women in leadership have shaped North Carolina, including Lillian Exum Clement, the State's first female legislator in 1920; Susie Marshall Sharp, the first woman to serve on the North Carolina Supreme Court (appointed in 1949) and the first woman elected as Chief Justice in 1975; Eva Clayton, the first African American woman to represent North Carolina in the United States House of Representatives in 1992; Beverly Perdue, North Carolina's 73rd governor and the first female governor of the State; and Cheri Beasley, the first African American woman to serve as Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court in 2019;

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, it is important to honor the legacy of women of every race, class, and ethnic background who changed the world by contributing to the economic, cultural, and social development of North Carolina in countless recorded and unrecorded ways.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the 26th day of March, 2025.

S/ Representative Julie von Haefen
S/ James White, House Principal Clerk

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## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 440**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LABEL FOODS WITH VACCINES AND PROHIBIT HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 213** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO POST NOTICE OF VETERANS' BENEFITS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Greene and Pless, Chairs, for the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery:

**H.B. 211**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF CALL LOCATION INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

**H.B. 251** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION IN THE PROVISION OF STATE DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 355**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FUTURE OF FIREFIGHTING IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley, Chairs, for the Committee on Pensions and Retirement:

**H.B. 50** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 97**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCLUDING DEATH DUE TO STOMACH CANCER IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Representatives Adams, Iler, McNeely, Shepard, and Tyson, Chairs, for the Committee on Transportation:

**H.B. 295**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL PROPERTY CORNER MARKERS ALONG CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 394**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO INTERACT WITH CHILDREN OR ANIMALS IN AN UNSAFE MANNER WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

By Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley, Chairs, for the Committee on Pensions and Retirement:

**H.B. 272**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROBATION/PAROLE, AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHO HOLD AN ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION OR THE ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION TO PURCHASE, AT FULL COST, UP TO FOUR YEARS' CREDITABLE SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Dixon, Gillespie, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

**H.B. 126**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES FOR LAND USE DECISIONS IMPACTING LANDS IN SUCH DISTRICTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

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## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Dahle and Alston (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, Brockman, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, Morey, Prather, Price, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 497**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A DEFENSE TO HOMICIDE OR ASSAULT BASED ON THE DISCOVERY OF, PERCEPTION OF, OR BELIEF ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON'S SEX, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, Loftis, Tyson, and Goodwin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Balkcom, Belk, Blust, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Carver, Cohn, Cotham, Eddins, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Kidwell, Lofton, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Roberson, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, Wheatley, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 498**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCENTIVIZE INDIVIDUALS WITH ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME TEACHERS BY PROVIDING SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Budd, Cohn, Charles Smith, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Colvin, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 499**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Cunningham, Price, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson,

Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Quick, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, Charles Smith, Turner, and Willingham:

**H.B. 500**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey, Dahle, Johnson-Hostler, and Butler (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Clark, Colvin, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Logan, Longest, R. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Price, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 501**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle (Primary Sponsor); Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Greenfield, Harrison, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 502**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PROHIBITION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON MINORS ACT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE FUNDS ON THOSE PROCEDURES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Alston, Prather, and Cohn (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, Charles Smith, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 503**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DON'T TREAD ON ME: AN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham and Budd (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cunningham, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Majeed, Prather, Price, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 504**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT PROGRAM FOR A CO-RESPONDER PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lowery, Miller, Pyrtle, and Carson Smith (Primary Sponsors); Blackwell, Colvin, Cunningham, Iler, Longest, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pickett, Pike, Rubin, Charles Smith, Ward, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 505**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO BE KNOWN AS KAYLA'S ACT: PROTECTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones, K. Hall, Ross, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Johnson, McNeely, and Pickett:

**H.B. 506**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Prather, Pittman, R. Pierce, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, Quick, Roberson, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 507**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PRIORITZING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN BY EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE FOR NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES; ESTABLISHING AN EMPLOYER-PROVIDED CHILD CARE CREDIT; IMPLEMENTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LICENSING REFORM STRATEGIES TO ELIMINATE THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE; ENHANCING CHILD HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTECTIONS; ADDRESSING INFANT AND FETAL MORTALITY PREVENTION; ESTABLISHING A CHILD CARE INNOVATION TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE CHILD CARE LANDSCAPE IN NORTH CAROLINA; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Lowery (Primary Sponsor); Harrison and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 508**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LOWER THE CAP ON CREDIT CARD INTEREST AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Butler, Greenfield, and Dew (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Carney, Clark, Cunningham, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 509**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS AND GAIN ACCESS TO ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT), is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Dahle, Belk, and G. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, K. Brown, Budd, Butler, Clark, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Roberson, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 510**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE MENSTRUAL EQUITY FOR ALL ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Moss, Pyrtle, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carver, Colvin, Eddins, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Huneycutt, Kidwell, Lambeth, Lofton, Logan, Majeed, McNeely, Morey, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Quick, Riddell, Roberson, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 511**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AWARDING LEGISLATIVE SALARY INCREASES TO MAGISTRATES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gillespie, Lambeth, Goodwin, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Campbell, Cunningham, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Howard, Johnson, Kidwell, Logan, Longest, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Pickett, Pyrtle, Reives, Roberson, Ross, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 512**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INJURED K-9 POLICE ANIMAL OR AN INJURED SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Buansi, Iler, Price, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cunningham, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Lambeth, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Roberson, Rubin, and Willingham:

**H.B. 513**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING, TO STRENGTHEN NORTH CAROLINA'S LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM BY FUNDING ADDITIONAL OMBUDSMAN POSITIONS TO MOVE NORTH CAROLINA TOWARDS NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAMS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White, Lambeth, Setzer, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Ager, Alston, Belk, Blackwell, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Clampitt, Cohn, Dahle, Echevarria, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, Howard, Huneycutt, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, G. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Carson Smith, Turner, von Haefen, Wheatley, and Willingham:

**H.B. 514**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEFINE THE PRACTICE OF NURSING FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES: NURSE PRACTITIONERS (NP), CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES (CNM), CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS (CRNA), AND CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS (CNS), is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, Howard, Setzer, and Carney (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, Blust, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Clark, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich,

Johnson-Hostler, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Prather, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 515**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC ABUSE PREVENTION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell, Clampitt, Torbett, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Loftis, McNeely, and Pike:

**H.B. 516**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE MOTORCYCLE ROAD GUARD SAFETY ACT, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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# THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, March 27, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Gable.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Thank You, Father, for Your resources of strength, power, love, and Your consistency. Father, You clothe us with possibilities. When we face mountains, as we often do in this career of making laws for North Carolina, help us by faith to depend on moving the mountains if it is Your will.

"In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of March 26 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following bill is properly enrolled, duly ratified, and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

**H.B. 58**, AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASHEBORO CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS ELECTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS; TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A SCHOOL BUDGET IN ITS DISCRETION; TO ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING FLOOR; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Representative Penny moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 11:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, March 31, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Rhyne, K. Hall, Chesser, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Ager, K. Brown, T. Brown, Hawkins, Johnson, Lowery, Pickett, Ross, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 517**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT AND TO ALLOW A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S DISCLOSURE UNDER STATE LAW TO BE SATISFIED BY THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REQUIRED FOR A TAX DEDUCTION UNDER FEDERAL LAW, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Setzer (Primary Sponsor); Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 518**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE COMPETITION AND LOWER COSTS FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICES BY UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Loftis, Biggs, and Potts (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Arp, Blackwell, Branson, Cairns, Echevarria, Eddins, Huneycutt, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Lambeth, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Pickett, Pike, Pyrtle, Scott, Setzer, Strickland, Tyson, Ward, White, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 519**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS REGARDING WHEN MINORS CAN GIVE EFFECTIVE CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY AND WHEN PARENTS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO MINORS' MEDICAL RECORDS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody, Bell, Dahle, and Gable (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Budd, Cervania, Colvin, Cunningham, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Kidwell, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, Pickett, Pike, Prather, Reives, Roberson, Scott, Charles Smith, Ward, White, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 520**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS ABUSE OF PRIVACY AND ACTS OF DECEPTION FROM TELEMARKETERS BY DISPLAYING PHONE NUMBERS THAT ARE FRAUDULENT AND MISREPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTUAL CALLER, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, Baker, von Haefen, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Reives, and Roberson:

**H.B. 521**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES AND HEALTHY WORKPLACES BY ENSURING THAT ALL WORKERS HAVE EARNED PAID SICK DAYS TO ADDRESS THEIR OWN HEALTH NEEDS AND THE HEALTH NEEDS OF THEIR FAMILIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Butler, and Crawford (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cervania, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Logan, Morey, Prather, Price, and Reives:

**H.B. 522**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY OF CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS BY DEFINING AS A DECEPTIVE OR UNFAIR PRACTICE THE ACT OF KNOWINGLY ADVERTISING THAT ABORTION OR EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE WHEN THE PERSON OR ENTITY PUBLISHING THE ADVERTISEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EVALUATE AND REPORT ON CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS DOING BUSINESS IN THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham, Schietzelt, and Paré (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Campbell, Cervania, Cunningham, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Majeed, Morey, Prather, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 523**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A MASTER'S DEGREE IS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); and Ward:

**H.B. 524**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEM AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Carney, Lambeth, Belk, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Cervania, Colvin, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Jeffers, Logan, Majeed, Morey, Potts, Price, and Willingham:

**H.B. 525**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE COM-POSITION AND DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RARE DISEASES; TRANSFERRING THE COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO COVER THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE COUNCIL, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Gable:

**H.B. 526**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A DRUG TESTING LAB AT THE ONSLOW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Gable:

**H.B. 527**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF SWANSBORO FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Gable:

**H.B. 528**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COASTAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR RENOVATION OF ITS TRADES BUILDING, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Ball, Belk, Cervania, Harrison, Logan, Morey, Prather, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 529**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE A CLEAN REPEAL OF HOUSE BILL 2, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative R. Pierce:

**H.B. 530**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES IN HALIFAX, NORTHAMPTON, AND WARREN COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ball, von Haefen, Prather, and R. Pierce (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Cervania, Colvin, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Morey, G. Pierce, and Reives:

**H.B. 531**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE NORTH CAROLINA NEW TEACHER SUPPORT PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Baker, and Hawkins:

**H.B. 532**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CHANGES TO THE LAWS RELATED TO RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION SERVICE DISTRICTS AND URBAN RESEARCH SERVICE DISTRICTS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives (Primary Sponsor) and Baker:

**H.B. 533**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE TOWNS OF SILER CITY AND PITTSBORO, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Cotham, Dew, Harrison, Helfrich, Logan, Pickett, R. Pierce, Potts, Prather, Rhyne, von Haefen, and White:

**H.B. 534**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH TRAINING SITES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives N. Jackson, Stevens, Balkcom, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Arp, Blackwell, Blust, Dixon, Eddins, Liu, McNeely, Penny, Scott, Setzer, Ward, Warren, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 535**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PENALIZE THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES AND TO PREVENT TITLE FRAUD BY AUTHORIZING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE RECORDING A DEED OR CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS, REQUIRING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE CAUSE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AFTER AN ATTEMPTED FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rhyne, Campbell, Lambeth, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Cunningham, McNeely, Pickett, Reeder, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 536**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greene and Stevens (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Arp, Echevarria, Eddins, Loftis, McNeely, Pickett, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 537**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR A PRESUMPTION OF DEATH IN INSTANCES WHERE THE DISAPPEARANCE AND CONTINUED ABSENCE OF A PERSON COINCIDES WITH A DISASTER DECLARATION, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle, Butler, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, Cervania, Dew, Morey, Prather, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 538**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Blust (Primary Sponsor) and Humphrey:

**H.B. 539**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT A REVENUE NEUTRAL TAX RATE IN THE YEAR OF A GENERAL REAPPRAISAL, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Goodwin, Bell, Chesser, and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Johnson, Majeed, Penny, Pickett, Ward, White, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 540**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PATRIOT STAR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Logan, Majeed, and Price:

**H.B. 541**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL PARTIES THE OPTION OF USING A TOP-TWO, SAME-DAY RUNOFF METHOD IN SELECTED PRIMARIES THAT MAY TRIGGER A RUNOFF, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Arp, Paré, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Baker, G. Brown, Cervania, Harrison, Jeffers, Penny, Pickett, Potts, Reeder, Charles Smith, Strickland, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 542**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC., TO EXPAND MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND STAFF IN CHILD CARE FACILITY SETTINGS AND TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC., SPECIAL FUND, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Charles Smith, Willis, K. Hall, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, G. Brown, Cervania, Dew, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Majeed, Penny, and Ward:

**H.B. 543**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FOR ATHLETE AGENTS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Branson, Blust, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Ross and Ward:

**H.B. 544**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A CORPORATE CAMPUS REHABILITATION CREDIT, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CHAPTERED BILLS

The following bill is properly enrolled, assigned a chapter number, and presented to the office of the Secretary of State:

**H.B. 58**, AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF KITTRELL FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASHEBORO CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS ELECTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR STAGGERED TERMS; TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A SCHOOL BUDGET IN ITS DISCRETION; TO ELIMINATE THE MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING FLOOR; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES. (S.L. 2025-3)

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 519**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS REGARDING WHEN MINORS CAN GIVE EFFECTIVE CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY AND WHEN PARENTS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO MINORS' MEDICAL RECORDS, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

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The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Health and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 440**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LABEL FOODS WITH VACCINES AND PROHIBIT HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Regulatory Reform and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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# THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 31, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for the blessings of public service as Legislators, and our beloved staff and support of our faithful Chamber clerks and Sergeant-at-Arms. Father, direct each of us, as we have power to change lives and hearts, and direct us to do good for Your purpose.

"Embrace us with Your love and show us mercy, and help us to share those comforts with the citizens of North Carolina.

"In Your precious Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Dixon, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 27 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

The Speaker grants a leave of absence to the Principal Clerk.

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**
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Josh Stein
*Governor*

March 28, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall,

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-10 and Article IX, Section 4 of the North Carolina Constitution, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for reappointment to the North Carolina State Board of Education for terms beginning on April 1, 2025, and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the General Assembly.

- Reginald Kenan of Duplin County, 2nd educational district representative
- J. Wendell Hall of Hertford County, At-large

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/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

March 31, 2025

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

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Josh Stein
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March 28, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-10(f), I am pleased to nominate the following individual to fill vacancies on the North Carolina Utilities Commission and hereby submit their name for confirmation by the General Assembly:

- Michael Stephen Hawkins of Transylvania County to serve the remainder of Kimberly Duffley's term. Ms. Duffley resigned from the Utilities Commission on February 28, 2025.

I have determined that these appointments are urgent. Accordingly, and pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-10(g), the nominee will serve on an interim basis pending confirmation. 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/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

Representative Dixon moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 1:04 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, April 1, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

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## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Lopez, Clark, Rubin, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, A. Jones, Liu, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, Price, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 545**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS AND UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White, Chesser, Reeder, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Loftis, McNeely, Potts, Price, Pyrtle, Rubin, Charles Smith, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 546**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEAM-BASED CARE COORDINATION IN MEDICAID SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO SUSPEND RATHER THAN TERMINATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser, Balkcom, N. Jackson, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Cairns, Huneycutt, Johnson, Loftis, McNeely, Pickett, Scott, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 547**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT LIABILITY FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NONGOVERNMENTAL INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS WORKING WITH AND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCIES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cohn, Rubin, Roberson, and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Majeed, and Price:

**H.B. 548**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MEASURE THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING OF THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones, Setzer, Torbett, and Kidwell (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Johnson, McNeely, Ward, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.B. 549**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, Carney, Prather, and Roberson (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Majeed, Price, and Turner:

**H.B. 550**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET 2027 LEGISLATOR MILEAGE AND PER DIEM AT 2025 FEDERAL RATES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Alston, Crawford, White, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors); K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Johnson-Hostler, Prather, and Rubin:

**H.B. 551**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE GREATER ACCESS TO CLUBHOUSE MODEL PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION DAY PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Dixon, Penny, and Jeffers (Primary Sponsors); Branson, G. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, Pittman, Price, Turner, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 552**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TARGETED FOR AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives N. Jackson, Campbell, Potts, and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Arp, Biggs, Branson, Huneycutt, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Scott, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 553**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard, Setzer, and N. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, McNeely, and Warren:

**H.B. 554**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS; TO CONFORM TO THE FEDERAL SYSTEM FOR AUDITING PARTNERSHIPS BY IMPOSING TAX AT THE PARTNERSHIP LEVEL FOR FEDERAL CHANGES AND BY AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR FEDERAL CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth (Primary Sponsor); Brisson, K. Brown, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Loftis, R. Pierce, Potts, Prather, Reeder, and Ward:

**H.B. 555**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL AS MEDICAID PROVIDERS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis (Primary Sponsor); McNeely and Ward:

**H.B. 556**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL OF ALL STATE RULES RELATED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO AUTHORIZE THE REVIEW BOARD TO HIRE LEGAL COUNCIL, TO EXEMPT CHARTER SCHOOLS FROM REPORTING CLASS RANK ON STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS, TO ALLOW CHARTER SCHOOLS TO USE ALTERNATE TEACHER EVALUATIONS, TO REQUIRE LOW-PERFORMING CHARTERS TO

REPORT IMPROVEMENT PLANS TO THE REVIEW BOARD ONLY, TO ALLOW THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD TO REVIEW DECISIONS RELATED TO CHARTER SCHOOL FEDERAL FUNDING, TO CREATE AN EXPEDITED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CERTAIN REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, AND TO HAVE REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES GRADED SEPARATELY, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives N. Jackson, Biggs, Stevens, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Balkcom, Branson, Brisson, T. Brown, Cairns, Cervania, Eddins, Greene, Hawkins, Johnson, A. Jones, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Penny, Pittman, Pyrtle, Scott, White, and Zenger:

**H.B. 557**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING "THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW" AS THE OFFICIAL TELEVISION SHOW OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder, Potts, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Cunningham, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 558**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CRITERIA FOR PROCUREMENT OF FUTURE MEDICAID PREPAID HEALTH PLAN CONTRACTS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard, Setzer, Gillespie, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Johnson, and McNeely:

**H.B. 559**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, N. Jackson, Biggs, and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Blust, Branson, Cairns, Echevarria, Eddins, Iler, Johnson, Kidwell, McNeely, Scott, Ward, and Willis:

**H.B. 560**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, White, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Ball, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Echevarria, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Longest, R. Pierce, Potts, Price, Quick, Rubin, von Haefen, and Willingham:

**H.B. 561**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE "YOUTH END NICOTINE DEPENDENCE ACT" TO ESTABLISH A TOBACCO USE PREVENTION FUND WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUPPORTED BY ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell, Huneycutt, Lambeth, and Potts (Primary Sponsors); Brisson, Crawford, Cunningham, Harrison, Johnson, McNeely, Pickett, Turner, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 562**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO ENGAGE IN RULEMAKING TO AMEND THE STAFF DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Bell (Primary Sponsor); Adams, Almond, Biggs, Campbell, Eddins, Greene, McNeely, Pickett, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, White, Willis, and Winslow:

**H.R. 563**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Wheatley and Penny (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Alston, Baker, Ball, Biggs, Blust, Branson, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison,

Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, Moss, Pickett, R. Pierce, Prather, Quick, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Rubin, Charles Smith, Strickland, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 564**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR RETIREES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder, Potts, Shepard, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Ager, G. Brown, K. Brown, Cairns, Campbell, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Kidwell, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Pickett, Prather, Rhyne, and Willingham:

**H.B. 565**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW TAXPAYERS TO ENROLL IN THE ORGAN DONATION PROGRAM VIA THEIR INCOME TAX RETURN, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham, Blackwell, Biggs, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Campbell, Cunningham, Harrison, F. Jackson, McNeely, Reeder, Rhyne, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 566**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRINCIPAL FELLOWS PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Wheatley, Penny, Campbell, and Moss (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, McNeely, Price, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 567**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE ACCESS TO AN EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR, ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF, AND REDUCE THE

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE CONDITION ON NORTH CAROLINIANS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Hall, Huneycutt, Gable, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); McNeely and Ward:

**H.B. 568**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 36** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 121**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECT THAT CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN SPOUSES HAVE ON CERTAIN MARITAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 122**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM COMMUNITY PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT DEATH ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## ADDENDA TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**OVERSIGHT:** Add Representative Ross; remove Representative Stevens.

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## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 150**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.R. 563**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute resolution, unfavorable as to the original resolution and recommendation that the committee substitute resolution be adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the committee substitute resolution is placed on the Calendar of April 1. The original resolution is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 244** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUB-DIVISION OF THE STATE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 15**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY ON A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS NOT A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OR A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 2.

**H.B. 50** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 67**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 71** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 83** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY TO MINORS; TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY TO MINORS, DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS TO THE

LIST OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAM; AND TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSES OF HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE AND AGGRAVATED HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE AND REQUIRE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION FOR THOSE OFFENSES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 2.

**H.B. 96** (Committee Substitute), 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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 141**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE JOE JOHN REMEMBRANCE ACT TO REMOVE THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 2.

**H.B. 173**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT THE EXPANSION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WAKE COUNTY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 189**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RED LIGHT CAMERA DELAY INTERVAL, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 2.

**H.B. 206** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE RETRIEVAL OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND PERMITS SURRENDERED PURSUANT TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER AND TO PROTECT MINOR VICTIMS OF AND WITNESSES TO CRIME, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 2.

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**H.B. 231** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 251** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION IN THE PROVISION OF STATE DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 295**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL PROPERTY CORNER MARKERS ALONG CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 331** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE NORTH CAROLINA RICE FESTIVAL HELD AT THE BRUNSWICK TOWN STATE HISTORIC SITE IN THE COMMUNITY OF WINNABOW AS THE OFFICIAL RICE FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 352** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS OR FACILITIES MAY BE AWARDED WHEN AT LEAST TWO COMPETITIVE BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 2.

**H.B. 355** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO STUDY THE FUTURE OF FIREFIGHTING IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

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**H.B. 370** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT AND TO ENACT ARTICLE THREE OF THE UNIFORM UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFER ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 1.

**H.B. 382**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO ISSUE ELK PERMITS BY RAFFLE AND AUCTION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 2.

**H.B. 388** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 2.

The House stands adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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# THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 1, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Principal Clerk.

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

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Josh Stein
*Governor*

April 1, 2025

March 31, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall,

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

- Stephanie Brennan to fill the vacancy created on December 31, 2024.

I hereby submit her name for confirmation by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

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

Sincerely,
S/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

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March 28, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

April 1, 2025

Dear Speaker Hall,

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 4 of the North Carolina Constitution, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to fill a vacancy on the North Carolina State Board of Education:

Dr. Janet Mason of Rutherford County will serve the remainder of Donna T. Rogers's term. Ms. Rogers resigned from the State Board of Education on March 19, 2025.

Sincerely,
S/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

**RECESS**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Goodwin, Loftis, and Pike, Chairs, for the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs:

**H.B. 254**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 266**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 1, 2025

**H.B. 288**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING POW/MIA FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF THE FLAG CAN BE ATTACHED TO AN EXISTING FLAGPOLE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 300**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REIMBURSE OWNERS OF RETIRED FIRST RESPONDER CANINES FOR VETERINARY CARE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Davis, Iler, Wheatley, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, Blackwell, Brockman, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 569**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED BY GENX AND OTHER PFAS COMPOUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Davis, K. Hall, Clampitt, and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Alston, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Branson, Brisson, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Miller, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Rubin, Setzer, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 570**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FORBID USE OF FIREFIGHTING FOAMS CONTAINING PFAS CHEMICALS FOR FIREFIGHTING TRAINING OR TESTING PURPOSES, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, Reeder, Chesser, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Ball, Belk, Blackwell, Brockman, G. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Rhyne, Roberson, Rubin, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 571**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO TREAT POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD), is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, B. Jones, Campbell, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Goodwin, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Reeder, Rhyne, Rubin, Charles Smith, Ward, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 572**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SELECT A PROVIDER TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM COMBINED TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham and Carver (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson, McNeely, and Ward:

**H.B. 573**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER LICENSURE AND TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM ADOPTING RULES OR POLICIES IMPLEMENTING A STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER LICENSURE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt, K. Hall, Chesser, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Brockman, Campbell, Carver, Cohn, Cotham, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson, Lofton, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, Ross, Rubin, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 574**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROJECT, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith, Biggs, N. Jackson, and Greene (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Johnson, McNeely, Miller, Pyrtle, Scott, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 575**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Potts (Primary Sponsor); Cunningham, McNeely, G. Pierce, Reeder, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 576**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely, Branson, and Jeffers (Primary Sponsors); K. Brown, Cohn, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson, Moss, Pittman, Roberson, Tyson, and Willingham:

**H.B. 577**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROTECT OUR NORTH CAROLINA TOWERS AND TRUCKERS ACT,

is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pickett, Lambeth, Hawkins, and Budd (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Belk, Blackwell, Brisson, Brockman, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Echevarria, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Longest, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Reeder, Ross, Rubin, von Haefen, Wheatley, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 578**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION BE PART OF THE SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH POLICY OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, Johnson, and Hastings (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Brockman, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cohn, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 579**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FACILITATE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WITH AND TRANSPARENCY OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS BY EQUIPPING ADDITIONAL AREAS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPLEX WITH EQUIPMENT TO ALLOW FOR REAL-TIME AND TIME-SHIFTED REMOTE VIEWING, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dahle, Baker, Buansi, and Rubin (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Majeed, Morey, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 580**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS ELECTIONS LAW CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson, Winslow, Paré, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Harrison, Hawkins, McNeely, G. Pierce, Pyrtle, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 581**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CAREER PATH OPTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Brockman, Harrison, McNeely, Pickett, and Ward:

**H.B. 582**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROVIDING RELIEF TO IMPACTED FAMILIES ACT, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey, Rubin, Lopez, and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Brockman, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Majeed, Price, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 583**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DESTROY UNCLAIMED FIREARMS, FIREARMS CONFISCATED AFTER CONVICTION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES, AND FIREARMS PURCHASED BY OR VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Johnson, McNeely, and Gable (Primary Sponsors); and Pickett:

**H.B. 584**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DRIVING ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE AND WAITING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LEARNER'S PERMITS AND PROVISIONAL DRIVERS LICENSES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely and A. Jones (Primary Sponsors); Baker, K. Brown, Buansi, Cervania, Cohn, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson, Logan, Majeed, Morey, Moss, Price, Riddell, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 585**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION TO COORDINATE AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OR USE OF A HUMAN TRAFFICKING REPORTING AND RESPONSE SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Davis (Primary Sponsor); Baker, K. Brown, Butler, Cohn, Dahle, and Hawkins:

**H.B. 586**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE YMCA OF SOUTHEASTERN NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE MIDTOWN YMCA FACILITY IN WILMINGTON, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Davis:

**H.B. 587**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE SALVATION ARMY OF CAPE FEAR FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY IN WILMINGTON, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Ball, Paré, and Baker (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Brisson, Brockman, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, Pickett, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, Reeder, Roberson, Rubin, Setzer, von Haefen, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 588**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT PROVISIONS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey, Price, A. Jones, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Brockman, K. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Prather, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 589**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT CRIMINAL SENTENCE REDUCTION REFORM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White, Potts, and Gillespie (Primary Sponsors); K. Brown, Harrison, Majeed, McNeely, G. Pierce, Ross, and Willingham:

**H.B. 590**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AND ENHANCING PATIENT SAFETY IN MEDICAL IMAGING BY ENSURING EDUCATIONALLY PREPARED AND CLINICALLY COMPETENT PERSONS PERFORM AND ADMINISTER MEDICAL

IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY PROCEDURES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Loftis, and Brody (Primary Sponsors); Johnson, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Ward, and Wheatley:

**H.B. 591**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE G.U.A.R.D. (GUARANTEEING UNINTERRUPTED ACCESS TO RESIDENT DIGNITY) ACT TO PERMIT RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO MONITOR RESIDENTS THROUGH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RESIDENTS; TO REQUIRE NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES TO PROVIDE A POWER SOURCE AND MOUNTING SPACE FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES; TO PROHIBIT NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES FROM REFUSING TO ADMIT RESIDENTS BECAUSE OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE; TO ALLOW RECORDINGS FROM RESIDENTS' ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES TO BE ADMISSIBLE IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ACTIONS, SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF EVIDENCE; AND TO IMPOSE CRIMINAL PENALTIES ON NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE G.U.A.R.D. ACT, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Butler, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Majeed, Morey, Ward, and Winslow:

**H.B. 592**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURING, SELLING, AND DISTRIBUTING OF INTRAVENOUS SOLUTION CONTAINERS AND INTRAVENOUS TUBING THAT ARE INTENTIONALLY MADE WITH DEHP, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow, Warren, Balkcom, and Ross (Primary Sponsors); McNeely, Ward, and Zenger:

**H.B. 593**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS BY WHICH UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, AND LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS SELECT AN ACCOUNTANT TO CONDUCT ANNUAL AUDITS; AND

TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE AUDITOR TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Wheatley and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); T. Brown, Colvin, and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 594**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND ENTRANCE INTO THE KINGS GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett and Blackwell (Primary Sponsors); Arp, Clampitt, Iler, Johnson, Kidwell, McNeely, and Ward:

**H.B. 595**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO THE STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY IN HEALTH EDUCATION, ENSURE AGE-APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION FOR STUDENTS, ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF LIBRARY BOOKS AND HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS, REQUIRE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL REPOSITORIES, AND RESTRICT ACCESS IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR STUDENTS TO MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINORS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett and Blackwell (Primary Sponsors); and Ward:

**H.B. 596**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY ADVISORY COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND ACADEMIC STANDARDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cairns, Tyson, Carson Smith, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); T. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Harrison, Hawkins, Iler, Turner, White, and Zenger:

**H.B. 597**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL RAPTOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Willis, Johnson, McNeely, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Humphrey, Pickett, Tyson, and Willingham:

**H.B. 598**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SECONDARY TICKET PURCHASERS AND TO PROHIBIT SECONDARY TICKET SELLERS FROM USING THE NAME OF A VENUE OR EVENT IN THEIR WEBSITE ADDRESS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives R. Pierce, Ager, Prather, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, K. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Jeffers, Logan, Majeed, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, Price, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 599**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AWARDING A LEGISLATIVE SALARY INCREASE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FOREST SERVICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Goodwin, Stevens, Cunningham, and Penny (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Blackwell, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Dahle, Dixon, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Iler, Majeed, Price, Setzer, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Ward, White, and Zenger:

**H.B. 600**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO THE TUSCARORA AND TO PROVIDE THEM REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Roberson, Price, R. Pierce, and Jeffers (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Buansi, Cervania, Harrison, F. Jackson, G. Pierce, Prather, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 601**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REPAIR AND ENHANCE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS (DAV) ORGANIZATION FACILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Campbell, Harrison, Johnson, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, and Rubin:

**H.B. 602**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS SERVING AS PART OF THE ATHLETICS PERSONNEL OR COACHING STAFF OF ASSOCIATIONS THAT CONDUCT YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, MANAGED, OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO APPROVE COURSES THAT MEET THIS ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Alston, Dahle, and Lopez (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Roberson, Rubin, Charles Smith, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 603**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A REVOLVING LOAN FUND IN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM FINANCING TO SUPPORT PRECONSTRUCTION COSTS OF WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, A. Jones, Willingham, and Carney (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 604**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THOSE PROGRAMS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody, Lowery, Tyson, and Riddell (Primary Sponsors); McNeely and Willingham:

**H.B. 605**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ADVANCED RECYCLING DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond, Arp, Riddell, and Blust (Primary Sponsors); Blackwell, Johnson, McNeely, and Scott:

**H.B. 606**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE STATUTE RELATING TO ACCRUAL OF ACTION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Reeder, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 607**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rubin, Ball, Lofton, and R. Pierce (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, and Roberson:

**H.B. 608**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL INFORMATION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow, Riddell, and Adams (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Balkcom, Biggs, Dahle, Harrison, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Scott, and Willingham:

**H.B. 609**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL SALES OF NATURAL, UNPASTEURIZED MILK, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Reeder, Biggs, Cotham, and Paré (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Butler, Cervania, Dixon, Greenfield, Harrison, Johnson-Hostler, Lowery, McNeely, Moss, Prather, Ross, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 610**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MAINTAINING ONE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL PER LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rhyne, Cotham, Schietzelt, and Paré (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Blackwell, Blust, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, McNeely, Morey, G. Pierce, Reeder, and Willingham:

**H.B. 611**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS IN LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS OVER TIME, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser, Bell, Loftis, and Alston (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Baker, Ball, Belk, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clampitt, Clark, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dixon, Echevarria, Gable, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Humphrey, Huneycutt, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Potts, Prather, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 612**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Echevarria, Loftis, and Almond (Primary Sponsors); Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Cairns, Campbell, Eddins, Harrison, Johnson, Kidwell, Riddell, Scott, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 613**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION CONVENIENCE ACT AUTHORIZING VEHICLE OWNERS TO ELECT THE MONTH OF REGISTRATION RENEWAL, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond (Primary Sponsor); Branson, Echevarria, McNeely, Moss, and Ward:

**H.B. 614**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN AUTOPSY IN ANY CASE RELATED TO A FIRE INCIDENT IN WHICH HUMAN REMAINS ARE FOUND, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Potts, Lambeth, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Cairns, Campbell, Dixon, Goodwin, Harrison, Helfrich, Johnson, McNeely, Moss, G. Pierce, Charles Smith, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 615**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE MILITARY FAMILIES ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson (Primary Sponsor); Branson, McNeely, and Willingham:

**H.B. 616**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SELECTSITE READINESS PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Jeffers, Pittman, R. Pierce, and Ager (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Cohn, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 617**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT SMALL FARMERS IN NORTH CAROLINA BY PROVIDING GRANT FUNDING TO ENSURE THE FUTURE VIABILITY OF NORTH CAROLINA'S FAMILY FARMS AND BY LOWERING THE INCOME REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFYING FARMERS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR FARMERS, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond, Zenger, N. Jackson, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Arp, Balkcom, Biggs, Blust, Branson, Cairns, Clampitt, Cotham, Echevarria, Eddins, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Riddell, Ross, Scott, Setzer, Ward, Warren, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 618**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE IVERMECTIN WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR AND ANY PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES IVERMECTIN PURSUANT TO THE STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Crawford, Pittman, Cohn, and Jeffers (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 619**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE STATUTORY TRIGGER FOR DISCONTINUATION OF COVERAGE FOR THE MEDICAID EXPANSION POPULATION IF THE FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE FALLS BELOW NINETY PERCENT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Stevens:

**H.B. 620**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Greenfield, Harrison, K. Brown, and Lopez (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cotham, Logan, and Morey:

**H.B. 621**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE UMBRELLA CENTER IN CHARLOTTE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 117**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE TO GOVERN TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 214** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS AND THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 311** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 316** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Ross, Chair, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

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**H.B. 227**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, Setzer, Kidwell, and Ross, Chairs, for the Committee on Finance:

**H.B. 147** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH CITY, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The Speaker rules Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

Material Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 26**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 53**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 63**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 143**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MAYSVILLE TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 358**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 591**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE G.U.A.R.D. (GUARANTEEING UNINTERRUPTED ACCESS TO RESIDENT DIGNITY) ACT TO PERMIT RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO MONITOR RESIDENTS THROUGH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RESIDENTS; TO REQUIRE NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES TO PROVIDE A POWER SOURCE AND MOUNTING SPACE FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES; TO PROHIBIT NURSING

HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES FROM REFUSING TO ADMIT RESIDENTS BECAUSE OF A REQUEST TO INSTALL AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE; TO ALLOW RECORDINGS FROM RESIDENTS' ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICES TO BE ADMISSIBLE IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ACTIONS, SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF EVIDENCE; AND TO IMPOSE CRIMINAL PENALTIES ON NURSING HOMES AND ADULT CARE HOMES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE G.U.A.R.D. ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Health and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Judiciary 2 is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 609**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL SALES OF NATURAL, UNPASTEURIZED MILK, is withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Ross, Chair, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 372**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES SHALL NOT PROHIBIT CERTAIN HOME-BASED BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 152**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION SERVICES UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**H.B. 491**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 163**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF SPREAD PRICING AND CONCESSIONS BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SPECIALTY PHARMACY ACCREDITATION BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO A PHARMACY OF CHOICE, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED TO PHARMACIES DURING AUDITS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 389**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 471**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 443**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, AUDITOR, TREASURER, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, AND COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 354**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 17 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GATEKEEPER ORDERS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 424**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS REGULATING GAMING DO NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES PLAYED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, HOME, OR COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 481**, 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, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 183**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WAKE SURFING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WATERS OF LAKE GLENVILLE IN JACKSON COUNTY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

**H.B. 298**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 306**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, AND THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TOWN AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

**H.B. 171** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 4**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING WHEN A PERSON IS EXPERIENCING A SEIZURE, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 193**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH A VALID CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, OR WHO IS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, TO POSSESS OR CARRY A HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED, USED, OR OPERATED BY A PRIVATE SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

**H.B. 258** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 478**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL DISTRICT ATTORNEY VACANCIES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Election Law.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Election Law.

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**H.B. 308** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND STRANGULATION PENALTIES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES REGARDING THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CREATE A FELONY CRIME OF HABITUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CLARIFY EXPUNCTIONS MAY NOT BE GRANTED FOR PERSONS WITH PENDING CHARGES, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF EXPUNCTION, AND TO REQUIRE SENTENCES TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY IF NOT SPECIFIED BY THE COURT, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1.

On motion of the Chair, Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 301**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT MINORS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE FROM HARMFUL ONLINE SOCIAL MEDIA, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 149**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW MORE FINANCIAL AND HIRING FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 426**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE WORKFORCE DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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**H.B. 4**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING WHEN A PERSON IS EXPERIENCING A SEIZURE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 106**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVIVE AND EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO ALLOW RETIRED EDUCATORS TO RETURN TO WORK IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 397**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF EPINEPHRINE NASAL SPRAY IN ADDITION TO AUTO-INJECTORS IN SCHOOLS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Diane Wheatley:

"We thank You, dear Lord, for this day and the opportunities it gives. Grant that we never hesitate to do the right thing, that we always show compassion and understanding to those around us.

"Enable us to discern the important from the pointless, and the noble from the self-serving. Help us to be generous with others and demanding of

ourselves. May this day be a day that brings us closer to You and Your will for our lives.

"We ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative B. Jones, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of March 31 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Dew, K. Hall, and Sauls for today. Representative Penny is excused for a portion of the Session.

Serving as Honorary Page for today is Zara Buansi.

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

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*Governor*

March 31, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall,

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-10 and Article IX, Section 4 of the North Carolina Constitution, I am pleased to nominate the following individual for reappointment to the North Carolina State Board of Education for a term beginning on April 1, 2025, and hereby submit their name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

- Dr. Janet Mason of Rutherford County, 8th educational district representative

April 1, 2025

I am grateful for Dr. Mason'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/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

**WITHDRAWAL OF BILL FROM CALENDAR**

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 96** (Committee Substitute), 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, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of April 2.

**CALENDAR**

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 173**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT THE EXPANSION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WAKE COUNTY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (79-38), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 302** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (70-47), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 268**, 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, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 117.

Voting in the negative: None.

Excused absences: Representatives Dew, K. Hall, and Sauls - 3.

**H.B. 50** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (117-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 67**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (117-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 71** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-4), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 231** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (116-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 251** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION IN THE PROVISION OF STATE DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE.

Representative Hastings offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (115-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-10), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 295**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL PROPERTY CORNER MARKERS ALONG CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AFTER PROJECT COMPLETION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (116-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 331** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE NORTH CAROLINA RICE FESTIVAL HELD AT THE BRUNSWICK TOWN STATE HISTORIC SITE IN THE COMMUNITY OF WINNABOW AS THE OFFICIAL RICE FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (116-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 355** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO STUDY

THE FUTURE OF FIREFIGHTING IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (116-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of March 31 are introduced to the membership. They are: Vihaan Bhargava of Wake; Thomas Blume of Union; William Chen of Wake; Audrey Demick of Wake; Carter Emanuelson of Wake; Eliza Fowler of Forsyth; Andrew Gilmore of Wake; Neelabh Kakade of Wake; Mihika Kiran of Union; Grace Livingston of Orange; Meredith Martin of Forsyth; Joseph Page of Rockingham; Cristopher Porras of Iredell; Maya Thomas of Orange; and Hilmi Tombak of Wake.

## CALENDAR (continued)

**H.B. 370** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT AND TO ENACT ARTICLE THREE OF THE UNIFORM UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFER ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (116-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.R. 563** (Committee Substitute), A HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION.

Representative Butler offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-69).

Representative Kidwell requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "aye" to "no." Representatives Colvin and Hawkins request and are granted leave of the House to change their votes from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (48-68).

Representative Harrison offers Amendment No. 2 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (50-65).

Representative Morey offers Amendment No. 3 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-68).

Representative Morey offers Amendment No. 4 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (45-69).

The resolution is adopted, by electronic vote (98-17), and ordered printed.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 6:29 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, April 2, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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# THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 2, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Jeff Zenger:

"Lord, You have showed us what servant leadership is. As King, You washed the feet of not just Your servants, but even the one who would betray You. May we all desire to be servant leaders, but we cannot do that for our own constituents if we can't do it with each other. Fill us with the spirit of service and love so that we can lead in service to one another as You have.

"And all God's people said, 'Amen!'"

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 1 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Dew, K. Hall, and Sauls for today.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Hastings and Pickett, Chairs, for the Committee on Higher Education:

**H.B. 69** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY ADMISSIONS POLICIES REGARDING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS; TO REQUIRE MILITARY ADMISSIONS DEFERMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS ADMITTED TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA; AND TO PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION TO CERTAIN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS, with a favorable report and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of the Chair, the serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, the bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 160**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PROVIDE A CORRESPONDING REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 7**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE CREDIT HOURS OF INSTRUCTION IN AMERICAN HISTORY OR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WITH A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR A COMMUNITY

COLLEGE WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

Senate Chamber
April 2, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body that, following the resignation of Senator Paul Newton of Cabarrus County, the Senate Republican Caucus elected the following officer for the 2025 Session:

Senator Michael V. Lee — Majority Leader

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 15**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY ON A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN IS NOT A REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OR A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCLOSURE FOR REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (92-25), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Tyson requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (93-24).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 83** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY TO MINORS; TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY TO MINORS, DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS TO THE LIST OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNDER THE SEX OFFENDER AND PUBLIC PROTECTION REGISTRATION PROGRAM; AND TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSES OF HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE AND AGGRAVATED HABITUAL INDECENT EXPOSURE AND REQUIRE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION FOR THOSE OFFENSES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (107-9), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Price requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "aye" to "no." Representative Shepard requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (107-9).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 96** (Committee Substitute), 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.

Representative Howard offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (115-1).

Representative Reives requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (116-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (86-29), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 141**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE JOE JOHN REMEMBRANCE ACT TO REMOVE THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD MEMBER SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 189**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RED LIGHT CAMERA DELAY INTERVAL, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 206** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE RETRIEVAL OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND PERMITS SURRENDERED PURSUANT TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER AND TO PROTECT MINOR VICTIMS OF AND WITNESSES TO CRIME, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 352** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS OR FACILITIES MAY BE AWARDED WHEN AT LEAST TWO COMPETITIVE BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 382**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO ISSUE ELK PERMITS BY RAFFLE AND AUCTION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 388** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 32, **H.B. 123** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION

OF, OR OMISSION OF INFORMATION FROM MEDICAL RECORDS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 2 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## BILL FILING DEADLINE EXTENDED

On motion of the Chair and without objection, the filing deadline for public bills and resolutions is extended from 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3 until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 3:05 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 612**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Clark, Harrison, Morey, and von Haefen (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Cervania, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, Liu, Logan, Price, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 622**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF AMMUNITION MAGAZINES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clark, Branson, Quick, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Butler, Dahle, and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 623**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF GREENSBORO FOR THE NC FOLK FEST AND FOR THE 2025 FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Crawford, Clark, Cervania, and Belk (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Butler, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Morey, G. Pierce, Quick, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 624**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE TRANSPARENCY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dew and Logan (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, and Roberson:

**H.B. 625**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE MUTUAL AGREEMENT PAROLE PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR THE PAROLE OF INMATES SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT PAROLE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Alston, Dahle, and G. Brown (Primary Sponsors); K. Brown, Buansi, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Longest, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 626**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE HOUSING CHOICE ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Alston and Winslow (Primary Sponsors); Ager, T. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Lopez, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 627**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SITING OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Longest, Lofton, Helfrich, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, Belk, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 628**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE CHILD TAX CREDIT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder (Primary Sponsor); Cunningham and Ward:

**H.B. 629**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND AND CLARIFY THE PRIMARY CARE PAYMENT REFORM TASK FORCE, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lofton and Longest (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, T. Brown, Cervania, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 630**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE SALES TAX REFUND AUTHORIZED FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lofton and Howard (Primary Sponsors); Baker, K. Brown, Cervania, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Lowery, G. Pierce, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 631**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO SUSTAINABLY FINANCE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ross, Riddell, White, and Davis (Primary Sponsors); Moss and Ward:

**H.B. 632**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING AND TO REQUIRE EDUCATION ENTITIES TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PREVENT

HAZING, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Blackwell, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Quick, and Roberson:

**H.B. 633**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO EXPAND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, White, Alston, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, Butler, Cervania, Cunningham, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Moss, G. Pierce, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 634**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE BY CONFORMING TO FEDERAL LAW THE LAWS RELATED TO HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE AND TO ENHANCE COVERAGE PARITY FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, Cotham, Helfrich, and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Belk, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Cunningham, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, and Roberson:

**H.B. 635**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO FERTILITY DIAGNOSTIC CARE, TREATMENT, AND PRESERVATION SERVICES UNDER CERTAIN LARGE GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives N. Jackson, Biggs, Willis, and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Arp, Branson, Dixon, Eddins, Johnson, Kidwell, McNeely, Moss, Penny, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 636**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, OR RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY AGAINST A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT THAT IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7B OF CHAPTER 115C OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, CHAPTER 114A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, OR PART 3 OF ARTICLE 1A OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder and G. Brown (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 637**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES SALARY SUPPLEMENT FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MODEL, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Ward, Tyson, and Greene (Primary Sponsors); and Moss:

**H.B. 638**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ASSIGN THE COST OF NEW DATA CENTERS, ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICITY DEMANDS TO THOSE WHO BENEFIT DIRECTLY FROM THESE POWER SUPPLIES, is referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Jeffers, Hawkins, Roberson, and Baker (Primary Sponsors); Ager, T. Brown, Dahle, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 639**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS OF CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PRIORITIZE IN-STATE APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Stevens (Primary Sponsor); Balkcom, Biggs, N. Jackson, Kidwell, Lowery, McNeely, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 640**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE VERIFICATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Buansi, G. Brown, T. Brown, and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, K. Brown, Cervania, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, G. Pierce, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 641**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION SPENDING TO PUT TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO EFFECTIVE USE AND TO GIVE OUR COMMUNITIES THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO CREATE SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS FOR THE FUTURE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Pierce (Primary Sponsor); Baker, T. Brown, Dahle, F. Jackson, and Logan:

**H.B. 642**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SCOTLAND COUNTY FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rubin, Helfrich, A. Jones, and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Buansi, Cervania, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 643**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE LAW REQUIRING THE STORAGE OF FIREARMS TO PROTECT MINORS APPLIES TO FIREARMS THAT ARE LOADED AND UNLOADED, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives F. Jackson, Pike, Colvin, and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Baker, T. Brown, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, Longest, Penny, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 644**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM A STUDY ON REDUCING TRAFFIC CONGESTION NEAR FORT BRAGG, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Reives, Alston, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Ager, T. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Lopez, G. Pierce, and Quick:

**H.B. 645**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE A FRIENDLY NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Buansi, Charles Smith, A. Jones, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, K. Brown, Cervania, Colvin, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Lopez, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 646**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ABSOLUTE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST SLAVERY AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE IN THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Gillespie, Eddins, and N. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Harrison, Johnson, McNeely, Ross, Scott, Setzer, Ward, White, and Winslow:

**H.B. 647**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PROPERTY OWNED BY CERTAIN CONSERVATION ENTITIES TO BE TAXED AT PRESENT-USE VALUE, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Stevens (Primary Sponsor); Cunningham, G. Pierce, and Willingham:

**H.B. 648**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPROPRIATE TIMING FOR CONSIDERING NONRELATIVE PLACEMENT FOR NONSECURE CUSTODY AND DISPOSITION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Johnson and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, K. Brown, Cervania, Dahle, Goodwin, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Liu, Logan, Lopez, Moss, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Price, Quick, Rubin, Carson Smith, Tyson, Ward, and Winslow:

**H.B. 649**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY TIER DESIGNATION SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard, Setzer, and N. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Dixon, Longest, McNeely, Moss, G. Pierce, Ward, Warren, White, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 650**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INTERCHANGE FEES ON SALES TAX OR GRATUITIES, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lofton, von Haefen, Prather, and Helfrich (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, T. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Pittman, and Rubin:

**H.B. 651**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser, Iler, Shepard, and McNeely (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Pickett, Reeder, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 652**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY CALCULATION OF TRANSPORTATION GOODS UNIT PRICING COST, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greenfield, Pittman, R. Pierce, and Willingham (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, K. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Cunningham, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, and Rubin:

**H.B. 653**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LOWER THE THRESHOLD AT WHICH A REDUCTION OF THE FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE TRIGGERS DISCONTINUATION OF COVERAGE FOR THE MEDICAID EXPANSION POPULATION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, Howard, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, K. Brown, Clark, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, G. Pierce, Quick, Rubin, von Haefen, and White:

**H.B. 654**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING A STATEWIDE GIRL SCOUTS WEEK TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE GIRL SCOUTS AND CELEBRATE THE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lowery (Primary Sponsor); T. Brown, Buansi, Cervania, Colvin, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, G. Pierce, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 655**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF OFFENSIVE AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Clampitt:

**H.B. 656**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPLIT DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT 43 INTO DISTRICT COURT DISTRICTS 43A AND 43B, TO SPLIT DEFENDER DISTRICT 43 INTO DEFENDER DISTRICTS 43A AND 43B, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ross, Carney, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Ball, K. Brown, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Longest, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 657**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE MINIMAL STANDARDS OF CARE FOR COMPANION ANIMALS, is referred to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Campbell, Huneycutt, Almond, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Balkcom, Cervania, F. Jackson, Miller, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, Scott, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 658**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS FLEXIBILITY TO PROVIDE TELEHEALTH SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria, Loftis, Almond, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors); Brody and Ward:

**H.B. 659**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria (Primary Sponsor); Almond and Campbell:

**H.B. 660**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE TOWNS OF MIDLAND AND HARRISBURG, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody, Bell, Cunningham, and Zenger (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Campbell, Cotham, Greene, Hastings, Howard, Humphrey, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pittman, Potts, Riddell, Ross, Charles Smith, Ward, Watford, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 661**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BUILDING INDUSTRY EFFICIENCY, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, K. Brown, G. Pierce, and Price (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Buansi, Cervania, Crawford, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Longest, Pittman, and Roberson:

**H.B. 662**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING COMPENSATION INCREASES TO MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, DIRECTING THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL TO DEVELOP SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT POLICIES, ENCOURAGING RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL TO RETURN TO SERVICE WITH THE STATE, SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Brody and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Housing and Development:

**H.B. 309**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 376**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO ON-SITE WASTEWATER PROVISIONS, TO ESTABLISH THE PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL TASK FORCE, AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN CERTIFIED WELL CONTRACTORS TO PERFORM WELL SITE EVALUATIONS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 381**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ON-SITE SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER STATUTES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 435**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE NORTH CAROLINA ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING ACT, MODIFYING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, BOARD POWERS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES, AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND PRACTICE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House stands adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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# THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 3, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Almond.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for revealing Yourself through the Scripture. We read of Saul on the road to Damascus and encountering Your great light that made him fall down. And when Your Son appeared to John in Patmos, he fell down as dead, and so many other accounts of Your brilliance.

"Father, thank You for giving us the reflection of You in the Scripture of Your throne, kingship, power, authority, and most of all Your love.

"Until we can see Your majesty face to face, in Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of April 2 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

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There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Penny moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 11:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, April 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs, for the Committee on Insurance:

**H.B. 297**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 357**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Shepard, Wheatley, G. Pierce, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Balkcom, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson, Longest, Moss, Quick, Scott, Ward, Warren, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 663**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT LIVING DONORS FROM POTENTIAL INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION, TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ORGAN AND MARROW DONATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE UP TO THIRTY DAYS' PAID LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL WHO SERVE AS LIVING ORGAN DONORS AND UP TO SEVEN DAYS' PAID LEAVE FOR BONE MARROW DONORS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Cervania, Harrison, Scott, Ward, and Warren:

**H.B. 664**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PURCHASE OF POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY SCANNERS FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greenfield, Ager, G. Brown, and Butler (Primary Sponsors); Baker, K. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Morey, G. Pierce, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 665**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FUND, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Moss (Primary Sponsor); Kidwell and Ward:

**H.B. 666**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO LIMIT ALL TERM LENGTHS TO TWO YEARS AND CAP CONSECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO THREE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, Buansi, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Morey, and Roberson:

**H.B. 667**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN OF LAWFULLY ADMITTED OR LAWFULLY PRESENT NONCITIZENS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Crawford, Turner, Rubin, and Alston (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, G. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, Price, and Roberson:

**H.B. 668**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM AT NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO EXPAND INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE UNITED WAY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO EXPAND ITS VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives F. Jackson (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Baker, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, Price, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 669**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO BE REIMBURSED FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES IN THE COURSE OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Pickett, Campbell, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Ager, G. Brown, Crawford, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson, Lopez, G. Pierce, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 670**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CAREER AND COLLEGE PATHWAYS INNOVATION CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Cotham, Biggs, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Goodwin, Hawkins, Johnson, Longest, G. Pierce, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 671**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRANTS FOR COMPETITIVE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAMS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, Potts, Lambeth, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Cervania, Cunningham, Harrison, Huneycutt, and Ward:

**H.B. 672**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST THE SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Alston and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Dahle, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Majeed, G. Pierce, and Rubin:

**H.B. 673**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEONATAL CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Adams, Kidwell, Eddins, and Carson Smith (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, Brody, Clampitt, N. Jackson, Johnson, Moss, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 674**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF LIFETIME CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONCEALED CARRY PERMITTEE WHO ALLOWS THE PERMIT TO LAPSE DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER FIREARMS SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE UPON APPLYING FOR RENEWAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER BY ALLOWING THEM TO STORE THEIR FIREARMS WITH OR SELL THEIR FIREARMS THROUGH A QUALIFIED LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE STORAGE AND USE OF DEFENSIVE DEVICES IN BIOMETRIC SAFES FOR SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representative Pless:

**H.B. 675**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS EXAMINATION FOR CREDENTIALING AS VARIOUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pless (Primary Sponsor) and Hawkins:

**H.B. 676**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE HAYWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Turner, Alston, Lopez, and Crawford (Primary Sponsors); Ager, T. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and White:

**H.B. 677**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE OPEN MOVIE CAPTIONING IN MOVIE THEATERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blust (Primary Sponsor) and Brody:

**H.B. 678**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT HAVE STATEWIDE EMERGENCY POWERS WHICH PERMIT HIM TO RULE BY DECREE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME, TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, TO TRIGGER A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE CALLING BY THE GOVERNOR OF A STATEWIDE STATE OF EMERGENCY, TO RESTORE THE ACTUAL INTENT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT, AND TO REQUIRE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY MEASURES LASTING MORE THAN TWO WEEKS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Colvin, Wheatley, F. Jackson, and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); T. Brown and Hawkins:

**H.B. 679**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF SPRING LAKE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder, Chesser, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Brisson, G. Brown, Campbell, Cunningham, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, McNeely, G. Pierce, Price, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 680**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Crawford, Reeder, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Cervania, Dahle, Hawkins, and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 681**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES TO AMEND THE RULES REGARDING OUTPATIENT OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR GREATER CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell, Crawford, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, G. Pierce, Quick, Charles Smith, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 682**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE STATE TO FULLY OPT OUT OF THE PROHIBITION ON FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF FELONIES TO BETTER ENABLE THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO LIVE SUCCESSFUL, PRODUCTIVE LIVES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Crawford, Pittman, and Ager (Primary Sponsors); Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Liu, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 683**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION BY EXCLUDING FROM TAXATION THE ENTIRE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND TO REIMBURSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR RESULTING REVENUE LOSS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Crawford, Harrison, Alston, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 684**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Jeffers, Reives, Cohn, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Ball, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 685**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REINVEST IN RURAL NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Ball, Harrison, and von Haefen (Primary Sponsors); Baker, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, and Majeed:

**H.B. 686**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OR SALE OF A COSMETIC PRODUCT CONTAINING CERTAIN RESTRICTED SUBSTANCES AS AN INTENTIONALLY ADDED CHEMICAL IN ANY AMOUNT, INCLUDING AS A NONFUNCTIONAL BY-PRODUCT OR A NONFUNCTIONAL CONTAMINANT ABOVE THE PRACTICAL QUANTIFICATION LIMIT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ager (Primary Sponsor); Dahle, Hawkins, F. Jackson, and Longest:

**H.B. 687**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL LAWS TO EXEMPT FLOATATION OR SENSORY DEPRIVATION SYSTEMS THAT MEET

CERTAIN SAFETY STANDARDS AND MAKING OTHER TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives R. Pierce, Cotham, Almond, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Arp, Baker, Ball, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, Prather, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 688**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND FOR INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, Harrison, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Butler, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Majeed, and Morey:

**H.B. 689**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND NORTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE BY PROVIDING IN-STATE TUITION TO NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives N. Jackson, Biggs, Balkcom, and Stevens (Primary Sponsors); Eddins, Johnson, Loftis, Moss, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 690**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, AND LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND REPORT ON A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT STATE-FUNDED BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OR THROUGH THESE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND NONCITIZENS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES WITH LEGAL PERMISSION; DIRECTING STATE-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR BENEFITS ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Rubin, Ball, Dahle, and Baker (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, A. Jones, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 691**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF A VOTER TO HAVE THE VOTER'S BALLOT COUNTED AND TO PROMOTE ELECTION TIMELINESS AND INTEGRITY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clampitt, Campbell, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Ball, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Eddins, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Kidwell, Longest, Moss, G. Pierce, Rubin, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 692**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) IN SCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE USE OF AEDS AND CPR, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren and Riddell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Butler, Harrison, and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 693**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF MASSAGE THERAPY, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren and Ross (Primary Sponsors); Moss, Penny, and Ward:

**H.B. 694**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER AT THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL TO STUDY WATER AND WASTEWATER REGIONALIZATION AND IDENTIFY AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE THE COSTS OF WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES COULD BE LOWERED AND QUALITY OF THOSE SERVICES IMPROVED, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives B. Jones, Miller, Carson Smith, and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Campbell, Loftis, Penny, Ross, Scott, Strickland, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 695**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE STATE'S VIPER PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO NETWORK IN ORDER TO SUPPORT 911 OPERATIONS INTEROPERABILITY AND FIRST RESPONDER DISPATCH THROUGHOUT THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Potts, Reeder, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Huneycutt and Ward:

**H.B. 696**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Potts, Reeder, Campbell, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Harrison and Huneycutt:

**H.B. 697**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSURE BOARD AND TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Miller and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Loftis, Moss, and Ward:

**H.B. 698**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR MISSING PERSONS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives A. Jones (Primary Sponsor); Cervania, Majeed, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 699**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A SHERIFF SHALL NOT DISCHARGE A DEPUTY SHERIFF OR OTHER EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR FAILING TO MAKE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO THE SHERIFF OR THE SHERIFF'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives A. Jones (Primary Sponsor) and Majeed:

**H.B. 700**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CLAIMS OF ACTION FOR WRONGFUL DEATH OR INJURY AGAINST A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ARISING AFTER MARCH 1, 2020, TO BE FILED IF OTHERWISE TIME-BARRED, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Charles Smith, Blackwell, Wheatley, and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, T. Brown, Cervania, Harrison, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and Rubin:

**H.B. 701**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS LAFAYETTE DAY, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Setzer, Howard, Almond, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); McNeely, Moss, and Ward:

**H.B. 702**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSURE AND PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC AND TO ESTABLISH ACUPUNCTURE CERTIFICATION STANDARDS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Shepard, Wheatley, Winslow, and Goodwin (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, K. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Eddins, Harrison, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Majeed, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, Price, Strickland, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 703**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS BY STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES TO HONOR THOSE INTERRED WITHIN, is

referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, Liu, and Goodwin (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Buansi, Butler, Colvin, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 704**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE COMMISSION, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson, Cotham, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); F. Jackson, Loftis, G. Pierce, and Winslow:

**H.B. 705**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO STUDY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON AN ALTERNATIVE OR MODIFIED PATH TO LICENSURE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lopez, Majeed, Belk, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 706**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE ALLOCATION OF GRANTS FOR THE NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND AND TO OTHERWISE PROHIBIT THE ALLOCATION OF EDUCATION FUNDS BASED ON THE ECONOMIC TIER DESIGNATIONS ASSIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Torbett, Greene, Miller, and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Loftis, Majeed, and Ward:

**H.B. 707**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT PURCHASE ANY SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY CERTAIN FOREIGN VENDORS,

is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, Willis, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 708**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ROBOTICS OPPORTUNITIES AND BUILD OUR TALENTS BY CONTINUING THE ROBOTICS GRANT PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, Brockman, Baker, and F. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and Rubin:

**H.B. 709**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT GRANT PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL TEACHER ASSISTANT POSITIONS IN PARTICIPATING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives T. Brown, Lambeth, Cunningham, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Brisson, Buansi, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Longest, Majeed, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Rubin, and Charles Smith:

**H.B. 710**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS UNIT PILOT PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lopez, Rubin, T. Brown, and Ager (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Cervania, Hawkins, Logan, Majeed, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 711**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX PHASEOUT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Brockman (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Baker, Cervania, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Majeed, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 712**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NORTH CAROLINA UNIVERSAL INCOME PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brockman, Quick, Buansi, and Liu (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Reives, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 713**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO STUDENTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brockman and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 714**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE BY AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE BENEFIT PLAN FOR RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brockman, Ball, Cunningham, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Belk, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Reives, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 715**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CHILDREN IN THIS STATE SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey, Balkcom, Carson Smith, and Johnson (Primary Sponsors); N. Jackson, Majeed, McNeely, Moss, Pickett, and Ward:

**H.B. 716**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS AFFECTING BAIL BONDS, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey, Setzer, and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 717**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors); Majeed and McNeely:

**H.B. 718**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATED TO BAIL BONDSMEN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey, Setzer, Almond, and Arp (Primary Sponsors); and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 719**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey, Setzer, and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors); and Pickett:

**H.B. 720**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING REVISIONS TO THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Johnson, Turner, Gable, and Clampitt (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Cotham, Goodwin, Greenfield, Hawkins, N. Jackson, Rubin, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 721**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MUDDY SNEAKERS PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ST. GERARD HOUSE TO SUPPORT ITS AUTISM PROGRAMS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Alston, Buansi, Brockman, and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Butler, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 722**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT REFORM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, Ross, Belk, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Cervania, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Majeed, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 723**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA TECHNOLOGY COALITIONS STRATEGIC SUPPORT FUND, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, Ross, Belk, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Majeed, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 724**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE NC-FEDERAL ALIGNMENT FOR CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES TASK FORCE (NC-FACT) WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND TO REQUIRE THAT TASK FORCE TO STUDY WAYS TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION IN THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Hawkins, Alston, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, and Price:

**H.B. 725**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA MOMNIBUS ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives A. Jones, Hawkins, and G. Pierce (Primary Sponsors); Baker, K. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, R. Pierce, Rubin, and White:

**H.B. 726**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON YOUTH MENTORING AND ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder, Blackwell, Wheatley, and Gable (Primary Sponsors); and Ward:

**H.B. 727**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives F. Jackson (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Cervania, Colvin, Dew, Hawkins, Majeed, G. Pierce, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 728**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRADUALLY INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT UNDER THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERANS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, TO EXCLUDE THE PRIMARY MOTOR VEHICLE OWNED BY A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT DISABLED VETERAN FROM THE PROPERTY TAX, AND TO REIMBURSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR A PERCENTAGE OF THEIR RESULTING REVENUE LOSS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dixon, Howard, and Riddell (Primary Sponsors); Arp, Biggs, Blackwell, Branson, Brisson, Cairns, Eddins, Hastings, N. Jackson, Loftis, Miller, Moss, Penny, Pyrtle, Ross, Scott, Stevens, Tyson, Ward, Watford, and Winslow:

**H.B. 729**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION FOR SOLAR ENERGY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT QUALIFYING FACILITIES

UNDER PURPA, AND TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR EXISTING SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lopez, Cervania, Liu, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Butler, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Majeed, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 730**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT STATE-PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT STATE SERVICES IS AVAILABLE IN THE FIVE MOST COMMON NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME BY RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Alston, Hawkins, Jeffers, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Butler, Harrison, F. Jackson, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and Rubin:

**H.B. 731**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PAULI MURRAY CENTER IN DURHAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Morey, Belk, and Dew (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, A. Jones, Logan, Majeed, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 732**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR LONG GUN; TO REQUIRE A SEVENTY-TWO-HOUR WAITING PERIOD BEFORE A PURCHASED FIREARM MAY BE DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE POSSESSED; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR LONG GUN TO PERSONS UNDER A CERTAIN AGE; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF A BUMP STOCK OR TRIGGER CRANK; TO REQUIRE THE SAFE STORAGE OF A FIREARM; TO REVISE RECIPROCITY LAW FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT; TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF A LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM; TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON WHO OWNS A FIREARM TO CARRY FIREARM LIABILITY INSURANCE; TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF AMMUNITION MAGAZINES; TO REPEAL THE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREARMS; TO ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF A SEIZED FIREARM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP A ROSTER OF HANDGUNS THAT MEET

CERTAIN DESIGN AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROHIBIT THE SALE, TRANSFER, OWNERSHIP, OR POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE ROSTER; TO REPEAL THE "STAND YOUR GROUND LAWS" AND CODIFY COMMON LAW REGARDING USE OF FORCE AGAINST AN INTRUDER; TO PROHIBIT LEAVING A FIREARM IN AN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE UNLESS FIREARM IS SAFELY STORED; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS; TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; TO REQUIRE THE SHERIFF UPON DENIAL, REVOCATION, OR REFUSAL TO RENEW A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT OR PISTOL PERMIT TO TRANSMIT THE PROHIBITION RECORD TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO DIVEST THE PENSION FUND OF GUN STOCKS; 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 TO SELF OR OTHERS; AND TO REQUIRE A COURT TO ORDER THE SEIZURE OF ANY FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR PERMITS A DEFENDANT FAILS TO SURRENDER AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF AN EMERGENCY OR EX PARTE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lopez, Hawkins, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Butler, Cervania, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Majeed, G. Pierce, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 733**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE STATE TO FULLY OPT OUT OF THE PROHIBITION ON FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) BENEFITS FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF FELONIES AND TO LENGTHEN THE PERIOD FOR RECERTIFICATION FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION BENEFITS TO ONE YEAR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard, Setzer, B. Jones, and Liu (Primary Sponsors); Butler, Longest, Moss, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 734**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND THE PROHIBITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT BY MAKING DEBT SETTLEMENT AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE, CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT, EXPANDING CIVIL

REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO DEBTORS, AND LIMITING DEBT SETTLEMENT ACTS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED AND TO MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Morey, T. Brown, and Lopez (Primary Sponsors); K. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Price, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 735**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE STI TRANSIT FUNDING, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Huneycutt (Primary Sponsor) and Majeed:

**H.B. 736**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO TEST AND TREAT FOR CERTAIN ILLNESSES WITH CERTAIN MEDICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, TO PROVIDE FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR PROCEDURES THAT ARE PERFORMED BY A PHARMACIST WITHIN THAT PHARMACIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO SERVICES PERFORMED BY OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Humphrey and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors); and Pickett:

**H.B. 737**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Butler, K. Brown, and Dew (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Longest, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 738**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE WETLANDS PROTECTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pittman (Primary Sponsor) and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 739**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES IN WILSON AND NASH COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Johnson:

**H.B. 740**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT AND FUND THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CREATION OF A DISASTER FOCUSED CONSTITUENT ENGAGEMENT PORTAL AND TO ESTABLISH LIMITS OF CONTRACTOR LIABILITY UNDER CERTAIN STATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Wheatley, Shepard, and Iler (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Campbell, Cervania, Goodwin, Loftis, Majeed, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Ward, White, and Winslow:

**H.B. 741**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ON A PERSONALIZED BACKGROUND AND MODIFYING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, is referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Hawkins, Carney, and Butler (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Cervania, Greenfield, F. Jackson, Logan, Morey, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 742**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT OF 2025, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Crawford, White, Price, and Buansi (Primary Sponsors); Cervania, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, and G. Pierce:

**H.B. 743**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LIVE-IN DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS IN GROUP HOMES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Campbell, Cotham, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); K. Brown, F. Jackson, Rhyne, and Turner:

**H.B. 744**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF STATE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT FOR A FERTILITY PRESERVATION PILOT PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Moss, Harrison, Hawkins, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Butler, F. Jackson, and Ward:

**H.B. 745**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REFORM FOR FAIR COMPETITION IN NORTH CAROLINA'S ENERGY MARKET, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith, White, and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Loftis, Penny, and Ward:

**H.B. 746**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY AGAINST MEDICAL MALPRACTICE FOR REGISTERED NURSES ACTING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AS ARTICULATED IN BYRD V. MARION GENERAL HOSPITAL, 202 N.C. 337 (1932), is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Adams, Moss, Clampitt, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Cunningham, Dew, Hawkins, N. Jackson, Penny, and Ward:

**H.B. 747**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, is referred to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Clark, Blust, Branson, and Quick (Primary Sponsors); and Harrison:

**H.B. 748**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF GREENSBORO FOR WATER AND WASTE-WATER IMPROVEMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clark, Blust, Quick, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); and Butler:

**H.B. 749**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF GREENSBORO FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson-Hostler and Clark (Primary Sponsors); Cervania, Dew, and Helfrich:

**H.B. 750**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely, Arp, Huneycutt, and Eddins (Primary Sponsors); Cunningham, Loftis, Ward, and Winslow:

**H.B. 751**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES TO OFFER UNIFORM ENERGY RATES FOR SEASONAL OR INTERMITTENT SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Carney, Belk, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Butler, Colvin, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Logan, Longest, G. Pierce, and Price:

**H.B. 752**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND RAILROAD AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND TO FUND THE PORT OF MOREHEAD CITY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 26**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 8.

**H.B. 53**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 63**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 8.

**H.B. 123** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF, OR OMISSION OF INFORMATION FROM MEDICAL RECORDS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 143**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MAYSVILLE TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 8.

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**H.B. 147** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES OF ELIZABETH CITY AND KING, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), material Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is placed on the Calendar of April 8.

**H.B. 149**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW MORE FINANCIAL AND HIRING FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 160**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PROVIDE A CORRESPONDING REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 8.

**H.B. 171** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 8.

**H.B. 227**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 8.

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**H.B. 258** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 266**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 8.

**H.B. 308** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND STRANGULATION PENALTIES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES REGARDING THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CREATE A FELONY CRIME OF HABITUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CLARIFY EXPUNCTIONS MAY NOT BE GRANTED FOR PERSONS WITH PENDING CHARGES, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF EXPUNCTION, AND TO REMOVE THE CONCURRENT SENTENCING DEFAULT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 354** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 17 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GATEKEEPER ORDERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 358**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 377** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT; TO MAKE UPDATES TO THE ELECTIVE SHARE STATUTES; TO UPDATE STATUTES RELATING TO TRUST ADMINISTRATION;

AND TO MAKE REVISIONS TO THE YEAR'S ALLOWANCE STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ESTATE PLANNING AND FIDUCIARY LAW SECTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 389** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 397** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF EPINEPHRINE NASAL SPRAY IN ADDITION TO AUTO-INJECTORS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 481** (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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 745**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REFORM FOR FAIR COMPETITION IN NORTH CAROLINA'S ENERGY MARKET, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 750**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LONG-ACTING REVERSIBLE CONTRACEPTIVES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 298**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 577**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROTECT OUR NORTH CAROLINA TOWERS AND TRUCKERS ACT, to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 135**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; TO PROHIBIT COMMUNITY COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM PURCHASING CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; AND TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN MEAT, POULTRY, EGG, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS AND ANALOGOUS PRODUCTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The serial referrals to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remain.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 424** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS REGULATING GAMING DO NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES PLAYED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, HOME, OR COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 636**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, OR RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY AGAINST A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT THAT IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7B OF CHAPTER 115C OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, CHAPTER 114A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, OR PART 3 OF ARTICLE 1A OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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# THIRTY-NINTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 7, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative White.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.:

"Father,

"Help us as Members of the North Carolina House of Representatives to remember that we are all part of this Body. May we treat each other with respect, even when we disagree.

"In Jesus' Name! Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of April 3 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

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On motion of Representative Penny and without objection, the House adjourns at 1:04 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, April 8, at 11:00 a.m.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Carson Smith, Pyrtle, Greene, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Branson, Butler, Cairns, Carney, Cervania, Chesser, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Humphrey, Iler, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Potts, Riddell, Scott, Strickland, Ward, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 753**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, is referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ross, Howard, N. Jackson, and Crawford (Primary Sponsors); Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, Logan, G. Pierce, Scott, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 754**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT DISABLED AND OLDER ADULTS FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AND TO UPDATE THE SAVINGS BANK LAWS TO INCREASE ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMMERCIAL BANKING LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lofton and Ross (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Belk, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Kidwell, Loftis, Logan, Longest, G. Pierce, Quick, von Haefen, and Ward:

**H.B. 755**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT ENTITIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Brown (Primary Sponsor) and Baker:

**H.B. 756**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE HARMONY EMPOWERMENT LIFE CENTER FOR EXPANSION OF ITS PROGRAM TO ADDITIONAL COUNTIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Brown (Primary Sponsor) and Baker:

**H.B. 757**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO JOYFUL SOUL TREASURES, INC., is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Brown (Primary Sponsor); Baker and Harrison:

**H.B. 758**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE MIND AND HEART HAVEN PROJECT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Brown (Primary Sponsor) and Baker:

**H.B. 759**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FORSYTH COUNTY TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS INITIATIVE AND WORK-BASED LEARNING PARENT PROGRAM AND SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Crawford, T. Brown, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Colvin, Dew, Harrison, F. Jackson, Majeed, Prather, and Quick:

**H.B. 760**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR TATTOOISTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth, Warren, Watford, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Biggs, Branson, N. Jackson, Loftis, Moss, and Ward:

**H.B. 761**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE LENGTH OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Ross, Arp, N. Jackson, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Moss, Scott, and Willingham:

**H.B. 762**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT (S.A.F.E) MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Zenger, Tyson, Moss, and Pless (Primary Sponsors); Greene, Iler, and Willingham:

**H.B. 763**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING STATES WHO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, Setzer, Carney, and Helfrich (Primary Sponsors); Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, and Johnson-Hostler:

**H.B. 764**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY BY RECKLESS BOATING, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Zenger, Brody, Winslow, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Branson, Clark, Humphrey, Johnson, G. Pierce, Pittman, Potts, Charles Smith, Tyson, and Willingham:

**H.B. 765**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lofton, Lambeth, White, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Brisson, T. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Rubin, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 766**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING, TO EXPAND ACCESS TO TEEN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lofton and Lambeth (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Brisson, T. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, G. Pierce, Pike, Prather, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 767**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON MARKET RATE COMPENSATION FOR TEACHERS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody, Cotham, Zenger, and Winslow (Primary Sponsors); Johnson, Majeed, McNeely, and Willingham:

**H.B. 768**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO ADOPT RULES TO AMEND THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE TO CLARIFY EXEMPTIONS FROM IN-BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONDER RADIO COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willingham (Primary Sponsor); Colvin, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, Reives, and Rubin:

**H.R. 769**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ENDORSE A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Stevens:

**H.B. 770**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR COMPLEX FAMILY FINANCIAL CASE DISPOSITION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Stevens (Primary Sponsor); Greenfield, Harrison, and Charles Smith:

**H.B. 771**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPOSITIONS OF CERTAIN WITNESSES FOR PRESERVATION OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cunningham, Blackwell, Lambeth, and G. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Branson, T. Brown, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Rhyne, Riddell, Charles Smith, von Haefen, Warren, and Willingham:

**H.B. 772**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE PHONE NUMBER IN VARIOUS WAYS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, Cotham, Willis, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); N. Jackson, Johnson, McNeely, Riddell, and Ward:

**H.B. 773**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE METRICS AND GRADES TO BETTER REFLECT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, Lambeth, Pickett, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Echevarria, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Humphrey, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, Loftis, Logan, Longest, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Rhyne, Rubin, Scott, Carson Smith, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 774**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE BREAKFAST TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AT NO COST TO THE STUDENTS AND TO ESTABLISH THE FARM-TO-TABLE INITIATIVE,

is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, N. Jackson, Cotham, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Eddins, Howard, Iler, Johnson, Loftis, Miller, Moss, Pike, Riddell, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 775**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF A CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APPLICANTS FOR EDUCATOR LICENSURE, AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT AND TO CONSOLIDATE THE STATUTES REGULATING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria, Arp, N. Jackson, and Moss (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Blust, Branson, Cairns, Dixon, Eddins, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Riddell, Scott, Ward, White, and Willis:

**H.B. 776**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FURTHER PROTECT THE PRACTICE OF RELIGION AND TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Bell, Huneycutt, and Ager (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Buansi, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, G. Pierce, Price, and Rubin:

**H.R. 777**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH FRANCE ON TRADE ISSUES AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES-FRANCE ALLIANCE, CELEBRATING CENTURIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NORTH CAROLINA AND FRANCE, STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP AND ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND FRANCE, ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPACT OF FRENCH CULTURE AND CENTURIES OF FRENCH IMMIGRATION ON NORTH CAROLINA, AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, is referred to the Committee on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Reives, Bell, Penny, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Buansi, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Lowery, G. Pierce, Price, Rubin, and White:

**H.R. 778**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM ON TRADE ISSUES AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES-UNITED KINGDOM ALLIANCE, STRENGTHENING FRIENDSHIP AND ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPACT OF BRITISH CULTURE ON NORTH CAROLINA, AND REAFFIRMING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, is referred to the Committee on Federal Relations and American Indian Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Dew, Harrison, and Rubin:

**H.B. 779**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING THE FIRST SUNDAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS CHILDREN'S DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, D. Hall, B. Jones, and Bell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Almond, Arp, Biggs, Blust, Branson, K. Brown, Cairns, Campbell, Carver, Chesser, Dixon, Hawkins, Humphrey, N. Jackson, Johnson, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pyrtle, Quick, Rhyne, Schietzelt, Strickland, Tyson, Ward, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 780**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ALL PRO DAD CHAPTERS AND CREATE A PROGRAM TO SUPPORT NORTH CAROLINA FATHERS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, N. Jackson, Balkcom, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Eddins, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Scott, and Ward:

**H.B. 781**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT BANNING UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING IN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, Tyson, Balkcom, and Eddins (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Loftis, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 782**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ISSUANCE OF CIVIC CLUB SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Alston, Hawkins, Jeffers, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Greenfield, F. Jackson, and Johnson-Hostler:

**H.B. 783**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SIDEKICKS ACADEMY, INC., FOR OPERATING EXPENSES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives A. Jones, Greenfield, Price, and Rubin (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, Belk, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Dew, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 784**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SEMIAUTOMATIC ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION FEEDING DEVICES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lofton and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Carney, Carver, Cervania, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, and Rhyne:

**H.B. 785**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY BUDGET FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pittman, Ball, G. Pierce, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers,

Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, Charles Smith, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 786**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REDUCING PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE, REENACTING THE CHILD TAX CREDIT, RAISING THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE IN PHASES UP TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR, ALLOWING 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 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, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 13**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT A MERCHANT MAY CHARGE CUSTOMERS FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 364**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT IS IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 616**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SELECTSITE READINESS PROGRAM, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

The House stands adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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# FORTIETH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Almond.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Goodwin, Loftis, and Pike, Chairs, for the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs:

**H.B. 373** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTED TUITION TO PERSONS RECEIVING MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE OR PERSONS ENROLLED IN AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 572**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SELECT A PROVIDER TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM COMBINED TRANSCRANIAL

MAGNETIC STIMULATION TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health.

**H.B. 133**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER LANDS CRITICAL TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE STATE BY CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATED AS ADVERSARIAL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 384**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ENLISTED MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD WITH A RANK OF E-1 THROUGH E-5 WHO RESIDE IN NORTH CAROLINA TO DEDUCT THEIR FEDERAL BASIC PAY FROM THE INCOME TAX, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Ross, Chair, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 574**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROJECT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 213** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO POST NOTICE OF VETERANS' BENEFITS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 471** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Roberson, T. Brown, and Price (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Crawford, Dew, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, and Rubin:

**H.B. 787**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MATCHING PROGRAM FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARENTAL SAVINGS TRUST FUND AND TO CREATE A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAMS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Buansi, Willingham, Cohn, and Rubin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Reives, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 788**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING PROCESS; REENACTING LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHED A NONPARTISAN METHOD FOR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS; EXTENDING THE WAITING PERIOD FOR FORMER LEGISLATORS WHO BECOME LOBBYISTS; PROVIDING FOR ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION; INCREASING TRANSPARENCY BY REQUIRING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND SESSIONS OCCURRING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX AND REQUIRING LIVE VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS AND SESSIONS OCCURRING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX; ENSURING VOTING PLACES ON CERTAIN COLLEGE CAMPUSES; PROHIBITING VOTER ROLL PURGING; MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING TRANSPARENCY IN SOURCES OF SPENDING, DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGNS, PROTECTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS, AND LIMITING SUPER PAC INFLUENCE; REESTABLISHING PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS; AND RESTORING CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS OF CERTAIN OFFENDERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Schietzelt, Chesser, Reeder, and Carson Smith (Primary Sponsors); Loftis, McNeely, Pyrtle, Scott, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 789**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MITIGATING FACTOR FOR CERTAIN PERSONS CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING WHO VOLUNTARILY EQUIP AND OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PRIOR TO TRIAL, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Buansi, Loftis, Cunningham, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Dew, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Majeed, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Rubin, von Haefen, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 790**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS, AND VAPOR PRODUCTS WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF A SCHOOL BUILDING, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Balkcom, Stevens, Rhyne, and Eddins (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Arp, Biggs, Blust, Branson, Cairns, Hastings, N. Jackson, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, McNeely, Moss, Pickett, Riddell, Scott, Ward, and Zenger:

**H.B. 791**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEFINE VARIOUS TERMS IN THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO ENACT THE WOMEN'S SAFETY AND PROTECTION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dew (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Crawford, Dahle, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Morey, R. Pierce, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 792**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CLEAN ENERGY GRANTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Colvin, Wheatley, F. Jackson, and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, K. Brown, and T. Brown:

**H.B. 793**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Paré, Campbell, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Dew, Harrison, F. Jackson, Johnson, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Reeder, Riddell, Ross, Ward, White, Willingham, and Zenger:

**H.B. 794**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND SALARY SCALES OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, Almond, Davis, and Penny (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, K. Brown, Butler, Harrison, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Johnson, Liu, McNeely, Morey, G. Pierce, Scott, Ward, Willingham, and Willis:

**H.B. 795**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Buansi, Cunningham, Pickett, and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Campbell, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Longest, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Roberson, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 796**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SUICIDE SAFETY NUMBERS ON STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SERVING STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Howard, Tyson, Biggs, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Harrison, F. Jackson, Loftis, Longest, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 797**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW TO CLARIFY THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHOLESALING AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS CONSTITUTE REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE ACTIVITY THAT REQUIRES LICENSURE AND TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS WITH A RIGHT TO CANCEL SUCH TRANSACTIONS, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greenfield, Turner, Longest, and Baker (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Reives, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 798**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING, TO EXPAND ACCESS TO TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTERS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHEN SEVERE WEATHER IS EXPECTED, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria, Setzer, and Gable (Primary Sponsors); Blust, Johnson, Loftis, Pike, and Ward:

**H.B. 799**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE NONDISCRIMINATION AND DIGNITY IN GOVERNMENT HIRING, PROMOTION, TRAINING, AND WORKPLACES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Paré, Campbell, and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Carver, F. Jackson, Johnson, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Pickett, Pike, Prather, Charles Smith, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 800**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS CHILD CARE INITIATIVES; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW A CHILD CARE TEACHER EMPLOYED FULL TIME BY A LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAM IN THE STATE TO BE DEEMED AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY FOR THE TEACHER'S PRESCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN; AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DIRECTIVES REGARDING CHILD CARE IN THIS STATE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Stevens and Ross (Primary Sponsors); Eddins, Loftis, and Ward:

**H.B. 801**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY PAPER TOWNS IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rubin, Lambeth, White, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cunningham, Dahle, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Loftis, Penny, G. Pierce, Pike, Price, von Haefen, and Ward:

**H.B. 802**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE-BASED NICOTINE, HEMP, AND VAPOR PRODUCT USE MATERIALS AND TO DIRECT DISCIPLINARY REPERCUSSIONS FOR STUDENTS FOUND VAPING, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Blackwell, Biggs, Potts, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Loftis and Ward:

**H.B. 803**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH FROM ADDING ANY NEW VACCINES TO THE STATE'S CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE UNLESS THE VACCINE HAS EITHER BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS OR, IF FDA-APPROVED FOR LESS THAN THREE YEARS, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF BOTH THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE NORTH CAROLINA PEDIATRIC SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Kidwell and Moss (Primary Sponsors); Brody and Loftis:

**H.B. 804**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ABORTION AFTER CONCEPTION EXCEPT WHEN NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE LIFE OF THE MOTHER, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives N. Jackson, Stevens, and Balkcom (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Blust, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Hastings, Johnson, Kidwell, Loftis, Moss, Pickett, Riddell, Ross, Scott, Ward, White, and Zenger:

**H.B. 805**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Biggs, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Carver, Huneycutt, F. Jackson, Johnson, Loftis, McNeely, Miller, Pickett, Pike, and Ward:

**H.B. 806**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS AND TO REQUIRE FIFTY PERCENT OF TEACHERS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO HAVE A LICENSE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives von Haefen, Baker, Prather, and F. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, Rubin, Charles Smith, and Turner:

**H.B. 807**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RAISE SALARIES FOR TEACHERS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, TO PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO STUDENTS THROUGH AN ALLOCATION BASED ON SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY EVALUATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE-TO-ONE DEVICE REFRESH FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REVISE THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Loftis, McNeely, and Johnson (Primary Sponsors); N. Jackson, Ward, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger:

**H.B. 808**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONTRACTS OR OTHER AGREEMENTS THAT WOULD GRANT CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES ACCESS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THIS STATE AND TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ACCESS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THIS STATE, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clark, Helfrich, Quick, and von Haefen (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, and Rubin:

**H.B. 809**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCLUDE NC PRE-K STUDENTS IN AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP IN LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, White, and Cotham (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, F. Jackson, Liu, Lowery, Morey, Moss, G. Pierce, Quick, Riddell, Rubin, von Haefen, and Willingham:

**H.B. 810**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING STATE EMPLOYEES PAID WITH BEREAVEMENT LEAVE OF UP TO FORTY HOURS ON DEATH OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER AND EIGHT HOURS ON DEATH OF A COLLEAGUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, Zenger, Tyson, and Moss (Primary Sponsors); McNeely, Ward, Willingham, and Winslow:

**H.B. 811**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSESSORS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE BUDGET OFFICERS TO PUBLISH AN ESTIMATE OF THE REVENUE-NEUTRAL RATE DURING YEARS IN WHICH A REAPPRAISAL OCCURS, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lowery and Moss (Primary Sponsors); Loftis and Willis:

**H.B. 812**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT DONALD JOHN TRUMP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pittman, Clark, and Crawford (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Colvin, F. Jackson, and Willingham:

**H.B. 813**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPLACING THE TERM "MULTIUNIT ASSISTED HOUSING WITH SERVICES" WITH "REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY" AND REDEFINING THE TERM "ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE" TO EXCLUDE THESE FACILITIES TO MAKE IT CLEARER TO THE PUBLIC THAT REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES ARE NOT EQUIVALENT TO LICENSED ADULT CARE HOMES; UPDATING THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES; EXPANDING THE LIST OF PERSONS NOT TO BE CARED FOR IN REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK AN INJUNCTION OR

OTHER PROCESS AGAINST A REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OPERATING WITHOUT APPROVED REGISTRATION; AND DIRECTING THE MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR REGISTERING, INSPECTING, AND TAKING ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Hall, Zenger, Gable, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Almond, K. Brown, Cervania, Harrison, F. Jackson, Majeed, Paré, Pickett, Ross, Charles Smith, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 814**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF ADVANCED CONDUCTORS AND GRID ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES, is referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Prather, Ball, Rubin, and von Haefen (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Liu, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, and Quick:

**H.B. 815**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING STANDARDS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVING OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rubin, Ball, Prather, and Brockman (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Quick, Roberson, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 816**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING STANDARDS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVING OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE AUDITOR TO ANNUALLY REVIEW

AUDITS OF AT LEAST THREE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVING OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth and Zenger (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 817**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS GRANTS BENEFITTING THE TRIAD REGION, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 101**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 254** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 307** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE SPECIAL ECONOMIC INTEREST OWNERS OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND TO GRANT THEM INFORMATION RIGHTS AND STANDING TO SEEK JUDICIAL DISSOLUTION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 321**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 390**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION IN HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 485**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL TO EXTEND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN ADULT CARE HOMES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

**H.B. 612**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

By Representatives Blackwell and Stevens, Chairs, for the Committee on Election Law:

**H.B. 85**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM WORKING IN THE ELECTIONS PROCESS FOR FAILURE TO EXERCISE DUE CARE AND DILIGENCE WHILE

WORKING IN ANY JOB RELATED TO THE ELECTION PROCESS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 264**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE WIRE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H.B. 335**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND EMERGENCY JUDGE ELIGIBILITY BY ALLOWING JUDGES WHO SERVED AS BOTH A SUPERIOR COURT AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT TO BE AN EMERGENCY JUDGE ON EITHER COURT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 549**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Biggs and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 107**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOMMEND AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE

FOR STUDENTS WITH EPILEPSY OR OTHERWISE PREDISPOSED TO SEIZURES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health.

**H.B. 329** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 610**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MAINTAINING ONE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL PER LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 328** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BAN DELTA-8 AND DELTA-9 PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS AND TO CLARIFY THAT VAPOR PRODUCTS ARE BANNED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 637**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES SALARY SUPPLEMENT FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MODEL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 333**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE SHALL EXERCISE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ONLY WITHIN THE CITY'S CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 364**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT IS IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**H.B. 479**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF BURGAW TO BE USED FOR FIRE TRAINING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC USES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 524**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEM AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING PROPERTY CRIMES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

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**H.B. 557**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING "THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW" AS THE OFFICIAL TELEVISION SHOW OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 272** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROBATION/PAROLE, AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHO HOLD AN ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION OR THE ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION TO PURCHASE, AT FULL COST, UP TO FOUR YEARS' CREDITABLE SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Maria Cervania:

"'I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.' (Ecclesiastes 3:10-12)

"'There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3:28)

"'But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."' (1 Samuel 16:7)

"'May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.' (Romans 15:5-7)

"'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love on another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' (John 13:34-35)

"In God's Name we pray. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 7 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Brockman, Clampitt, Cotham, Hastings, Moss, and Sauls for today.

## WITHDRAWAL OF BILL FROM CALENDAR

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 171** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of April 9.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 160**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN

EPILEPSY INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PROVIDE A CORRESPONDING REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 227**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT STATE INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 266**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of April 9.

**H.B. 26**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, K. Hall, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 109.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Belk, Butler, Greenfield, Harrison, and Morey - 5.

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Excused absences: Representatives Brockman, Clampitt, Cotham, Hastings, Moss, and Sauls - 6.

**H.B. 63**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, K. Hall, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 109.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Belk, Butler, Greenfield, Harrison, and Morey - 5.

Excused absences: Representatives Brockman, Clampitt, Cotham, Hastings, Moss, and Sauls - 6.

**H.B. 147** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES OF ELIZABETH CITY AND KING, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, K. Hall, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson,

Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 109.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Belk, Butler, Greenfield, Harrison, and Morey - 5.

Excused absences: Representatives Brockman, Clampitt, Cotham, Hastings, Moss, and Sauls - 6.

**H.B. 143**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MAYSVILLE TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Paré, Penny, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 110.

Voting in the negative: Representatives K. Hall, Kidwell, and Setzer - 3.

Excused absences: Representatives Brockman, Clampitt, Cotham, Hastings, Moss, and Sauls - 6.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

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**H.B. 412**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECOUPLE THE CHILD CARE RATED LICENSE SYSTEM AND SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SUBSIDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND TO MAKE OTHER CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

On motion of the Chair, the serial referral to the Committee on Judiciary 1 is stricken.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 512**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INJURED K-9 POLICE ANIMAL OR AN INJURED SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 565**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW TAXPAYERS TO ENROLL IN THE ORGAN DONATION PROGRAM VIA THEIR INCOME TAX RETURN, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 4:48 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, April 9, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

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## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 378** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATION RECORDS OF MINOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE PARENTS OF THE DEPENDENT STUDENT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 3 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 616**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SELECTSITE READINESS PROGRAM, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 765**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 211**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF CALL LOCATION INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 349** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 246**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RECKLESS DRIVING OR STREET RACING THAT CAUSES SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR HIT AND RUN OFFENSES THAT RESULT IN DEATH, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 427**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPLACE THE REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH OR CAPACITY OF AN APPLICANT FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT WITH A "YES" OR "NO" STATEMENT INDICATING WHETHER THE PERSON OR ENTITY HAS INFORMATION THAT THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 437**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONES AND INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN DRUG OFFENSES IN A DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 439**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONCEALED CARRY OF BLADED WEAPONS IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House stands adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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# FORTY-FIRST DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 8 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, B. Jones, and Sauls for today. Representative Gable is excused for a portion of the Session.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

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By Representatives Adams, Iler, McNeely, Shepard, and Tyson, Chairs, for the Committee on Transportation:

**H.B. 81** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 218**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REQUEST EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ON DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 421**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 153**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE FEE FOR PERFORMING A VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, the recommended referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 217**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A COURSE IN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS FOR PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS AND OLDER THAT ARE NOT LICENSED, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 368**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY LAW REGARDING CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 406**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives N. Jackson, Loftis, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Campbell, Cervania, Cunningham, Johnson, McNeely, G. Pierce, Riddell, Scott, Ward, White, and Willingham:

**H.B. 818**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Johnson, Blackwell, Hawkins, and Winslow (Primary Sponsors); T. Brown, Cunningham, Humphrey, Lopez, Majeed, McNeely, Pickett, Scott, Turner, Ward, and Willis:

**H.B. 819**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder, Campbell, Rhyne, and Crawford (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Cervania, Cohn, Colvin, Cunningham, Dew, Greenfield, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Morey, Pickett, Ross, Rubin, Turner, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 820**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS THAT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS TO ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR EARLY REFILLS, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Adams, Kidwell, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Cunningham, Echevarria, Eddins, Humphrey, Johnson, Liu, G. Pierce, Riddell, Turner, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 821**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN CLASS C DRIVERS LICENSES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Adams, Shepard, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); and Ward:

**H.B. 822**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS GOVERNING OPERATION OF MOPEDS, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, Longest, Alston, and Ball (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Cervania, Dahle, F. Jackson, and Logan:

**H.B. 823**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CHANGES TO THE LAWS RELATED TO RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION SERVICE DISTRICTS AND URBAN RESEARCH SERVICE DISTRICTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives White and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, Cunningham, Greenfield, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, G. Pierce, Rubin, and Willingham:

**H.B. 824**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE AND OPIOID USE DISORDER BY UPDATING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN COVERAGE OF, AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR, OVERDOSE AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER MEDICATIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES THAT RELATE TO MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Blust, Cairns, Eddins, Iler, Pike, and Ward:

**H.B. 825**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING, CLARIFY THE LAWS REGARDING ELECTION-RELATED ACTIVITY, REDUCE THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD, AND AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION WHEN A VOTER REQUESTS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greenfield, Setzer, Lambeth, and White (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Blust, Brisson, G. Brown, Cervania, Cunningham, Dew, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, G. Pierce, Rubin, Turner, Ward, and Willingham:

**H.B. 826**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR MANDATORY REPORTERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Scott (Primary Sponsor); Eddins and Riddell:

**H.B. 827**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AN ANNUAL SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY FEE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF MAINTAINING THAT REGISTRY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Morey, N. Jackson, Harrison, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Biggs, Butler, Cervania, Echevarria, Greenfield, Logan, Longest, Lopez, G. Pierce, Pike, von Haefen, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 828**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Schietzelt, Winslow, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); and Humphrey:

**H.B. 829**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LICENSURE FOR LOCKSMITH BUSINESSES, TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCKSMITH APPRENTICES, TO CLARIFY LOCKSMITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS, AND TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF THE LOCKSMITH LICENSING ACT, is referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 26**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers,

Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 108.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Belk, Butler, Harrison, and Morey - 4.

Excused absences: Representatives Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, B. Jones, and Sauls - 6.

**H.B. 63**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 108.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Belk, Butler, Harrison, and Morey - 4.

Excused absences: Representatives Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, B. Jones, and Sauls - 6.

**H.B. 147** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITIES OF ELIZABETH CITY AND KING, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Hastings, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 108.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Belk, Butler, Harrison, and Morey - 4.

Excused absences: Representatives Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, B. Jones, and Sauls - 6.

**H.B. 143**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MAYSVILLE TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 108.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Blust, K. Hall, Hastings, Kidwell, and Setzer - 5.

Excused absences: Representatives Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Cotham, B. Jones, and Sauls - 6.

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**H.B. 53**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 123** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF, OR OMISSION OF INFORMATION FROM MEDICAL RECORDS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (88-24), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 149**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW MORE FINANCIAL AND HIRING FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (107-6), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair **H.B. 171** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar 36(b).

**H.B. 258** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER.

Representative Crawford offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (112-0). This amendment changes the title.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Pyrtle requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." Representatives Cervania and Price request and are granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (112-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 266**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Representative Goodwin offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (109-1). This amendment changes the title.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 308** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND STRANGULATION PENALTIES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES REGARDING THE MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CREATE A FELONY CRIME OF HABITUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CLARIFY EXPUNCTIONS MAY NOT BE GRANTED FOR PERSONS WITH PENDING CHARGES, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF EXPUNCTION, AND TO REMOVE THE CONCURRENT SENTENCING DEFAULT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 354** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 17 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GATEKEEPER ORDERS.

Representative Pyrtle offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (107-5).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (89-24), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 358**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 377** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT; TO MAKE UPDATES TO THE ELECTIVE SHARE STATUTES; TO UPDATE STATUTES RELATING TO TRUST ADMINISTRATION; AND TO MAKE REVISIONS TO THE YEAR'S ALLOWANCE STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ESTATE PLANNING AND FIDUCIARY LAW SECTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 389** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 397** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF EPINEPHRINE NASAL SPRAY IN ADDITION TO AUTO-INJECTORS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 481** (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, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of April 7 are introduced to the membership. They are: Addyson Burleson of Stanly; Hayden Carter of Wake; Jamie Cheng of Wake; Maahi Chotaliya of Wake; Riley Crysell of Wilson; Ana Ferrario of Forsyth; Zoë Helfrich of Mecklenburg; Anthony Lew of Wake; Ava Lubsen of Wake; Jesse Pollard of Pitt; Karson Riley of Mecklenburg; and Amber Tirado of Wake.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 32, **H.B. 69** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY ADMISSIONS POLICIES REGARDING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS; TO REQUIRE MILITARY ADMISSIONS DEFERMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS ADMITTED TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA; AND TO PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION TO CERTAIN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CAUCUS ANNOUNCED

Representative Huneycutt announces the following caucus:

**Joint Wine and Vineyard Industry Caucus**

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative Dixon, that the House adjourn at 2:32 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 707**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT PURCHASE ANY SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY CERTAIN FOREIGN VENDORS, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Greene and Pless, Chairs, for the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery:

**H.B. 537**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR A PRESUMPTION OF DEATH IN INSTANCES WHERE THE DISAPPEARANCE AND CONTINUED ABSENCE OF A PERSON COINCIDES WITH A DISASTER DECLARATION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

**H.B. 570**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FORBID USE OF FIREFIGHTING FOAMS CONTAINING PFAS CHEMICALS FOR FIREFIGHTING TRAINING OR TESTING PURPOSES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

**H.B. 614**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN AUTOPSY IN ANY CASE RELATED TO A FIRE INCIDENT IN WHICH HUMAN REMAINS ARE FOUND, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

**H.B. 219**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW THAT AUTHORIZES COUNTIES TO FRANCHISE AMBULANCE SERVICES AND PROVIDING THAT COUNTY OFFICIALS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS IN THE LEVEL OF CARE PROVIDED BY EMS PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT OWNED OR OPERATED BY A CITY IN THE COUNTY OR THE COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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By Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley, Chairs, for the Committee on Pensions and Retirement:

**H.B. 476**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING AND RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 477**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SURVIVOR'S ALTERNATE BENEFIT UNDER THOSE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 487**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW RETIRED ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND RETIRED ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS TO RETURN TO WORK FOR THE STATE AFTER A THIRTY-DAY SEPARATION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs, for the Committee on Insurance:

**H.B. 152**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION SERVICES UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 156**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health.

## ADDENDA TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Remove Representative Howard.

**HIGHER EDUCATION:** Remove Representative Howard.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 217** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE, INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AWARENESS, FOR UNLICENSED PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS AND OLDER, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 153** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO STUDY THE NORTH CAROLINA SAFETY AND EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 254**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, is withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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# FORTY-SECOND DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 10, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Gable.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for the blessings of Spring renewal. You produced fresh leaves and flowers on the trees. The birds are nesting and bringing forth new families. The grass is getting green and growing again. Your animals are coming out of hibernation. Everywhere we look we see Your amazing renewal of our Earth.

"Father, help us to read Your Word, cast our troubles aside, shake off the disappointments, and refresh ourselves in Your scripture. Ephesians 4:23: 'and be renewed in our spirit,' and put on our new self, created in Your likeness."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Eddins, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 9 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## GUESTS

The Chair extends the courtesies of the floor to Ronda-Clingman Elementary School.

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Representative Eddins moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 11:05 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, April 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Brody and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Housing and Development:

**H.B. 298**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 535**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PENALIZE THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES AND TO PREVENT TITLE FRAUD BY AUTHORIZING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE RECORDING A DEED OR CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS, REQUIRING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE CAUSE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AFTER AN ATTEMPTED FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

**H.B. 126**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES FOR LAND USE DECISIONS IMPACTING LANDS IN SUCH DISTRICTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 661**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BUILDING INDUSTRY EFFICIENCY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 69** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY ADMISSIONS POLICIES REGARDING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS; TO REQUIRE MILITARY ADMISSIONS DEFERMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS ADMITTED TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA; AND TO PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION TO CERTAIN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 211**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF CALL LOCATION INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 213** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO POST NOTICE OF VETERANS' BENEFITS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 218**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REQUEST EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ON DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 246** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RECKLESS DRIVING OR STREET RACING THAT CAUSES SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND INCREASE PENALTIES FOR HIT AND RUN OFFENSES THAT RESULT IN DEATH, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 272** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROBATION/PAROLE, AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHO HOLD AN ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION OR THE ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION TO PURCHASE, AT FULL COST, UP TO FOUR YEARS' CREDITABLE SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 297** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar.

**H.B. 309**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 328** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BAN DELTA-8 AND DELTA-9 PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS AND TO CLARIFY THAT VAPOR PRODUCTS ARE BANNED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar.

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**H.B. 329** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar.

**H.B. 333**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE SHALL EXERCISE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ONLY WITHIN THE CITY'S CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 349** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 373** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTED TUITION TO PERSONS RECEIVING MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE OR PERSONS ENROLLED IN AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 378** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATION RECORDS OF MINOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE PARENTS OF THE DEPENDENT STUDENT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 390**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION IN HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar.

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**H.B. 412** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECOUPLE THE CHILD CARE RATED LICENSE SYSTEM AND SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SUBSIDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND TO MAKE OTHER CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 437** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONES AND INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN DRUG OFFENSES IN A DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 479**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF BURGAW TO BE USED FOR FIRE TRAINING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC USES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 15.

**H.B. 557**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING "THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW" AS THE OFFICIAL TELEVISION SHOW OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 574**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROJECT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 610**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MAINTAINING ONE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL PER LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

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## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Almond (Primary Sponsor); Turner and von Haefen:

**H.B. 830**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING MOBILE TATTOO PARLORS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody, Zenger, B. Jones, and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Kidwell, McNeely, and Scott:

**H.B. 831**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INSPECTIONS BY PRIVATE INSPECTORS OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, EXPEDITE LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF SEALED COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING PLANS, AND REPEAL THE MARKETPLACE POOL OF CODE-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Campbell, Cunningham, and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, Clark, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, Lopez, G. Pierce, Pittman, Charles Smith, and Ward:

**H.B. 832**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS MAY BE USED, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lowery and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Kidwell, Majeed, McNeely, Ward, and Warren:

**H.B. 833**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO EXPAND THE HOME PROCESSOR PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN REFRIGERATED, FROZEN, AND PERISHABLE PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Almond, N. Jackson, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Balkcom, Belk, Biggs, Branson, T. Brown, Campbell, Carver, Echevarria, Eddins, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, McNeely, Morey, G. Pierce, Potts, Riddell, Scott, Turner, Ward, Warren, and White:

**H.B. 834**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PERSON SEEKING A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE IN THIS STATE BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Liu, Goodwin, Cervania, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Colvin, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 835**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER EDUCATION TO THE STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody and Warren (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Kidwell, and Ward:

**H.B. 836**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA SOUND MONEY ACT, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré, Johnson, Iler, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Branson, Cervania, Echevarria, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, McNeely, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 837**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR HIGHWAY FUNDING, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson, Pickett, and K. Hall (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Cervania, Cunningham, Harrison, Hawkins, Humphrey, Logan, Lopez, McNeely, Morey, G. Pierce, Scott, and Winslow:

**H.B. 838**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO BROADBAND LAWS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Carney, Greenfield, and Majeed (Primary Sponsors); Baker, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 839**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Budd, Helfrich, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Ball, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Quick, Riddell, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 840**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SCHOOLS RECEIVE A GRADE FOR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND A GRADE FOR SCHOOL GROWTH, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carson Smith (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Cervania, Cohn, Harrison, Hawkins, Iler, Longest, G. Pierce, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 841**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STATEWIDE STUDY ON SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASING AND CURRENT MORATORIUMS ON SHELLFISH LEASING, is referred to the Committee on Wildlife Resources and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich, Carney, Crawford, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Dahle, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 842**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH SCREENINGS IN SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives B. Jones (Primary Sponsor) and Iler:

**H.B. 843**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO ENTER INTO AN MOA WITH THE TOWN OF LAKE WACCAMAW FOR ACCESS AND REPAIR OF A DAM LOCATED AT LAKE WACCAMAW STATE PARK, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria, Wheatley, and Riddell (Primary Sponsors); Brody, Cairns, Eddins, Iler, and Kidwell:

**H.B. 844**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE HEALTH CARE AND ADOPTION LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich, Setzer, Torbett, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, Price, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 845**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF WATER SAFETY RESCUE EQUIPMENT AT PIERS AND PUBLIC WATER ACCESS FACILITIES OWNED BY STATE AGENCIES AND UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria, Willis, Schietzelt, and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Eddins, F. Jackson, Pickett, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 846**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A TUITION WAIVER FOR CHILDREN OF ELIGIBLE VETERAN TEACHERS, TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS, TO CODIFY AND EXPAND THE TEACHER BONUS PROGRAM, TO REVISE THE TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM, TO REVIVE THE RETIRED TEACHERS PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR TEACHER LICENSURE RECIPROCITY, AND TO STRENGTHEN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THREATS AND ASSAULTS ON TEACHERS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representative Scott:

**H.B. 847**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Scott and Torbett (Primary Sponsors); and Warren:

**H.B. 848**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CULTIVATION OF EXCELLENCE PILOT PROGRAM IN CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Miller, Pyrtle, Setzer, and Huneycutt (Primary Sponsors); Iler and Ward:

**H.B. 849**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE THE STATE, CITY, OR PUBLIC AUTHORITY REQUIRING THE RELOCATION OF UTILITY FACILITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF RELOCATION, is referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Adams, Blackwell, Setzer, and Greene (Primary Sponsors); and Eddins:

**H.B. 850**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reeder, Miller, and Pyrtle (Primary Sponsors); Ward and White:

**H.B. 851**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TREAT HOSPITAL POLICE OFFICERS AS A DISTINCT CATEGORY OF COMPANY POLICE OFFICERS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN AUTHORITY AND INFORMATION ACCESS TO THESE OFFICERS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives von Haefen, Roberson, and Dew (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Dahle, Hawkins, Logan, Price, and Turner:

**H.B. 852**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MANDATE STRICT CIVIL LIABILITY FOR DOG BITES WHEN A DOG INJURES A PERSON OR DOMESTIC ANIMAL WHILE RUNNING UNLEASHED IN PUBLIC AND TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM LEASHING LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pike, Echevarria, Penny, and Greene (Primary Sponsors); and Ward:

**H.B. 853**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE PERSONS WHOSE LICENSES HAVE BEEN REVOKED TO HAVE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Wheatley, Paré, and Schietzelt (Primary Sponsors); Turner and Ward:

**H.B. 854**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION FOR EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS OR TRANSLITERATORS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERPRETER AND TRANSLITERATOR LICENSURE ACT, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Biggs, Lofton, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Longest, and Ward:

**H.B. 855**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greenfield, Logan, von Haefen, and Liu (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Lopez, Morey, and Price:

**H.B. 856**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING DEED RESTRICTIONS ON SOLAR COLLECTORS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives T. Brown, Cunningham, Hawkins, and Alston (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and Price:

**H.B. 857**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSING WITH DISABILITY ALERT SYSTEM, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Carney, Logan, and Lopez:

**H.B. 858**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY IN NORTH MECKLENBURG COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Huneycutt:

**H.B. 859**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives McNeely, Humphrey, Johnson, and Gable (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Buansi, Cervania, Cohn, Harrison, Hawkins, N. Jackson, Loftis, G. Pierce, Potts, Charles Smith, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 860**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO COMBAT SOCIAL MEDIA ADDICTION BY REQUIRING THAT SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF NORTH CAROLINA USERS' DATA AND NOT USE A NORTH CAROLINA MINOR'S DATA FOR ADVERTISING OR ALGORITHMIC RECOMMENDATIONS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND TO MAKE WILLFUL VIOLATIONS OF DATA USER PRIVACY AN UNFAIR PRACTICE UNDER CHAPTER 75 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Cervania, Crawford, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Carney, Clark, Harrison, Logan, Lopez, Morey, Price, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 861**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENHANCING TAXPAYER ACCOUNTABILITY BY REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROCESS, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, AND ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PREGNANCY CENTERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Echevarria (Primary Sponsor) and Blust:

**H.B. 862**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE VIDEO RECORDING OF DISTRICT COURT PROCEEDINGS AND THE PUBLISHING OF REPORTS OF HOW IMPAIRED DRIVING CASES ARE RESOLVED, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Prather, Ager, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Crawford, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Liu, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Rubin, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 863**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO STATE AGENCIES FOR HURRICANE HELENE UNMET NEEDS FOR DISASTER RECOVERY IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pickett (Primary Sponsor); Humphrey and Ward:

**H.B. 864**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE CERTAIN TRAFFIC LAWS AND THE DESIGN OF COLLEGIATE INSIGNIA PLATES, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Humphrey, and Dahle (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Cervania, Dew, Greenfield, Morey, and Price:

**H.B. 865**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS DOG LAWS TO PERMIT A CASE-BY-CASE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER A DOG TRAINED FOR DOG FIGHTING IS DANGEROUS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Stevens and Budd (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, and Rubin:

**H.B. 866**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AUTOMATIC ENTRY OF AN ORDER PROHIBITING SPOUSES FROM WASTING, CONVERTING, OR SECRETING ASSETS UPON FILING A CLAIM FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Butler, Greenfield, and Rubin (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Cervania, Dew, Morey, and Price:

**H.B. 867**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A PERMITTING PROGRAM FOR DRY LITTER POULTRY OPERATIONS; TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION TO STUDY AND DETERMINE THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF POULTRY FARMS (CAFOS) IN NORTH CAROLINA, THE DRY LITTER WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY THESE FARMS, THE POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH IMPACTS AND DAMAGES THESE SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES MAY HAVE, AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW BEST TO REGULATE THESE WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND TO REVISE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR DRY LITTER POULTRY FACILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Rubin and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Cervania, Crawford, Harrison, Lopez, Morey, and Quick:

**H.B. 868**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GUIDE THE USE AND SUBSEQUENT ADMISSIBILITY OF COLORIMETRIC FIELD DRUG TESTS PURSUANT TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cairns, Gillespie, Tyson, and Shepard (Primary Sponsors); Belk and Rubin:

**H.B. 869**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE USE OF THE DYNAMIC SYMBOL OF ACCESS, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local

Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Brody, Adams, N. Jackson, and Zenger (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 870**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, TO ESTABLISH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Price, Butler, K. Brown, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 871**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PRESENCE OF MICROPLASTICS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE AND TO RECOMMEND STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MICROPLASTICS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Torbett, Johnson, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Eddins, Iler, Kidwell, Loftis, Tyson, and Ward:

**H.B. 872**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES THAT USE REASONABLE FORCE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Hall (Primary Sponsor); Cervania and Harrison:

**H.B. 873**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, is referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond, Chesser, and Winslow (Primary Sponsors); Ager, R. Pierce, and Rubin:

**H.B. 874**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT SERVING ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Biggs, Pickett, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, N. Jackson, and Ward:

**H.B. 875**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MATHEMATICS SUPPORTS IN SCHOOLS AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THOSE SUPPORTS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gillespie, Zenger, Brody, and Winslow (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 876**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE REVIEW OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND BUILDING INSPECTIONS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS OF REQUEST, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Arp, Lambeth, Paré, and Rhyne (Primary Sponsors); Cunningham, Eddins, Lopez, Pickett, Pittman, Rubin, and White:

**H.B. 877**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM INVOLVING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE REDUCED COST CHILDCARE BY LEVERAGING STATE RESOURCES TO REDUCE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ESTABLISHING A CHILDCARE FACILITY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Johnson, Blackwell, Gable, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); and Ward:

**H.B. 878**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASED PUBLIC ACCESS TO LESSON PLANS AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clark, G. Brown, Harrison, and Cohn (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Butler, Cervania, Dew, Logan, Lopez, Morey, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 879**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE AIR CONDITIONING FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL UNITS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Quick, Clark, Harrison, and Branson (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Cohn, Colvin, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Lopez, R. Pierce, and Price:

**H.B. 880**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT AGGIE ACADEMY, A UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA LABORATORY SCHOOL AT NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Butler, Colvin, and Cohn (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Cervania, Dew, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, Price, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 881**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BAN THE MANUFACTURE, USE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF PFAS AND PFAS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS WITHIN THE STATE, TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS CONTAMINATION FROM THE DISCHARGE OF PFAS AND 1,4-DIOXANE IN THE STATE, AND TO DIRECT VARIOUS AGENCIES TO STUDY MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH PFAS CONTAMINATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Harrison, Butler, Price, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, Carney, Cervania, Dew, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, and von Haefen:

**H.B. 882**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN PRODUCERS OF PACKAGING MATERIALS, BAN CERTAIN TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN PACKAGING MATERIALS, AND BAN INTENTIONALLY ADDED PFAS IN COVERED PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Balkcom, Cotham, Biggs, and Arp (Primary Sponsors); Campbell, Cohn, Cunningham, Dew, Lofton, Logan, Lopez, G. Pierce, Pittman, Charles Smith, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 883**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR ONGOING EXTRAORDINARY COSTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, INCLUDING FOR PLACEMENT OF STUDENTS IN SETTINGS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM TO REDUCE THE USE OF MODIFIED DAY, HOMEBOUND, AND HOSPITALIZED PLACEMENTS, AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE MONITORING OF STUDENTS IN HOMEBOUND, MODIFIED DAY, AND HOSPITAL PLACEMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 171** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND TO INCREASE ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 205**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH FROM REGULATING PRIVATE POOLS SERVING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS; CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF SWIMMING POOL LAWS BY AMENDING THE EXEMPTION FOR

PRIVATE POOLS SERVING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS; AND MAKING OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES TO G.S. 130A-280, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 474** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DAVE ACT BY CREATING THE DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY, VALUE, AND EFFICIENCY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUDITOR, DIRECTING EACH STATE AGENCY TO REPORT TO THE DIVISION ON ITS USE OF PUBLIC MONIES AND THE STATUS OF ITS VACANT POSITIONS, AND DIRECTING THE DIVISION TO ASSESS THE CONTINUED NEED OF EACH STATE AGENCY AND THE VACANT POSITIONS WITHIN EACH STATE AGENCY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 171** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, is withdrawn from the Calendar 36(b) and placed on the Calendar of April 16.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 729**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION FOR SOLAR ENERGY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT QUALIFYING FACILITIES UNDER PURPA, AND TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR EXISTING SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES, to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 183**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WAKE SURFING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WATERS OF LAKE GLENVILLE IN JACKSON COUNTY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 3 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 394**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO INTERACT WITH CHILDREN OR ANIMALS IN AN UNSAFE MANNER WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 1 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 584**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DRIVING ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE AND WAITING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LEARNER'S PERMITS AND PROVISIONAL DRIVERS LICENSES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Transportation and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Judiciary 1 is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 734**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND THE PROHIBITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT BY MAKING DEBT SETTLEMENT AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE, CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT, EXPANDING CIVIL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO DEBTORS, AND LIMITING DEBT SETTLEMENT ACTS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED AND TO MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 763**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING STATES WHO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 584**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DRIVING ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE AND WAITING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LEARNER'S PERMITS AND PROVISIONAL DRIVERS LICENSES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and

Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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# FORTY-THIRD DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 14, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, as we enter into this Holy Week, let us think of Your Son, Jesus, and how He prepared the disciples for His impending death by washing their feet and serving them the last supper they would have together.

"Help us to always be reminded of Jesus' humility, His grace, and the peace we have in Him.

"As we go about representing the citizens of North Carolina help us to reflect Jesus in grace and humility. Help us to remember You put us here to do Your work along with our responsibility of making laws.

"In Jesus' precious Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Dixon, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 10 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Dixon moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 1:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, April 15, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 636**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, OR RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY AGAINST A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT THAT IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7B OF CHAPTER 115C OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, CHAPTER 114A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, OR PART 3 OF ARTICLE 1A OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 618**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE IVERMECTIN WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR AND ANY PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES IVERMECTIN PURSUANT TO THE STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 519**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS REGARDING WHEN MINORS CAN GIVE EFFECTIVE CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY AND WHEN PARENTS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO MINORS' MEDICAL RECORDS, to the Committee on Health is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 113**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID SUSTAINABILITY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 765**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE, to the Committee on Regulatory Reform is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 699**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A SHERIFF SHALL NOT DISCHARGE A DEPUTY SHERIFF OR OTHER EMPLOYEE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF FOR FAILING TO MAKE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO THE SHERIFF OR THE SHERIFF'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 1 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on State and Local Government is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 598**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SECONDARY TICKET PURCHASERS AND TO PROHIBIT SECONDARY TICKET SELLERS FROM USING THE NAME OF A VENUE OR EVENT IN THEIR WEBSITE ADDRESS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 506**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 394**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO INTERACT WITH CHILDREN OR ANIMALS IN AN UNSAFE MANNER WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 870**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, TO ESTABLISH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA, is withdrawn from the Committee on Housing and Development and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remain.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 729**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION FOR SOLAR ENERGY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT QUALIFYING FACILITIES UNDER PURPA, AND TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR EXISTING SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES, to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Wheatley, F. Jackson, and Charles Smith (Primary Sponsors); G. Brown and Colvin:

**H.B. 884**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE GROSS RECEIPTS THRESHOLD FOR ARTISANAL BAKERIES EXEMPT FROM THE SALES TAX, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Morey, Cervania, Price, and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Clark, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Lopez, Prather, and Rubin:

**H.B. 885**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE SUSPENSION POLICIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS BY DEFINING LENGTHS OF SUSPENSION, LIMITING THE USE OF SUSPENSION, CREATING A RIGHT OF APPEAL FOR SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION, DEFINING WHAT CONSTITUTES REASONABLE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, PROHIBITING THE USE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, AND REQUIRING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS TO REPORT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN EARLY CHILD CARE SETTINGS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gable, Almond, Schietzelt, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Crawford, Cunningham, Eddins, Harrison, Logan, G. Pierce, Pyrtle, Reeder, and Ward:

**H.B. 886**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) IN ALL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE USE OF AEDS AND CPR, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Miller and Cairns (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Harrison, Hawkins, Logan, Morey, Pyrtle, and Ward:

**H.B. 887**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, Wheatley, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Clark, Dew, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Morey, G. Pierce, Prather, and Rubin:

**H.B. 888**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ASSOCIATION, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives B. Jones (Primary Sponsor) and Brisson:

**H.B. 889**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO ENTER INTO AN MOA FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND TO MOVE THE PARK HEADQUARTERS TO THE TOWN OF FAIR BLUFF, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greenfield, Greene, Clampitt, and Riddell (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pyrtle, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 890**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PROVIDE INTERNET SERVICE TO SCHOOLS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY AND TO ESTABLISH THE EMERGENCY INTERNET SERVICE FUND, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Schietzelt, Blust, and Howard (Primary Sponsors); Loftis and Ward:

**H.B. 891**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY FORUM SELECTION ACT AND RELATING TO LITIGATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Lambeth and Arp (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Brisson, G. Brown, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Dixon, Harrison, Loftis, G. Pierce, and Prather:

**H.B. 892**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO ASSIST RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HELENE IN OBTAINING A COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE AND POST-TRAINING EMPLOYMENT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Campbell, Huneycutt, and Scott (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Dixon, Harrison, Reeder, and Ward:

**H.B. 893**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS MAY CHARGE AS COSTS IN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TO REQUIRE ACCURATE MINUTES FOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Adams (Primary Sponsor) and Eddins:

**H.B. 894**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FIREARMS BUSINESSES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow, Balkcom, Bell, and Gillespie (Primary Sponsors); Butler, Dixon, Harrison, Strickland, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 895**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY CITIZEN PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Paré and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Clark, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Howard, Penny, G. Pierce, Prather, Rubin, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 896**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS RECEIVE APPROPRIATE TRAINING, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Carson Smith:

**H.B. 897**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT AND MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representative Pickett:

**H.B. 898**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN BROADBAND EQUIPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blust (Primary Sponsor); Harrison, Kidwell, Moss, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 899**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND RETURN AUTHORITY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blust (Primary Sponsor); Butler, Harrison, and Turner:

**H.B. 900**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF LEGISLATORS DOCUMENTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Charles Smith, Adams, Carson Smith, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Clark, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Miller, Morey, Pyrtle, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 901**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE THAT ENTERS INTO A SAFETY HOLD AGREEMENT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Morey, Dew, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Prather, Price, Roberson, and Turner:

**H.B. 902**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE FREE TO LEARN - LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS ACT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Logan, Budd, Cunningham, and Majeed (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, and Price:

**H.B. 903**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE STATE TROOPERS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO INCREASE MAGISTRATES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO REVISE CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO EXPAND THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION METROLINA TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT CENTER IN CHARLOTTE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hastings and Pickett (Primary Sponsors); Cotham and Ward:

**H.R. 904**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION ELECTING WENDY FLOYD MURPHY, KELLIE HUNT BLUE, CAROLYN COWARD, JOHN A. FRALEY, REGINALD RONALD HOLLEY, AND DR. M. LEE BARNES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham, Chesser, and Riddell (Primary Sponsors); Harrison, Ward, and Wheatley:

**H.B. 905**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO ALLOW PART-TIME ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS THAT OTHERWISE ATTEND NONPUBLIC SCHOOL, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Bell, White, Campbell, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Chesser, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dixon, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, G. Pierce, Prather, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 906**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE TO PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND CARE AND TO REPEAL STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

TO COVER EMERGENCY CARE THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE OF FEDERAL LAW, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Bell (Primary Sponsor); Balkcom, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Carney, Chesser, Clark, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Harrison, Helfrich, Humphrey, F. Jackson, Lofton, Logan, Lopez, G. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Reeder, Riddell, Turner, Ward, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 907**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DISASTER READINESS AND RESPONSE FUND, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greene (Primary Sponsor); Ward and White:

**H.B. 908**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE JUDGES DISCRETION REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF CRIMINAL CHARGES WHEN A DEFENDANT LACKS CAPACITY TO PROCEED, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Reives, Bell, Howard, and Ross (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Budd, Carney, Colvin, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Majeed, G. Pierce, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 909**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, Baker, F. Jackson, and von Haefen (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Colvin, Crawford, Harrison, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, and Price:

**H.B. 910**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS INITIATIVES AND PROGRAM EXPANSIONS TO PROMOTE TEACHER DIVERSITY AND INCREASE TEACHER RECRUITMENT, INCLUDING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S DRIVE TASK FORCE REPORT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Crawford (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Cervania, Harrison, Helfrich, Johnson-Hostler, and Turner:

**H.B. 911**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO REVISE AND PUBLICIZE SALARY SCHEDULES FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, TO PROVIDE SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A WORKFORCE REPORT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Winslow, Paré, Willis, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Dixon, Harrison, Pickett, Pittman, and Ward:

**H.B. 912**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE HOMETOWN TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM, CALLED THE H.O.M.E. (HOMETOWN OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTORING EDUCATORS) ACT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Brody:

**H.B. 913**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dew (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Budd, Harrison, Lopez, and Majeed:

**H.B. 914**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW BY RIGHT DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES OF LAND OWNED BY AN INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION OR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dew and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Baker, Belk, T. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Colvin, Crawford, Hawkins, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Prather, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 915**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE CREDIT FOR QUALIFYING EXPENSES OF A PRODUCTION COMPANY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Blust, and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, Biggs, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Cunningham, Greenfield, Hawkins, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Logan, Majeed, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, Rubin, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 916**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE DO NOT CALL/DO NOT TEXT REGISTRY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, Howard, and Logan (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Carney, and Harrison:

**H.B. 917**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DATA ANALYTICS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY DIVISION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Torbett, and Willis (Primary Sponsors); Dixon and Ward:

**H.B. 918**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF STANDARDIZED TESTS FOR ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO INCLUDE THE CLT10 AMONG STANDARDIZED TESTS OFFERED IN HIGH SCHOOL, is referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Scott, Balkcom, N. Jackson, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Blust, Cairns, Dixon, and Ward:

**H.B. 919**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS THROUGH FAIR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives N. Jackson, Ross, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 920**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF DIGITAL ASSETS IN ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS AND IN THE PAYMENT OF TAXES AND TO ESTABLISH PROTECTIONS FOR NEW CUSTOMERS TRANSMITTING DIGITAL ASSETS, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Pickett, Pyrtle, and Cairns (Primary Sponsors); and Budd:

**H.B. 921**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL LAWS OF THIS STATE, TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING GAME NIGHTS, AND TO REMOVE THE LIMITATIONS ON RAFFLES FOR 50/50 RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, is referred to the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Hawkins, von Haefen, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Butler, Clark, Crawford, Greenfield, Logan, Lopez, Morey, Prather, and Price:

**H.B. 922**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT THAT REVISES CERTAIN DEFINITIONS IN PUBLIC UTILITY LAW AND ADDS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT RATEPAYERS FROM PAYING UNJUST OR UNREASONABLE FEES TO PUBLIC UTILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser, Schietzelt, and Alston (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Carney, Cervania, Harrison, Lofton, Morey, Prather, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 923**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REMOVE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM WEBSITES MAINTAINED BY COUNTIES AND CITIES WHEN REQUESTED BY CERTAIN PROSECUTORS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, AND JUDICIAL PERSONNEL, AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PERSONNEL RECORDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greene, Budd, Brody, and Arp (Primary Sponsors); Harrison, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 924**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO REFER VIOLATIONS TO APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, is referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Eddins, Huneycutt, Humphrey, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 925**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Zenger, and Chesser (Primary Sponsors); Dixon and Ward:

**H.B. 926**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, Morey, Alston, and Jeffers (Primary Sponsors); and Turner:

**H.B. 927**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DURHAM AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REEVALUATE THE FUNDING OF ROADS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser, Pyrtle, Cairns, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors); and Harrison:

**H.B. 928**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Almond (Primary Sponsor); Eddins, Gable, Kidwell, Ward, and Winslow:

**H.B. 929**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH BY PROHIBITING THE ADDITION OF FLUORIDE FROM WATER SYSTEMS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives A. Jones (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Cervania, Colvin, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, and Roberson:

**H.B. 930**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE 2025 FIRST RESPONDERS AND NURSES APPRECIATION BONUS PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Longest, Warren, Hawkins, and Buansi (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, G. Pierce, Prather, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 931**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO END PREDATORY TOWING FEES AND PRACTICES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives A. Jones (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Budd, Cervania, Clark, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and Price:

**H.B. 932**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE 2025 TEACHERS' AND FIRST RESPONDERS' PAY INCREASE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A TEN PERCENT RAISE TO TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, Crawford, and White (Primary Sponsors); Alston, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Cervania, Cunningham, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 933**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT CAUCUS FOR INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS

WITH INTELLECTUAL OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson, Zenger, Hawkins, and Alston (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Budd, Cervania, Clark, N. Jackson, Lopez, G. Pierce, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 934**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CRIMINAL LAWS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF A DEEPFAKE AND AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE LAWS TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO DEVELOPERS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS USED BY LEARNED PROFESSIONALS, is referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greene (Primary Sponsor); Ward and White:

**H.B. 935**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXCLUDE FIRE OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCY PROPERTY FROM ELECTION USE IF THE USE WILL INHIBIT THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT EMERGENCY RESPONSE, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Greene (Primary Sponsor); Belk, K. Brown, Cunningham, Harrison, Loftis, Pickett, G. Pierce, Turner, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 936**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS TO ADDRESS ROBOCALLS, is referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich, Hawkins, Ager, and R. Pierce (Primary Sponsors); T. Brown, Cervania, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, and Prather:

**H.B. 937**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOCATE TAX PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS BETTING TO PROVIDE SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR ATHLETIC COACHES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Longest, Belk, T. Brown, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Cervania, Cunningham, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Prather, and Turner:

**H.B. 938**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING FAIR REPAIR REQUIREMENTS FOR MANUFACTURERS OF DIGITAL ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Eddins, Biggs, Scott, and N. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Balkcom, Branson, Dixon, Loftis, and Ward:

**H.B. 939**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HIRE CHAPLAINS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives von Haefen, Clark, and Helfrich (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, Prather, Price, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 940**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING AGAINST EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON PREGNANCY, CHILD-BIRTH, AND PREGNANCY RELATED CONDITIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ball, Prather, Johnson-Hostler, and von Haefen (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Alston, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Carney, Cervania, Crawford, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Price, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 941**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE NORTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Buansi and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Morey, G. Pierce, and Prather:

**H.B. 942**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DISTRIBUTED TO VICTIM ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Ball, Pittman, Cohn, and F. Jackson (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, T. Brown, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, and Rubin:

**H.B. 943**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TEACHER PIPELINE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Carney, Cotham, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Belk, T. Brown, Cunningham, Logan, Lopez, and Majeed:

**H.B. 944**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT, OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH, TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH GRANT SUPPORT TO MECKLENBURG COUNTY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham, Biggs, and Bell (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Harrison, F. Jackson, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 945**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR HARASSMENT TO SPECIFY IF THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON A SCHOOL BUS, TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF ACTS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE REPORTING, AND TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY FOR FAILING TO REPORT AN ACT OF VIOLENCE, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham, Biggs, and Brockman (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 946**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CLASS OF TEACHING LICENSE THAT MAY ONLY BE USED AT A SCHOOL USING MONTESSORI INSTRUCTION AS ITS PRIMARY METHOD OF INSTRUCTION, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham, Biggs, and Brockman (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, G. Brown, Cunningham, Harrison, F. Jackson, Lopez, and Turner:

**H.B. 947**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DYSLEXIA SCREENING AND INTERVENTIONS IN SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE DYSLEXIA TRAINING FOR TEACHERS, TO REQUIRE LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS BE ALIGNED WITH THE SCIENCE OF READING, AND TO TRANSFER THE NC PRE-K PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Budd, Carney, Cunningham, Dew, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, Lopez, and Majeed:

**H.B. 948**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT, is referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson, Branson, and McNeely (Primary Sponsors); Almond, Biggs, Blust, Cairns, Dixon, Kidwell, Ward, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 949**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SECURITY GUARDS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Wheatley (Primary Sponsor); Cervania, Colvin, Cunningham, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, and Winslow:

**H.B. 950**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION TO INCREASE THE AGE REQUIREMENT, TO REMOVE THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT, AND TO EXCLUDE FROM TAXATION ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE RESIDENCE, AND TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THOSE CHANGES, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich, Hawkins, Liu, and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Cervania, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Morey, G. Pierce, Prather, and Rubin:

**H.B. 951**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF CHILD CARE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, TO REQUIRE RENOVATIONS OR NEW BUILDS OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY TO INCLUDE A CHILD CARE CENTER OR ADULT CARE CENTER, TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COUNTY GRANTS FOR THIRD-SHIFT CHILD CARE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, TO REQUIRE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ON-SITE CHILD CARE AT EACH NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COLLEGE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM, AND TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE STREAMLINING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL STRUCTURES FOR COMMERCIAL CHILD CARE FACILITIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Helfrich, Crawford, Turner, and Rubin (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Budd, Cervania, Colvin, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Morey, and Prather:

**H.B. 952**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE FINANCE AGENCY, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Budd, Carson Smith, and T. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Belk, K. Brown, Cervania, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, G. Pierce, Prather, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 953**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND PRIVATE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAY RATES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins (Primary Sponsor); Ager, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Budd, Cervania, Colvin, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, and Prather:

**H.B. 954**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A FUND FOR RESILIENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR LOCAL DISASTER RESPONSE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Longest (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Budd, Cervania, Harrison, Logan, Morey, Prather, Reives, and Rubin:

**H.B. 955**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA JUNK FEE PREVENTION ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Willis, Wheatley, Campbell, and Eddins (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Colvin, Cunningham, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, G. Pierce, and Ward:

**H.B. 956**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS FOR DISABLED ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, Ward, and Baker (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, T. Brown, Budd, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Prather, and Rubin:

**H.B. 957**, 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, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell and Stevens (Primary Sponsors); Blust, Dixon, Kidwell, Penny, Pike, and Ward:

**H.B. 958**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO ELECTION ADMINISTRATION LAWS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, K. Hall, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Dixon and Pike:

**H.B. 959**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY AND TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Longest, Ager, Butler, and Lofton (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Cervania, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Lopez, G. Pierce, Prather, Reives, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 960**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING ACTIVATION OF AN INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT WHEN A DISASTER IS DECLARED UNDER THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Charles Smith, Davis, Balkcom, and Majeed (Primary Sponsors); Harrison, Morey, and Rubin:

**H.B. 961**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR FELONY OFFENSES COMMITTED BECAUSE OF A VICTIM'S CHARACTERISTIC AND TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO AN AGGRAVATING FACTOR FOR AN OFFENSE COMMITTED BECAUSE OF A VICTIM'S CHARACTERISTIC, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gable, Reeder, and G. Brown (Primary Sponsors); and Humphrey:

**H.B. 962**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Adams:

**H.B. 963**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT; TO ESTABLISH A BUILDING INSPECTOR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND A PROGRAM FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO BECOME CODE-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS; TO REQUIRE JUST CAUSE AND DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING INSPECTORS; TO PROVIDE FINALITY FOR APPROVED STAGES OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS; TO ESTABLISH THE DISASTER BUILDING INSPECTION RELIEF FUND; AND TO PRESERVE CERTAIN CODE OFFICIALS' AUTHORITY TO INSPECT CERTAIN NONRESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Echevarria, Pike, and Moss (Primary Sponsors); and Kidwell:

**H.B. 964**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONCEALED CARRY OF A WEAPON OTHER THAN A HANDGUN IF THE PERSON HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT ISSUED OR CONSIDERED VALID UNDER STATE LAW OR IS OTHERWISE EXEMPTED BY LAW FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Brown, Harrison, Moss, and Lowery (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Butler, Cervania, Cohn, Longest, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Price, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 965**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO PURE WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND A PRESERVED ENVIRONMENT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Gable, Willis, Setzer, and Echevarria (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Blust, Dixon, Johnson, Tyson, and Ward:

**H.B. 966**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM REQUIRING STUDENTS TO USE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS THAT COME WITH ADDITIONAL COSTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham (Primary Sponsor); Blust, Cairns, Harrison, Kidwell, Loftis, Penny, and Ward:

**H.B. 967**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC BUILDINGS INCLUDE VOTING PLACES FOR PURPOSES OF THE CRIME OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN OR NEAR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, is referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania, Carson Smith, and Miller (Primary Sponsors); Baker, Belk, Harrison, F. Jackson, Logan, Wheatley, and White:

**H.B. 968**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Longest and Blust (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Cervania, Harrison, Morey, and Rubin:

**H.B. 969**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ABOLITION OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Longest, Lopez, Morey, and Prather (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Butler, Cervania, Harrison, Logan, Price, and Rubin:

**H.B. 970**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT ALGORITHMIC RENT FIXING IN THE RENTAL HOUSING MARKET, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blackwell, Torbett, Willis, and Reeder (Primary Sponsors); and Penny:

**H.B. 971**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRADUATION PLANS IN SELECT SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Bell and Dixon (Primary Sponsors); and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 972**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO WAYNE COUNTY FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Longest, Cohn, Dahle, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Morey, and Price:

**H.B. 973**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM RESTRICTIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives G. Pierce, Cervania, White, and Wheatley (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, K. Brown, Butler, Colvin, Crawford, Harrison, Majeed, Morey, Prather, Reives, Roberson, and Rubin:

**H.B. 974**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON WAYS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY

BY HOSPICE CARE FACILITIES FOR COMPLAINTS BY HOSPICE CARE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Scott, N. Jackson, and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Dixon, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 975**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, WHILE ON DUTY, TO CARRY PEPPER SPRAY OPENLY OR CONCEALED, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives K. Hall, Reives, Schietzelt, and Turner (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Balkcom, Belk, Biggs, Blust, Branson, Cervania, Clark, Colvin, Harrison, N. Jackson, Johnson, Logan, Majeed, Morey, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Prather, Warren, and Zenger:

**H.B. 976**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT, is referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Budd, Cervania, and Harrison:

**H.B. 977**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, Willis, and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); Cervania, Harrison, F. Jackson, Morey, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, and Prather:

**H.B. 978**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON YOUTH MENTORING AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT YOUTH MENTORING INITIATIVES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Ball, Colvin, Greenfield, and G. Brown (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Harrison, and F. Jackson:

**H.B. 979**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT UPDATING AND STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM OF VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE OFFICE OF STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Chesser (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Budd, Cervania, Harrison, F. Jackson, Morey, G. Pierce, Reives, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 980**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT DUE TO COURT DEBT AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT A TEXT REMINDER SYSTEM FOR COURT DATES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Schietzelt, Rhyne, and Willis (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 981**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO ATTEND ANY SCHOOL WITHIN THE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS DOMICILED, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania and Budd (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Butler, Harrison, F. Jackson, and Logan:

**H.B. 982**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY BY AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SPEED-MEASURING SYSTEMS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DETECT SPEED LIMIT VIOLATIONS IN HIGHWAY WORK ZONES; TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE APPROVAL, USE, AND CALIBRATION OF ELECTRONIC SPEED-MEASURING SYSTEMS; TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL PENALTY FOR SPEED VIOLATIONS IN HIGHWAY WORK ZONES THAT ARE DETECTED BY THOSE SYSTEMS; TO CREATE A NEW SPECIAL FUND WITHIN THE STATE CIVIL PENALTY AND FORFEITURE FUND; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PENALTIES INTO THE DESIGNATED SPECIAL FUND, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cervania and Morey (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Belk, Butler, Harrison, Prather, Price, Rubin, and Turner:

**H.B. 983**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Belk, Reives, Cervania, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors); Ball, Butler, Colvin, Harrison, F. Jackson, Morey, and Rubin:

**H.B. 984**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PERMITTING CANNABIS MEDICAL RESEARCH STUDIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham, Biggs, and Bell (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Blust, Branson, Dixon, F. Jackson, Kidwell, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pyrtle, Ward, Wheatley, White, and Winslow:

**H.B. 985**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULTING A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR SCHOOL VOLUNTEER, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 3 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cotham and Biggs (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Blust, Dixon, Harrison, F. Jackson, Penny, Pickett, R. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, and Rhyne:

**H.B. 986**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS FROM REQUIRING LESSON PLANS OR LESSON OBJECTIVES BE POSTED, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTY-FREE LUNCHES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO REQUIRE THAT TEACHERS WHO LEAD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BE COMPENSATED FOR THEIR TIME, is referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Longest (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Harrison, F. Jackson, and Logan:

**H.B. 987**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE POLICE LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Hawkins:

**H.B. 988**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING INSTANT BINGO GAMES, TO REVISE THE METHOD BY WHICH FUNDS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH A BINGO GAME MAY BE DISBURSED, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clark, Logan, F. Jackson, and Budd (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Cervania, Colvin, Harrison, Morey, Prather, and Rubin:

**H.B. 989**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Longest, Clark, and Johnson-Hostler (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Budd, Harrison, Logan, Lopez, Morey, and Prather:

**H.B. 990**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE NOTICE BEFORE IMPOSING CERTAIN FEES ON TENANTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); and Ward:

**H.B. 991**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DISASTER MORTUARY OPERATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM, is referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Cairns, Tyson, Ross, and Winslow (Primary Sponsors); Biggs, Budd, Harrison, Johnson, Miller, Pike, Pyrtle, and Zenger:

**H.B. 992**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE, is referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Budd, Iler, and Liu (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Harrison, F. Jackson, and Logan:

**H.B. 993**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS TO INCORPORATE OR ORGANIZE AS CORPORATIONS OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins (Primary Sponsor); Baker, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Colvin, Harrison, Logan, and Turner:

**H.B. 994**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RECOVERY EFFORTS IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AND TO EXPAND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Baker and K. Brown (Primary Sponsors):

**H.B. 995**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A MULTIUSE CENTER, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Schietzelt, Pickett, and Brody (Primary Sponsors); N. Jackson, Kidwell, Pike, and Ward:

**H.B. 996**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE INCREASE IN THE STATE GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET BY REDUCING THE STATUTORY CAP ON THE OPERATING BUDGET AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STATE PERSONAL INCOME TO SIX PERCENT, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Riddell, Turner, Scott, and Brody (Primary Sponsors); Cairns, Dixon, Johnson, Kidwell, Rubin, and Ward:

**H.B. 997**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CERTIFY WHETHER OR NOT THAT MEMBER HAS REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION PRIOR TO TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representatives Carney, Belk, and Lopez (Primary Sponsors); T. Brown, Budd, Helfrich, Logan, and Majeed:

**H.B. 998**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MAIN LIBRARY, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Warren and Loftis (Primary Sponsors); Branson, Miller, and Pickett:

**H.B. 999**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE REGULATED PLAY OF VIDEO GAMING TERMINALS IN THIS STATE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson, N. Jackson, and Almond (Primary Sponsors); Balkcom, Cairns, and Ward:

**H.B. 1000**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DETRANSITIONER BILL OF RIGHTS, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Johnson-Hostler and Campbell (Primary Sponsors); Belk, Cervania, Colvin, Harrison, F. Jackson, and R. Pierce:

**H.B. 1001**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF NURSING THAT TRAIN SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINERS TO ANNUALLY REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION, is referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Harrison, Loftis, and Cervania (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Butler, Prather, Rubin, Turner, and Ward:

**H.B. 1002**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING PASSING ANY GRID OR ENERGY COSTS INCURRED SOLELY FOR SERVING DATA CENTERS TO RATE PAYERS AND CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR DATA CENTER PLANNING, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives B. Jones, Miller, Pyrtle, and Colvin (Primary Sponsors); and Ward:

**H.B. 1003**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION, is referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Hawkins, Lowery, and Reives (Primary Sponsors); Ager, Belk, Colvin, Harrison, Logan, Majeed, and Rubin:

**H.B. 1004**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HUBS AT SELECT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH TECHNOLOGY HUBS AT EACH CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Clark and Quick (Primary Sponsors); and Harrison:

**H.B. 1005**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE REFERENDUM REQUIRED TO LEVY THE ONE-QUARTER CENT COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX AND TO MODIFY THE ALLOWABLE USES OF THE PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE TAX, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Blust (Primary Sponsor); Belk, Butler, Harrison, Kidwell, Morey, Turner, Ward, and White:

**H.B. 1006**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ACTS SHALL HAVE ONE SUBJECT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 507** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES IN K-12 SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

COURSES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 558** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STUDENTS, PROFESSORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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# FORTY-FOURTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Bell.

## GUESTS

The Chair extends the courtesies of the floor to students from Rosewood Elementary School.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 220** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO TRESPASS UPON PROPERTY TO HUNT, FISH, OR TRAP, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**S.B. 335** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO TEST AND TREAT FOR CERTAIN ILLNESSES WITH CERTAIN MEDICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, TO PROVIDE FOR FAIR AND EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR PROCEDURES THAT ARE PERFORMED BY A PHARMACIST WITHIN THAT PHARMACIST'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO SERVICES PERFORMED BY OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 664** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT, TO AMEND ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS, TO AMEND MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, AND TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR CERTAIN JDIG REQUIREMENTS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 675** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE FEES OR DISCOUNTS THAT CERTAIN LENDERS MAY CHARGE ON SECOND OR JUNIOR LIEN REAL ESTATE LOANS TO ALIGN MORE CLOSELY WITH FEDERAL QUALIFIED MORTGAGE STANDARDS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Goodwin, Loftis, and Pike, Chairs, for the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs:

**H.B. 114**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ELIMINATE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PERIOD OF WAR AND TO INCLUDE PERSONS SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY, MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE, AND THEIR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

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**H.B. 615**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE MILITARY FAMILIES ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

**H.B. 703**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS BY STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES TO HONOR THOSE INTERRED WITHIN, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 741**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ON A PERSONALIZED BACKGROUND AND MODIFYING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 402**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT, to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 297** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING, is withdrawn from the Calendar 36(b) and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 171** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PRO-

VISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, is withdrawn from the Calendar of April 16 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Ross and Sauls, Chairs, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 13**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT A MERCHANT MAY CHARGE CUSTOMERS FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 133** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER LANDS CRITICAL TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE STATE BY CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATED AS ADVERSARIAL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 754**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT DISABLED AND OLDER ADULTS FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AND TO UPDATE THE SAVINGS BANK LAWS TO INCREASE ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMMERCIAL BANKING LAWS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 301** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 762**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT (S.A.F.E) MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Chesser, Riddell, and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Regulatory Reform:

**H.B. 210**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DEFINING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES LICENSED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE CEMETERY COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES AND IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THOSE STANDARDS, AND REQUIRING ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE PERFORMED AT CEMETERIES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 163** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF SPREAD PRICING AND CONCESSIONS BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SPECIALTY PHARMACY ACCREDITATION BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO A PHARMACY OF CHOICE, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED TO PHARMACIES DURING AUDITS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 592**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURING, SELLING, AND DISTRIBUTING OF INTRAVENOUS SOLUTION CONTAINERS AND INTRAVENOUS TUBING THAT ARE INTENTIONALLY MADE WITH DEHP, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, Setzer, Kidwell, and Ross, Chairs, for the Committee on Finance:

**H.B. 250** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO WAIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENT AND FEE FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES OWNED BY DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 432**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EXCLUSION AMOUNT UNDER THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, TO EXPAND THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, TO CREATE THE HOMEOWNER ADVANTAGE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM AND THE ELDERLY PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER PROGRAM AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THOSE PROGRAMS, AND TO CREATE EXEMPTIONS TO THE FORCED SALE OF A HOMESTEAD, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 559**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 729**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION FOR SOLAR ENERGY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT QUALIFYING FACILITIES UNDER PURPA, AND TO REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR EXISTING SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 107**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOMMEND AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WITH EPILEPSY OR OTHERWISE PREDISPOSED TO SEIZURES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 113**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID SUSTAINABILITY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 399**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE VARIOUS FEES FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 434**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CUT AUTHORIZATION RED TAPE EFFICIENTLY AND FACILITATE INTERVENTIONS RAPIDLY, START TREATMENT ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

**H.B. 578**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION BE PART OF THE SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH POLICY OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12.

**H.B. 4** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON RECOGNIZING AND RESPONDING WHEN A PERSON IS EXPERIENCING A SEIZURE, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 480**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 546**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEAM-BASED CARE COORDINATION IN MEDICAID SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO SUSPEND RATHER THAN TERMINATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Insurance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 576**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 244** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 368** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAW REGARDING THE MANDATORY USE OF CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 476** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING AND RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 485**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL TO EXTEND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN ADULT CARE HOMES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 512** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INJURED K-9 POLICE ANIMAL OR AN INJURED SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 537**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR A PRESUMPTION OF DEATH IN INSTANCES WHERE THE DISAPPEARANCE AND CONTINUED ABSENCE OF A PERSON COINCIDES WITH A DISASTER DECLARATION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 659**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 734**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND THE PROHIBITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT BY MAKING DEBT SETTLEMENT AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE, CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT, EXPANDING CIVIL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO DEBTORS, AND LIMITING DEBT SETTLEMENT ACTS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED AND TO MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 424** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS REGULATING GAMING DO NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES PLAYED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, HOME, OR COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 477** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SURVIVOR'S ALTERNATE BENEFIT UNDER THOSE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, AND

TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 38**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 402**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 612**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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By Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 636**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, OR RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY AGAINST A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT THAT IS VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 7B OF CHAPTER 115C OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, CHAPTER 114A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, OR PART 3 OF ARTICLE 1A OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 707**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT PURCHASE ANY SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM MANUFACTURED OR ASSEMBLED BY CERTAIN FOREIGN VENDORS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 576** (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, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Health.

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The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 558**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CRITERIA FOR PROCUREMENT OF FUTURE MEDICAID PREPAID HEALTH PLAN CONTRACTS, to the Committee on Insurance and the Committee on Finance are stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 640**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE VERIFICATION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health.

**H.B. 771**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPOSITIONS OF CERTAIN WITNESSES FOR PRESERVATION OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 139**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW INFANTS TO BE SAFELY SURRENDERED AT CERTAIN FACILITIES IN A NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 568**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the on Commerce and Economic Development.

On motion of the Chair, the serial referral to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, the committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 620**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 648**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPROPRIATE TIMING FOR CONSIDERING NONRELATIVE PLACEMENT FOR NONSECURE CUSTODY AND DISPOSITION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by Speaker Pro Tempore Setzer.

Prayer is offered by Representative Abe Jones.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 14 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Speaker Hall; Representatives Clampitt, Dew, Lofton, Lowery, Prather, and Willingham for today. Representatives Cervania, Dixon, Reives, and Stevens are excused for a portion of the Session.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 333**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE SHALL EXERCISE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ONLY WITHIN THE CITY'S CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS, passes its second reading and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 69** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATORY ADMISSIONS POLICIES REGARDING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS; TO REQUIRE MILITARY ADMISSIONS DEFERMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS ADMITTED TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA; AND TO PROVIDE IN-STATE TUITION TO CERTAIN HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 211**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVISION OF CALL LOCATION INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (103-8), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 213** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE LABOR LAWS TO REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO POST NOTICE OF VETERANS' BENEFITS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 218**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REQUEST EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION ON DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 246** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RECKLESS DRIVING OR STREET RACING THAT CAUSES SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH AND INCREASE PENALTIES FOR HIT AND RUN OFFENSES THAT RESULT IN DEATH, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 272** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT, PROBATION/PAROLE, AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHO HOLD AN ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CORRECTIONS CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION OR THE ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION TO PURCHASE, AT FULL COST, UP TO FOUR YEARS' CREDITABLE SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 309**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 349** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES; AND AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 373** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTED TUITION TO PERSONS RECEIVING MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE OR PERSONS ENROLLED IN AN EMPLOYER-SPONSORED FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 378** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATION RECORDS OF MINOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE PARENTS OF THE DEPENDENT STUDENT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 412** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECOUPLE THE CHILD CARE RATED LICENSE SYSTEM AND SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE SUBSIDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES AND TO MAKE OTHER CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS.

Representative Arp offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (110-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (81-31), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 437** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONES AND INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR COMMITTING

CERTAIN DRUG OFFENSES IN A DRUG-FREE HOMELESS SERVICE ZONE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (76-36), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 479**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF BURGAW TO BE USED FOR FIRE TRAINING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC USES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

[Pursuant to the motion made by Representative Setzer on April 16, 2025, Representative Cervania is recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (107-0).]

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## BILL FILING DEADLINE EXTENDED

On motion of the Chair and without objection, the April 10, 2025, filing deadline for public bills and resolutions is extended for Representatives Baker, Dew, and Humphrey.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative Howard, that the House adjourn at 5:10 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, April 16, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 414**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE EQUAL CREDIT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN BY CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE STUDENTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 671**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRANTS FOR COMPETITIVE SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAMS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 279**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 288**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING POW/MIA FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF THE FLAG CAN BE ATTACHED TO AN EXISTING FLAGPOLE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 443**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, AUDITOR, TREASURER, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, AND COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 649**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY TIER DESIGNATION SYSTEM, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 188** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 372** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES SHALL NOT PROHIBIT CERTAIN HOME-BASED BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 150**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 226**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 307**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY TIME LIMITS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN NONCAPITAL CASES; TO PLACE XYLAZINE AND KRATOM ON THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES; TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; TO REQUIRE RECORDATION OF ALL CRIMINAL MATTERS IN DISTRICT COURT AND ESTABLISH WHEN THOSE RECORDS MAY BE DISCLOSED; TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF IMMUNITY TO WITNESSES; AND TO CLARIFY THE STANDING OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN CASES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 318**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WHEN A PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 575**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 38** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 126** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES FOR LAND USE DECISIONS IMPACTING LANDS IN SUCH DISTRICTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 133** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER LANDS CRITICAL TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE STATE BY CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATED AS ADVERSARIAL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 152**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION SERVICES UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

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**H.B. 163** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF SPREAD PRICING AND CONCESSIONS BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SPECIALTY PHARMACY ACCREDITATION BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO A PHARMACY OF CHOICE, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED TO PHARMACIES DURING AUDITS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 217** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE, INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AWARENESS, FOR UNLICENSED PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS AND OLDER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 244** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 250** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL REPORT DUE DATE FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES OWNED BY DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 298**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 402** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT AND TO CLARIFY THE JUDICIAL DEFERENCE AFFORDED TO AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF RULES, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 432** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR ELDERLY, DISABLED, AND DISABLED VETERAN HOMEOWNERS; TO EVALUATE WHETHER ANY MODIFICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE THE PROPERTY TAX BURDEN ON THOSE HOMEOWNERS; TO CONSIDER OTHER PROPERTY TAX REFORMS; AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, TO THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 485**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL TO EXTEND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN ADULT CARE HOMES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 537**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR A PRESUMPTION OF DEATH IN INSTANCES WHERE THE DISAPPEARANCE AND CONTINUED ABSENCE OF A PERSON COINCIDES WITH A DISASTER DECLARATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 559** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 592** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURING, SELLING, AND DISTRIBUTING OF INTRAVENOUS SOLUTION CONTAINERS AND INTRAVENOUS TUBING THAT ARE INTENTIONALLY MADE WITH DEHP, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

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**H.B. 612** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 636** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, OR RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY AGAINST A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT THAT IS VIOLATING THOSE PROCEDURES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

**H.B. 734**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND THE PROHIBITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT BY MAKING DEBT SETTLEMENT AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE, CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT, EXPANDING CIVIL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO DEBTORS, AND LIMITING DEBT SETTLEMENT ACTS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED AND TO MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 16.

The House stands adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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# FORTY-FIFTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Principal Clerk.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:00 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

April 16, 2025

**RECESS**

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following are introduced and read the first time:

By Representatives Bell (Primary Sponsor) and Cairns:

**H.J.R. 1007**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Baker (Primary Sponsor) and Majeed:

**H.B. 1008**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE PENALTIES FOR SEXUAL BATTERY AND STALKING WHEN THE PERPETRATOR IS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTED OFFICIAL AND THE VICTIM IS A FELLOW GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER OR SUBORDINATE EMPLOYEE, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Humphrey:

**H.B. 1009**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT NO CITY IN THE STATE MAY HAVE OR EXERCISE PLANNING JURISDICTION OUTSIDE ITS CORPORATE LIMITS, is referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Dew:

**H.B. 1010**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HOUSING MARKET MANIPULATION AND TO PROTECT AGAINST ARTIFICIAL INFLATION BY EXCESSIVE HOME BUYING BY ENTITIES PURCHASING HOMES FOR USE AS RENTAL PROPERTIES, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Dew, Harrison, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors); and Majeed:

**H.B. 1011**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, is referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

Senate Chamber
April 15, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

It is ordered that a message be sent to your honorable body that pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Josh Stein on April 8, 2025, Chris Measmer has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Paul Newton from the 34th district.

Senator Chris Measmer will occupy seat 30 and has been appointed to the following committees:

Agriculture, Energy, and Environment

Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology

Judiciary

Regulatory Reform

State and Local Government

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Greene and Pless, Chairs, for the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery:

**H.B. 675**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS EXAMINATION FOR CREDENTIALING AS VARIOUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

**H.B. 695**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE STATE'S VIPER PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO NETWORK IN ORDER TO SUPPORT 911 OPERATIONS INTEROPERABILITY AND FIRST RESPONDER DISPATCH THROUGHOUT THE STATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 975**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, WHILE ON DUTY, TO CARRY PEPPER SPRAY OPENLY OR CONCEALED, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

By Representatives Hastings and Pickett, Chairs, for the Committee on Higher Education:

**H.B. 670**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CAREER AND COLLEGE PATHWAYS INNOVATION CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Representatives Adams, Iler, McNeely, Shepard, and Tyson, Chairs, for the Committee on Transportation:

**H.B. 652**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY CALCULATION OF TRANSPORTATION GOODS UNIT PRICING COST, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 821**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN CLASS C DRIVERS LICENSES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 822**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS GOVERNING OPERATION OF MOPEDS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 57**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS AS THE STATE'S VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 912**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE HOME-TOWN TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM, CALLED THE H.O.M.E. (HOME-TOWN OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTORING EDUCATORS) ACT, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 593**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS BY WHICH UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, AND LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS SELECT AN ACCOUNTANT TO CONDUCT ANNUAL AUDITS; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE AUDITOR TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH FINANCIAL RECORD KEEPING, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

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The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 632**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING AND TO REQUIRE EDUCATION ENTITIES TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO PREVENT HAZING, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 2 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Higher Education is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 833**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO EXPAND THE HOME PROCESSOR PROGRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN REFRIGERATED, FROZEN, AND PERISHABLE PRODUCTS, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Dixon, Gillespie, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

**H.B. 468**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

**H.B. 570**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FORBID USE OF FIREFIGHTING FOAMS CONTAINING PFAS CHEMICALS FOR FIREFIGHTING TRAINING OR TESTING PURPOSES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 605**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ADVANCED RECYCLING DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 694**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER AT THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL TO STUDY WATER AND WASTEWATER REGIONALIZATION AND IDENTIFY AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE THE COSTS OF WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES COULD BE LOWERED AND QUALITY OF THOSE SERVICES IMPROVED, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 850**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

**H.B. 381** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ON-SITE SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER STATUTES AND TO MODIFY THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CERTAIN ADVANCED TREATMENT SYSTEMS AS INNOVATIVE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by Speaker Pro Tempore Setzer.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Jeffrey C. McNeely:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for demonstrating Your love through Christ, who died for us while we were still sinners. Your grace is overwhelming and undeserved. Help us to live in gratitude, reflecting Your mercy daily.

"Strengthen our faith, and draw us closer to You through Jesus, our Savior. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 15 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Speaker Hall; Representatives Clampitt, Huneycutt, Lofton, Moss, Prather, and Willingham for today. Representatives Schietzelt, Shepard, and Willis are excused for a portion of the Session.

## VOTE ADJUSTED

On motion of the Chair and without objection, Rule 24(c) is suspended in order for Representative Cervania to be recorded as voting "aye" on the April 15, 2025, second reading of **H.B. 479**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF BURGAW TO BE USED FOR FIRE TRAINING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC USES. The adjusted vote total is (107-0).

## BILL PLACED ON CALENDAR

On motion of the Chair and without objection, **H.J.R. 1007**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and placed on today's Calendar.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 133** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER LANDS CRITICAL TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF

THE STATE BY CERTAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DESIGNATED AS ADVERSARIAL BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Quick requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (111-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 244** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (72-40), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representatives G. Brown, F. Jackson, and G. Pierce request and are granted leave of the House to change their votes from "aye" to "no." The adjusted vote total is (69-43).

[Pursuant to the motion made by Representative Harrison on April 29, 2025, she is recorded as voting "no." The adjusted vote total is (69-44).]

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the following bill appears on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 328** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BAN DELTA-8 AND DELTA-9 PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS AND TO CLARIFY THAT VAPOR PRODUCTS ARE BANNED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the following bill appears on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 329** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the following bill appears on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 390**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION IN HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 402** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT AND TO CLARIFY THE JUDICIAL DEFERENCE AFFORDED TO AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF RULES.

Representative Harrison offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (50-63).

Representative Pike requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "aye" to "no." The adjusted vote total is (49-64).

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (69-43), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative F. Jackson requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "aye" to "no." Representative Baker requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "no." The adjusted vote total is (68-45).

The bill passes its third reading, by electronic vote (68-44), and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 432** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR ELDERLY, DISABLED, AND DISABLED VETERAN HOMEOWNERS; TO EVALUATE WHETHER ANY MODIFICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE THE PROPERTY TAX BURDEN ON THOSE HOME-OWNERS; TO CONSIDER OTHER PROPERTY TAX REFORMS; AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, TO THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

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Representative Quick requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (110-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 557**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING "THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW" AS THE OFFICIAL TELEVISION SHOW OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (96-14), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 485**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REQUEST FOR FEDERAL APPROVAL TO EXTEND MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS RESIDING IN ADULT CARE HOMES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 537**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR A PRESUMPTION OF DEATH IN INSTANCES WHERE THE DISAPPEARANCE AND CONTINUED ABSENCE OF A PERSON COINCIDES WITH A DISASTER DECLARATION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representatives T. Brown and Paré request and are granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (111-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 559** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 574**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROJECT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (103-6), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative T. Brown requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (104-5).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 592** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURING, SELLING, AND DISTRIBUTING OF INTRAVENOUS SOLUTION CONTAINERS AND INTRAVENOUS TUBING THAT ARE INTENTIONALLY MADE WITH DEHP, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 610**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MAINTAINING ONE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL PER LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 734**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND THE PROHIBITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT BY MAKING DEBT SETTLEMENT AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE, CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF DEBT SETTLEMENT, EXPANDING CIVIL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO DEBTORS, AND LIMITING DEBT SETTLEMENT ACTS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED AND TO MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.J.R. 1007**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The resolution passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 636** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT CONTENT THAT IS HARMFUL TO MINORS IS NOT MADE AVAILABLE IN SCHOOLS AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, OR RESIDENTS OF A COUNTY AGAINST A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT THAT IS VIOLATING THOSE PROCEDURES.

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Representative Quick offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (49-57).

Representative B. Jones calls the previous question on the passage of the bill and the call is sustained by electronic vote (61-45).

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (63-45), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Ball requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "no." The adjusted vote total is (63-46).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of April 14 are introduced to the membership. They are: Ellie Alford of Pitt; Meyer Brod of Guilford; Christian Bullock of Beaufort; Kameryn Covington of Cumberland; Maryam Jawad of Wake; Kiya Kernodle of Alamance; Amaya McCray of Cumberland; Joseph Melone of Buncombe; Graham Nisbet of Orange; Cornelia Okonkwo of Gaston; Carson Owens of Wake; Chloe Solum of Orange; and Brady Stiltner of Harnett.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 5:12 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Dixon, Gillespie, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

**H.B. 376** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO ON-SITE WASTEWATER PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND PERMITTING, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 569**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED BY GENX AND OTHER PFAS COMPOUNDS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Adams, Iler, McNeely, Shepard, and Tyson, Chairs, for the Committee on Transportation:

**H.B. 146**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSECUTIVE REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 364**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT IS IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 472**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original

bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Carson Smith and Wheatley, Chairs, for the Committee on Pensions and Retirement:

**H.B. 92** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TREASURER TO INVEST IN QUALIFYING DIGITAL ASSETS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 106** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVIVE AND EXPAND THE PROGRAM ALLOWING RETIRED EDUCATORS TO RETURN TO WORK IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 506**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs, for the Committee on Insurance:

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**H.B. 434**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CUT AUTHORIZATION RED TAPE EFFICIENTLY AND FACILITATE INTERVENTIONS RAPIDLY, START TREATMENT ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 546** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEAM-BASED CARE COORDINATION IN MEDICAID SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO SUSPEND RATHER THAN TERMINATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 720**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING REVISIONS TO THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 737**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 820**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS THAT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS TO ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR EARLY REFILLS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The House stands adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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# FORTY-SIXTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, April 17, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Reeder.

Prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Campbell reports the Journal of April 16 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following resolution is properly enrolled, duly ratified, and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

**H.J.R. 1007**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN. (RESOLUTION 2025-3)

Representative Campbell moves, seconded by Representative Penny, that the House adjourn at 11:06 a.m., pursuant to **H.J.R. 1007**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN (RESOLUTION 2025-3), and subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, April 28, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs, for the Committee on Insurance:

**H.B. 717**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF

INSURANCE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 924**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS TO REFER VIOLATIONS TO APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, is withdrawn from the Committee on Housing and Development and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Judiciary 3 is stricken.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Brody and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Housing and Development:

**H.B. 627**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SITING OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

**H.B. 797**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW TO CLARIFY THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHOLESALING AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS CONSTITUTE REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE ACTIVITY THAT REQUIRES LICENSURE AND TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS WITH A RIGHT TO CANCEL SUCH TRANSACTIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

**H.B. 913**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 306**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, AND THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TOWN AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 444**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING UNIT OWNER ASSOCIATIONS AND LOT OWNER ASSOCIATIONS, TO MANDATE PRELITIGATION MEDIATION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO COLLECT AND REPORT ON COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED TO IT INVOLVING SUCH DISPUTES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 765**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee Judiciary 2.

On motion of the Chair, the serial referral to the Committee on Judiciary 2 is stricken.

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On motion of the Chair, the committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 768**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO ADOPT RULES TO AMEND THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE TO CLARIFY EXEMPTIONS FROM IN-BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONDER RADIO COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 462**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINIANS BY ENACTING THE PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY ACT AND SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 2 and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The serial referrals to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remain.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 515**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC ABUSE PREVENTION ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 2 and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remain.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 747**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

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Serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 415**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES MODIFYING HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION PATHWAY TO PROVIDE MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY RULES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Education - K-12 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 894**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FIREARMS BUSINESSES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 743**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LIVE-IN DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS IN GROUP HOMES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 576** (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, is withdrawn from the Committee on Health and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 546** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEAM-BASED CARE COORDINATION IN MEDICAID SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO SUSPEND RATHER THAN TERMINATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 13**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT A MERCHANT MAY CHARGE CUSTOMERS FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 81** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 283**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RENAME THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNT THE SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT AND TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 347**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN AUTOMOBILE PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE COVERAGE IN A CREDIT PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 363**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO OPERATE A BUSPOOL MORE THAN TEN MILES BEYOND ITS TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 489**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM ALLOWABLE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN OUT-OF-NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 508**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LOWER THE CAP ON CREDIT CARD INTEREST AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 555**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL AS MEDICAID PROVIDERS, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 613**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION CONVENIENCE ACT AUTHORIZING VEHICLE OWNERS TO ELECT THE MONTH OF REGISTRATION RENEWAL, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 631**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO SUSTAINABLY FINANCE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE STATE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 634**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE BY CONFORMING TO FEDERAL LAW THE LAWS RELATED TO HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE AND TO ENHANCE COVERAGE PARITY FOR ADDICTION RECOVERY, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 635**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO FERTILITY DIAGNOSTIC CARE, TREATMENT, AND PRESERVATION SERVICES UNDER CERTAIN LARGE GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 650**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INTERCHANGE FEES ON SALES TAX OR GRATUITIES, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 652**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY CALCULATION OF TRANSPORTATION GOODS UNIT PRICING COST.

**H.B. 717** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

**H.B. 720**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING REVISIONS TO THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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**H.B. 737**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE.

**H.B. 762** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT (S.A.F.E) MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 824**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR OPIOID OVERDOSE AND OPIOID USE DISORDER BY UPDATING HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN COVERAGE OF, AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR, OVERDOSE AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER MEDICATIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES THAT RELATE TO MENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 870**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, TO ESTABLISH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 992**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 1003**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS

OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION, to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 797**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW TO CLARIFY THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHOLESALING AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS CONSTITUTE REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE ACTIVITY THAT REQUIRES LICENSURE AND TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS WITH A RIGHT TO CANCEL SUCH TRANSACTIONS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Regulatory Reform and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 150** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR A TWELFTH GRADE TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN INDIAN EDUCATION STUDENTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for the following bills to the Committee on State and Local Government are stricken. The serial referrals to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remain.

**H.B. 573**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER LICENSURE AND TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM ADOPTING RULES OR POLICIES IMPLEMENTING A STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER LICENSURE.

**H.B. 773**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE METRICS AND GRADES TO BETTER REFLECT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE.

**H.B. 875**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN

MATHEMATICS SUPPORTS IN SCHOOLS AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THOSE SUPPORTS.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 949**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SECURITY GUARDS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON NONPUBLIC EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Education - K-12 and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 985**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULTING A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR SCHOOL VOLUNTEER, is withdrawn from the Committee on Education - K-12 and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 612** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, is withdrawn from the Calendar of April 29 and placed on the Calendar 36(b).

The House stands adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

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# FORTY-SEVENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, April 28, 2025

The House meets at 12:00 p.m. pursuant to **H.J.R. 1007**, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN (RESOLUTION 2025-3), and is called to order by Representative Penny.

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Prayer is offered by Representative Jimmy Dixon.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Dixon, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 17 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**
20301 Mail Service Center ● Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Josh Stein
*Governor*

April 21, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall,

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-136 (as amended by S.L. 2024-49), I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for appointment to the North Carolina Building Code Council and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the General Assembly:

- Gloria Carney Shealy of Orange County to serve as a licensed general contractor who specializes in the construction of buildings greater than 75 feet in height. Her term will conclude on January 1, 2027.
- Natalie MacDonald of Wake County to serve as a licensed professional engineer who specializes in mechanical engineering. Her term will conclude on January 1, 2027.
- Brent Sigmon of Durham County to serve as a licensed unlimited plumbing and heating contractor, specializing in mechanical contracting. His term will conclude on January 1, 2029.

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- Russell Williams of Alamance County to serve as a level III code-enforcement official employed by a municipality or county. His term will conclude on January 1, 2029.
- Christopher Whaley of Davidson County to serve as a level III fire code official. His term will conclude on January 1, 2031.

I am grateful for their willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff at (919) 610-9080 for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

The Iredell County Register of Deeds submits, "RESOLUTION BY THE IREDELL COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS AND THE IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA SENATE BILL 248 WHICH WOULD ALLOW ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED GIVING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS TO ISSUE CERTIFIED COPIES OR ABSTRACTS OF A NEW CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH OF AN ADOPTEE AS PRESCRIBED BY N.C. G.S. 48-9-107(a)(c)."

The resolution is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

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Josh Stein
*Governor*

April 23, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-15.3 (c), I am pleased to nominate Regina S. Adams of Durham County for reappointment to the North Carolina

Employment Security Board of Review for a term beginning on July 1, 2025, and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for Mrs. Adams' 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/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

Representative Dixon moves, seconded by Representative Clampitt, that the House adjourn at 12:08 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, April 29, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 131** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY MODIFY BUNCOMBE COUNTY'S USE OF ONE-HALF OF ARTICLE 39 LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS TO INCLUDE BOTH SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY AND SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE BUNCOMBE SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND COMMISSION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 177**, 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, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 190** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 344** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS FOR FAIR MARKET VALUE TO POOLED SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS BY SENIORS AGE SIXTY-FIVE AND OLDER DOES NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAID OR STATE-COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 369** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL AS MEDICAID PROVIDERS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 370**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 449** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO EVALUATE CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY COSTS AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 528** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for the following bills to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

**H.B. 775**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF A CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APPLICANTS FOR EDUCATOR

LICENSURE, AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT AND TO CONSOLIDATE THE STATUTES REGULATING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

**H.B. 854**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION FOR EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS OR TRANSLITERATORS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERPRETER AND TRANSLITERATOR LICENSURE ACT.

**H.B. 855**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS.

**H.B. 946**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CLASS OF TEACHING LICENSE THAT MAY ONLY BE USED AT A SCHOOL USING MONTESSORI INSTRUCTION AS ITS PRIMARY METHOD OF INSTRUCTION.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 765** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 830**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING MOBILE TATTOO PARLORS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Health and re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 92** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TREASURER TO INVEST IN QUALIFYING DIGITAL ASSETS, EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN

AND MEMBERS OF THE 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN TO INVEST IN DIGITAL ASSETS, AND STUDY A STATE RESERVE TO HOLD SEIZED OR FORFEITED DIGITAL ASSETS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 107**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOMMEND AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WITH EPILEPSY OR OTHERWISE PREDISPOSED TO SEIZURES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 279**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 288**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING POW/MIA FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF THE FLAG CAN BE ATTACHED TO AN EXISTING FLAGPOLE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 318** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WHEN A PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 368** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAW REGARDING THE MANDATORY USE OF CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

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**H.B. 372** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES SHALL NOT PROHIBIT CERTAIN HOME-BASED BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 376** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO ON-SITE WASTEWATER PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND PERMITTING, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 381** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ON-SITE SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER STATUTES AND TO MODIFY THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CERTAIN ADVANCED TREATMENT SYSTEMS AS INNOVATIVE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 434**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CUT AUTHORIZATION RED TAPE EFFICIENTLY AND FACILITATE INTERVENTIONS RAPIDLY, START TREATMENT ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 439** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONCEALED CARRY OF BLADED WEAPONS IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 476** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING AND RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

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**H.B. 477** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SURVIVOR'S ALTERNATE BENEFIT UNDER THOSE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 506** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 512** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INJURED K-9 POLICE ANIMAL OR AN INJURED SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 568** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 570**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FORBID USE OF FIREFIGHTING FOAMS CONTAINING PFAS CHEMICALS FOR FIREFIGHTING TRAINING OR TESTING PURPOSES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 575** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 620** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 648** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISPOSITION PLACEMENT ANALYSIS AND REQUIRE WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 649**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY TIER DESIGNATION SYSTEM, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 694**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER AT THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL TO STUDY WATER AND WASTEWATER REGIONALIZATION AND IDENTIFY AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE THE COSTS OF WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES COULD BE LOWERED AND QUALITY OF THOSE SERVICES IMPROVED, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 771**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPOSITIONS OF CERTAIN WITNESSES FOR PRESERVATION OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.B. 822** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS GOVERNING OPERATION OF MOPEDS, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**H.R. 904**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION ELECTING WENDY FLOYD MURPHY, KELLIE HUNT BLUE, CAROLYN COWARD, JOHN A. FRALEY, REGINALD RONALD HOLLEY, AND DR. M. LEE BARNES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report and recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the resolution is placed on the Calendar of April 29.

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 171** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and placed on the Calendar of April 30.

The House stands adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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# FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 29, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Cotham.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

**RECESS**

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 97**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCLUDING DEATH DUE TO STOMACH CANCER IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE

DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 219** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW THAT AUTHORIZES COUNTIES AND CITIES TO FRANCHISE OR OPERATE AMBULANCE SERVICES AND PROVIDING THAT COUNTY OFFICIALS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS IN THE LEVEL OF CARE PROVIDED BY EMS PROVIDERS THAT ARE NOT OWNED OR OPERATED BY A CITY IN THE COUNTY OR THE COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, is withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 675**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS EXAMINATION FOR CREDENTIALING AS VARIOUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, is withdrawn from the Committee on Regulatory Reform and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 369**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REQUIRING A MINIMUM NUMBER OR SIZE OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES, TO BAN THE FUTURE PURCHASE AND IMPORTATION FOR USE OF PAVEMENT SEALANTS CONTAINING HIGH LEVELS OF POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS, AND TO CLARIFY THE LIMITS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES REGARDING STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS FOR REDEVELOPMENT SITES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Transportation and re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

The serial referrals to the Committee on State and Local Government and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remain.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 569** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER

CONTAMINATED BY GENX AND OTHER PFAS COMPOUNDS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Goodwin, Loftis, and Pike, Chairs, for the Committee on Homeland Security and Military and Veterans Affairs:

**H.B. 57**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS AS THE STATE'S VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 146** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSECUTIVE REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 110**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE NATIONAL GUARD STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following is received from the Senate:

April 29, 2025

**S.B. 257** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 569** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED BY GENX AND OTHER PFAS COMPOUNDS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Sauls, Chair, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 188** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 836**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA SOUND MONEY ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 859**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING

GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 936**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS TO ADDRESS ROBOCALLS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

**H.B. 616**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SELECTSITE READINESS PROGRAM, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 763**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING STATES WHO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 806**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS AND TO REQUIRE FIFTY PERCENT OF TEACHERS IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO HAVE A LICENSE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Education - K-12 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 415**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES MODIFYING HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION PATHWAY TO PROVIDE MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY RULES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Chesser, Riddell, and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Regulatory Reform:

**H.B. 934**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CRIMINAL LAWS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF A DEEPFAKE AND AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE LAWS TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO DEVELOPERS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS USED BY LEARNED PROFESSIONALS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

**H.B. 627**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SITING OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 926**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to

the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 139** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE INSTALLATION IN QUALIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 536**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 560**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 567**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE ACCESS TO AN EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR, ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF, AND REDUCE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE CONDITION ON NORTH CAROLINIANS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 727**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 746**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY AGAINST MEDICAL MALPRACTICE FOR REGISTERED NURSES ACTING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AS ARTICULATED IN BYRD V. MARION GENERAL HOSPITAL, 202 N.C. 337 (1932), with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 906**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE TO PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND CARE AND TO REPEAL STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN REQUIREMENTS TO COVER EMERGENCY CARE THAT ARE DUPLICATIVE OF FEDERAL LAW, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Insurance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 156**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 135**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; TO PROHIBIT COMMUNITY COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM PURCHASING CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS; AND TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTMENT ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN MEAT, POULTRY, EGG, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS AND ANALOGOUS PRODUCTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 489**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM ALLOWABLE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN OUT-OF-NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Insurance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Insurance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Adams and Moss, Chairs, for the Committee on Wildlife Resources:

**H.B. 441**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE AS THE OFFICIAL SALTWATER REPTILE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 597**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL RAPTOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

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**H.B. 841**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STATEWIDE STUDY ON SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASING AND CURRENT MORATORIUMS ON SHELLFISH LEASING, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

**H.B. 442**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE RECREATIONAL FISHING FOR SUMMER FLOUNDER AND RED SNAPPER IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE CREATION OF A FOUR-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 747**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 472** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 956**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE FINANCIAL PROTECTIONS FOR DISABLED ADULTS AND OLDER ADULTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 13**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE AMOUNT A MERCHANT MAY CHARGE CUSTOMERS FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 483**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND TERMS OF PROBATION AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION FOR YOUTH ADJUDICATED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO CLARIFY A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT TERMINATION OF PROBATION OR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION; TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR SECURE CUSTODY TO CLARIFY THAT A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MAY ENTER A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE VIOLATION OF A CHAPTER 50B DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER; TO CLARIFY THAT ALL FELONY SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO CLASS A THROUGH CLASS E FELONIES; TO EXTEND THE RETENTION PERIOD FOR CLOSED COMPLAINTS TO ALLOW FOR REVIEW BY THE PROSECUTOR; TO CREATE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR ESCAPING FROM A JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY OR OFFICER; TO CLARIFY AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE JUVENILE CAPACITY TO PROCEED PROCESS; AND TO CLARIFY THE PLACE OF CONFINEMENT FOR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 210**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DEFINING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES LICENSED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE CEMETERY COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES AND IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THOSE STANDARDS, AND REQUIRING ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE PERFORMED AT CEMETERIES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 605**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ADVANCED RECYCLING DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 703**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS BY STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES TO HONOR THOSE INTERRED WITHIN, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 801**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY PAPER TOWNS IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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By Representative Blust, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 3:

**H.B. 462**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINIANS BY ENACTING THE PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY ACT AND SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 515**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC ABUSE PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 908**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE JUDGES DISCRETION REGARDING THE DISMISSAL OF CRIMINAL CHARGES WHEN A DEFENDANT LACKS CAPACITY TO PROCEED, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 923**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REMOVE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM WEBSITES MAINTAINED BY COUNTIES AND CITIES WHEN REQUESTED BY CERTAIN PROSECUTORS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS, AND JUDICIAL PERSONNEL, AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PERSONNEL RECORDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 975**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, WHILE ON DUTY, TO CARRY PEPPER SPRAY OPENLY OR CONCEALED, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 602**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS SERVING AS PART OF THE ATHLETICS PERSONNEL OR COACHING STAFF OF ASSOCIATIONS THAT CONDUCT YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, MANAGED, OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO APPROVE COURSES THAT MEET THIS ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 681**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES TO AMEND THE RULES REGARDING OUTPATIENT OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR GREATER CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Amos L. Quick, III:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing us to shine with the light of life and to be in this place at this time. Your Spirit has made each of us, and Your grace and mercy has chosen us to serve in the capacity of Representatives of Your people.

"You are greater than us, so we humbly bow at this time to seek Your wisdom as we quiet ourselves to hear You speak - even in the midst of this prayer. Keep us always reminded that even on our best days we are but clay in Your hands and utterly dependent on You.

"Bless now our work today - each of us, Representatives and staff alike - so that the end result is that we bring You joy and hear You say, 'Well done.' And, as this is Autism Awareness Month, we pray, please Lord, that You will bless, in a special way, those who see the world in a neurodiverse way and those who love and care for them.

"In Christ's Name we pray. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 28 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives K. Brown, Butler, Gable, Jeffers, and Ross for today. Representative Reives is excused for a portion of the Session.

Serving as Honorary Page for today is Tyler Edmunson.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 270**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE METHODS OF EXECUTION AVAILABLE FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND SENTENCED TO DEATH, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 614**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN AUTOPSY IN ANY CASE RELATED TO A FIRE INCIDENT IN WHICH HUMAN REMAINS ARE FOUND, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 781**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT BANNING UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING IN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THE STATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**H.B. 261**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY OTHER THAN A CLASS A FELONY WHILE BEING UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY COMMITTED WHILE CONSPIRING WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITTING, PROMOTING, OR FURTHERING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 519**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS REGARDING WHEN MINORS CAN GIVE EFFECTIVE CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY AND WHEN PARENTS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO MINORS' MEDICAL RECORDS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 606**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE STATUTE RELATING TO ACCRUAL OF ACTION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 674**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF LIFETIME CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONCEALED CARRY PERMITTEE WHO ALLOWS THE PERMIT TO LAPSE DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER FIREARMS SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE UPON APPLYING FOR RENEWAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER BY ALLOWING THEM TO STORE THEIR FIREARMS WITH OR SELL THEIR FIREARMS THROUGH A QUALIFIED LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE STORAGE AND USE OF DEFENSIVE DEVICES IN BIOMETRIC SAFES FOR SCHOOLS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 690**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, AND LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND REPORT ON A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT STATE-FUNDED BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OR THROUGH THESE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND NONCITIZENS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES WITH LEGAL PERMISSION; DIRECTING STATE-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO

VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR BENEFITS ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 789**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MITIGATING FACTOR FOR CERTAIN PERSONS CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING WHO VOLUNTARILY EQUIP AND OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PRIOR TO TRIAL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 818**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 866**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AUTOMATIC ENTRY OF AN ORDER PROHIBITING SPOUSES FROM WASTING, CONVERTING, OR SECRETING ASSETS UPON FILING A CLAIM FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**CALENDAR**

Action is taken on the following:

**H.R. 904**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION ELECTING WENDY FLOYD MURPHY, KELLIE HUNT BLUE, CAROLYN COWARD, JOHN A. FRALEY, REGINALD RONALD HOLLEY, AND DR. M. LEE BARNES TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The resolution is adopted, by electronic vote (104-9).

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the North Carolina Constitution, the adoption of the resolution is affirmed by *viva voce* vote and the individuals named are duly elected to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina.

The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

**H.B. 38** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT.

Representative Pyrtle offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (105-7).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (77-38), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 92** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TREASURER TO INVEST IN QUALIFYING DIGITAL ASSETS, EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN AND MEMBERS OF THE 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN TO INVEST IN DIGITAL ASSETS, AND STUDY A STATE RESERVE TO HOLD SEIZED OR FORFEITED DIGITAL ASSETS, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of April 30.

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**H.B. 107**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK IN NOVEMBER AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOMMEND AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WITH EPILEPSY OR OTHERWISE PREDISPOSED TO SEIZURES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**GUEST**

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to Pete Edmunson.

**CALENDAR (continued)**

**H.B. 126** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES FOR LAND USE DECISIONS IMPACTING LANDS IN SUCH DISTRICTS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 152**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION SERVICES UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED IN THIS STATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 163** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE USE OF SPREAD PRICING AND CONCESSIONS BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SPECIALTY PHARMACY ACCREDITATION BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT TO A PHARMACY OF CHOICE, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED TO PHARMACIES DURING AUDITS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-9), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 217** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A DRIVER EDUCATION COURSE, INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE AWARENESS, FOR UNLICENSED PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS AND OLDER, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 250** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE ANNUAL REPORT DUE DATE FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES OWNED BY DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Representative Carver offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (114-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 288**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING POW/MIA FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF THE FLAG CAN BE ATTACHED TO AN EXISTING FLAGPOLE.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SETZER PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 298**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR CERTAIN NONRESIDENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENT MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative R. Pierce requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (114-1).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 318** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WHEN A PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT.

Representative Echevarria offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (71-44).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (70-45), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 368** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAW REGARDING THE MANDATORY USE OF CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representatives F. Jackson and Roberson request and are granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (113-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 372** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES SHALL NOT PROHIBIT CERTAIN HOME-BASED BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 476** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING AND RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 506** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER.

SPEAKER HALL PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 477** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SURVIVOR'S ALTERNATE BENEFIT UNDER THOSE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.

Representative Carson Smith offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (114-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 568** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (72-42), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 570**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FORBID USE OF FIREFIGHTING FOAMS CONTAINING PFAS CHEMICALS FOR FIREFIGHTING TRAINING OR TESTING PURPOSES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 620** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

**H.B. 649**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY TIER DESIGNATION SYSTEM, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 620** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, which was temporarily displaced, is before the Body.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Johnson-Hostler requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (113-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 648** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISPOSITION PLACEMENT ANALYSIS AND REQUIRE WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 694**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER AT THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL TO STUDY WATER AND WASTEWATER REGIONALIZATION AND IDENTIFY AREAS OF THE STATE WHERE THE COSTS OF WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES COULD BE LOWERED AND QUALITY OF THOSE SERVICES IMPROVED, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

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The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 771**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE DEPOSITIONS OF CERTAIN WITNESSES FOR PRESERVATION OF TESTIMONY IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 822** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS GOVERNING OPERATION OF MOPEDS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## VOTE ADJUSTED

On motion of Representative Harrison and without objection, Rule 24(c) is suspended in order for her to be recorded as voting "no" on the April 16, 2025, second reading of **H.B. 244** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL FLAGS MAY BE FLOWN OR DISPLAYED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE. The adjusted vote total is (69-44).

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 6:33 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1 and the reading of petitions, memorials, and papers addressed to the House, to reconvene Wednesday, April 30, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

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**H.B. 549** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 565** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW RESIDENT TAXPAYERS TO ENROLL IN THE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION PROGRAM VIA THEIR INCOME TAX RETURN, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 140**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD THE GULLAH GEECHEE GREENWAY/BLUEWAY HERITAGE TRAIL TO THE STATE TRAILS SYSTEM, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 659**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 913**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 637** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES SALARY SUPPLEMENT FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MODEL, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 56** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 928**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health.

**H.B. 121**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 578**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION BE PART OF THE SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH POLICY OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 615**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE MILITARY FAMILIES ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 773**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE METRICS AND GRADES TO BETTER REFLECT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 875**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MATHEMATICS SUPPORTS IN SCHOOLS AND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THOSE SUPPORTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 305**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 618**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE IVERMECTIN WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR AND ANY PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES IVERMECTIN PURSUANT TO THE STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER, is withdrawn from the Committee on Health and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 3.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

## ADDENDA TO COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker makes the following committee assignments:

**HEALTH:** Add Representative Huneycutt.

**REGULATORY REFORM:** Add Representative Winslow.

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April 29, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall,

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143-136.1, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for appointment to the North Carolina Residential Code Council for confirmation by the General Assembly:

- Amy Musser of Buncombe County, to serve as the licensed professional engineer who specializes in residential construction for a term of six years.
- Gary Hayes of Yadkin County, to serve as the level I or level II code-enforcement official employed by a municipality or county for a term of four years.
- Cyril Jefferson of Guilford County, to serve as the public member for a term of six years.
- Jason Shepherd of Orange County, to serve as the fire service representative for a term of two years.
- Robert Zapple of New Hanover County, to serve as the licensed general contractor who specializes in residential foundations or concrete placement for a term of six years.
- Ralph Euchner of Gaston County, to serve as the representative of the natural gas industry for a term of two years.
- Nicholas Picariello of Harnett County, to serve as the licensed electrical contractor for a term of four years.

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I am grateful for their willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff at (919) 610-9080 for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

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April 29, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-15, I am pleased to nominate for reappointment Mr. Christoper J. Ayers of Wake County to serve as the Executive Director of the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission for a term beginning on July 1, 2025, and hereby submit his name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for his willingness to continue serving the State of North Carolina in this important role. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 767**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON MARKET RATE COMPENSATION FOR TEACHERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 832**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS MAY BE USED, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 855**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 971**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRADUATION PLANS IN SELECT SCHOOLS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 193**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON WITH A VALID CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, OR WHO IS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, TO POSSESS OR CARRY A HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED, USED, OR OPERATED BY A PRIVATE SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE

ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 433**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES TO SERVE AS SCHOOL NURSES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 772**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE PHONE NUMBER IN VARIOUS WAYS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Health.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Health. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 57**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS AS THE STATE'S VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 140** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GULLAH GEECHEE GREENWAY/BLUEWAY HERITAGE TRAIL IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

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**H.B. 146** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSECUTIVE REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 156**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 210**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DEFINING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES LICENSED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE CEMETERY COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES AND IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THOSE STANDARDS, AND REQUIRING ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE PERFORMED AT CEMETERIES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 254**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 261** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY OTHER THAN A CLASS A FELONY WHILE BEING UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY COMMITTED WHILE CONSPIRING WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITTING, PROMOTING, OR FURTHERING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

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**H.B. 307** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET LIMITS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN NON-CAPITAL CASES; TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; TO REQUIRE RECORDATION OF ALL CRIMINAL MATTERS IN DISTRICT COURT; TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF IMMUNITY TO WITNESSES; AND TO REPEAL THE FILIAL RESPONSIBILITY CRIME, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 406** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 421**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 565** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW RESIDENT TAXPAYERS TO ENROLL IN THE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION PROGRAM VIA THEIR INCOME TAX RETURN, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 576** (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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 605**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ADVANCED RECYCLING DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

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**H.B. 614**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN AUTOPSY IN ANY CASE RELATED TO A FIRE INCIDENT IN WHICH HUMAN REMAINS ARE FOUND, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 637** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES SALARY SUPPLEMENT FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MODEL, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 717** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 720**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING REVISIONS TO THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 737**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 762** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT (S.A.F.E) MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 763** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING STATES WHO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

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**H.B. 797**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW TO CLARIFY THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHOLESALING AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS CONSTITUTE REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE ACTIVITY THAT REQUIRES LICENSURE AND TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS WITH A RIGHT TO CANCEL SUCH TRANSACTIONS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 801**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY PAPER TOWNS IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

**H.B. 866** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AUTOMATIC ENTRY OF AN ORDER PROHIBITING SPOUSES FROM WASTING, CONVERTING, OR SECRETING ASSETS UPON FILING A CLAIM FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 908** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES RELATED TO NOTICE AND VENUE FOR CIVIL COMMITMENT HEARINGS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 913** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 975** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, WHILE ON DUTY, TO CARRY PEPPER SPRAY OPENLY OR CONCEALED, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of April 30.

The House stands adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

April 29, 2025

# FORTY-NINTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, April 30, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Miller.

## WITHDRAWAL OF BILLS FROM CALENDAR

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 406** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of May 1.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 421**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of May 1.

## GUESTS

The Chair extends the courtesies of the floor to students from Southport Christian School.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 10:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Greene and Pless, Chairs, for the Committee on Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery:

**H.B. 768** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO ADOPT RULES TO AMEND THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND STATE FIRE CODE TO CLARIFY EXEMPTIONS FROM IN-BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONDER COMMUNICATION COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 97**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCLUDING DEATH DUE TO STOMACH CANCER IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 698**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR MISSING PERSONS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 567** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE ACCESS TO AN EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR, ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF, AND REDUCE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE CONDITION ON NORTH CAROLINIANS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 515** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC ABUSE PREVENTION ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 150** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE

THAT CERTAIN FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR A TWELFTH GRADE TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN INDIAN EDUCATION STUDENTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 606** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE STATUTE RELATING TO ACCRUAL OF ACTION AND LIMITING USE OF STATE FUNDING, is withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Hastings and Pickett, Chairs, for the Committee on Higher Education:

**H.B. 414** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE EQUAL CREDIT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN BY CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE STUDENTS AND TO REMOVE THE MATH III GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 346**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO INCLUDE THE HEALTH SCIENCES LOCATIONS IN THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT CALCULATION OF THE RESPECTIVE MAIN CAMPUSES OF CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING MULTICAMPUS CENTER STATUS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 918**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF STANDARDIZED TESTS FOR ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO INCLUDE THE CLT10 AMONG STANDARDIZED TESTS OFFERED IN HIGH SCHOOL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Diane Wheatley:

"Father, thank You for allowing us to serve the people of North Carolina. Anoint us with Your Spirit and grant that we might have the heart of Jesus, the wisdom of Solomon, and the courage of David. May we use these gifts to better serve You this day and do our part to further Your Kingdom. Guide and direct us to the very center of the narrow way, so that our thoughts and action will always be pleasing to You."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 29 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives K. Brown, Butler, Gable, G. Pierce, and Ross for today. Speaker Hall; Representatives Arp, Bell, Cohn, Dixon, K. Hall, Harrison, Jeffers, B. Jones, Lambeth, Quick, and Strickland are excused for a portion of the Session.

Serving as Honorary Page for today is Rowan Edge.

April 30, 2025

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

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April 23, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Hall:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-15.3 (c), I am pleased to nominate Regina S. Adams of Durham County for reappointment to the North Carolina Employment Security Board of Review for a term beginning on July 1, 2025, and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for Mrs. Adams' 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/ Josh Stein
*Governor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 279**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (87-26), and there being no objection is read a third time.

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The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 92** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TREASURER TO INVEST IN QUALIFYING DIGITAL ASSETS, EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN AND MEMBERS OF THE 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN TO INVEST IN DIGITAL ASSETS, AND STUDY A STATE RESERVE TO HOLD SEIZED OR FORFEITED DIGITAL ASSETS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (71-44), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 140** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GULLAH GEECHEE GREENWAY/BLUEWAY HERITAGE TRAIL IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Logan requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (115-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 146** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSECUTIVE REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY.

Representative Campbell offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (115-0). This amendment changes the title.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (115-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 156**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 171** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) INITIATIVES IN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLARIFYING THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET ACT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET AND FISCAL CONTROL ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (68-45), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Sauls requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (69-45).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 210**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DEFINING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES LICENSED BY THE CEMETERY COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE CEMETERY COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES AND IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THOSE STANDARDS, AND REQUIRING ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS TO INCLUDE DETAILS OF THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE PERFORMED AT CEMETERIES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 254**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF MARCH OF EVERY YEAR AS TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (114-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 261** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY OTHER THAN A CLASS A FELONY WHILE BEING UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO CREATE A SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR OR FELONY COMMITTED WHILE CONSPIRING WITH ONE OR MORE PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BENEFITTING, PROMOTING, OR FURTHERING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (87-26), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representatives Brockman, Carney, and Cunningham request and are granted leave of the House to change their votes from "aye" to "no." The adjusted vote total is (84-29).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 307** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET LIMITS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN NONCAPITAL CASES; TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; TO REQUIRE RECORDATION OF ALL CRIMINAL MATTERS IN DISTRICT COURT; TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF IMMUNITY TO WITNESSES; AND TO REPEAL THE FILIAL RESPONSIBILITY CRIME, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (89-21), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 376** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO ON-SITE WASTEWATER PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND PERMITTING.

Representative Brody offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (108-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (71-37), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 381** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ON-SITE SUBSURFACE WASTEWATER STATUTES AND TO MODIFY THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CERTAIN ADVANCED TREATMENT SYSTEMS AS INNOVATIVE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 434**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CUT AUTHORIZATION RED TAPE EFFICIENTLY AND FACILITATE INTERVENTIONS RAPIDLY, START TREATMENT ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 439** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONCEALED CARRY OF BLADED WEAPONS IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (73-35), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representatives Colvin and Price request and are granted leave of the House to change their votes from "aye" to "no." The adjusted vote total is (71-37).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 512** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHO RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INJURED K-9 POLICE ANIMAL OR AN INJURED SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 565** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW RESIDENT TAXPAYERS TO ENROLL IN THE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION PROGRAM VIA THEIR INCOME TAX RETURN, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 575** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (87-23), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 576** (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, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 605**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ADVANCED RECYCLING DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (68-38), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 612** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 614**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE PERFORMANCE OF AN AUTOPSY IN ANY CASE RELATED TO A FIRE INCIDENT IN WHICH HUMAN REMAINS ARE FOUND, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (105-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Colvin requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (106-0).

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SETZER PRESIDING.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 637** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES SALARY SUPPLEMENT FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE MODEL, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (100-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative B. Jones requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (101-1).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 717** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

Representative Humphrey offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (105-0).

Representative Brockman requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (106-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 720**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING REVISIONS TO THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (105-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 737**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (98-5), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 762** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT (S.A.F.E) MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (99-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 763** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING STATES WHO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE.

Representative Zenger offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (102-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (102-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 797**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW TO CLARIFY THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHOLESALING AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS CONSTITUTE REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE ACTIVITY THAT REQUIRES LICENSURE AND TO PROVIDE HOME-OWNERS WITH A RIGHT TO CANCEL SUCH TRANSACTIONS.

Representative Howard offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (102-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (103-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 801**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY PAPER TOWNS IN NORTH CAROLINA, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (99-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 975** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, WHILE ON DUTY, TO CARRY PEPPER SPRAY OPENLY OR CONCEALED.

SPEAKER HALL PRESIDING.

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The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Dew requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (105-1).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Representative Cotham moves, seconded by Representative Warren, that the House adjourn at 6:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Adams, Iler, McNeely, Shepard, and Tyson, Chairs, for the Committee on Transportation:

**H.B. 741**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ON A PERSONALIZED BACKGROUND AND MODIFYING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 516**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE MOTORCYCLE ROAD GUARD SAFETY ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 584**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ELIMINATING DRIVING ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE AND WAITING PERIOD REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LEARNER'S PERMITS AND PROVISIONAL DRIVERS LICENSES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 613**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION CONVENIENCE ACT AUTHORIZING VEHICLE OWNERS TO ELECT THE MONTH OF REGISTRATION RENEWAL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 782**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ISSUANCE OF CIVIC CLUB SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 847**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 864**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE CERTAIN TRAFFIC LAWS AND THE DESIGN OF COLLEGIATE INSIGNIA PLATES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Dixon, Gillespie, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

**H.B. 552**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TARGETED FOR AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H.B. 841**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STATEWIDE STUDY ON SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASING AND CURRENT MORATORIUMS ON SHELLFISH LEASING, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 729** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE PROPERTY TAX EXCLUSION FOR SOLAR ENERGY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 348**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE CARRYFORWARD OF DEFERRED PROPERTY TAXES FOR PRESENT-USE VALUE PROPERTIES FROM THREE YEARS TO SIX YEARS, TO CREATE A LOCAL GRANT PROGRAM USING THE EXCESS FUNDS CREATED THEREBY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE FARMERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT PRIOR TO ANNEXING CERTAIN PRESENT-USE VALUE PROPERTY, A CITY MUST OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 870**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, TO ESTABLISH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 873**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Balkcom and Humphrey, Chairs, for the Committee on Insurance:

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**H.B. 489** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM ALLOWABLE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN OUT-OF-NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 906** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE TO PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND CARE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 56** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 97** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCLUDING DEATH DUE TO STOMACH CANCER IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 139** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE INSTALLATION IN QUALIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 193** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A QUALIFIED PERSON WITH A VALID CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, OR WHO IS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, TO POSSESS OR CARRY A HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED, USED, OR OPERATED BY A PRIVATE SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 306** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE AND THE COUNTIES OF DARE, DURHAM, AND WATAUGA TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TOWN AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 472** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 483** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND TERMS OF PROBATION AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION FOR YOUTH ADJUDICATED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO CLARIFY A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT TERMINATION OF PROBATION OR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION; TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR SECURE CUSTODY TO CLARIFY THAT A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MAY ENTER A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE VIOLATION OF A CHAPTER 50B DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER; TO CLARIFY THAT ALL FELONY SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO CLASS A THROUGH CLASS E FELONIES; TO EXTEND THE RETENTION PERIOD FOR CLOSED COMPLAINTS TO ALLOW FOR REVIEW BY THE PROSECUTOR; TO CREATE A CRIMINAL

OFFENSE FOR ESCAPING FROM A JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY OR OFFICER; TO CLARIFY AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE JUVENILE CAPACITY TO PROCEED PROCESS; TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS TO REMOVE A JUVENILE FROM SUPERIOR COURT TO JUVENILE COURT; AND TO CLARIFY THE PLACE OF CONFINEMENT FOR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 578** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION BE PART OF THE SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH POLICY OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 768** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO ADOPT RULES TO AMEND THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND STATE FIRE CODE TO CLARIFY EXEMPTIONS FROM IN-BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONDER COMMUNICATION COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 773** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE METRICS AND GRADES TO BETTER REFLECT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 789** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MITIGATING FACTOR FOR CERTAIN PERSONS CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING WHO VOLUNTARILY EQUIP AND OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PRIOR TO TRIAL, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

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**H.B. 832**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS MAY BE USED, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 875** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MATHEMATICS SUPPORTS IN SCHOOLS AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THOSE SUPPORTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

**H.B. 971**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRADUATION PLANS IN SELECT SCHOOLS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 1.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 616** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**H.B. 562**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO ENGAGE IN RULEMAKING TO AMEND THE STAFF DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 572**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SELECT A PROVIDER TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM COMBINED TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 663**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT LIVING DONORS FROM POTENTIAL INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION, TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ORGAN AND MARROW DONATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE UP TO THIRTY DAYS' PAID LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL WHO SERVE AS LIVING ORGAN DONORS AND UP TO SEVEN DAYS' PAID LEAVE FOR BONE MARROW DONORS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 697**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSURE BOARD AND TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

**H.B. 772** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE PHONE NUMBER AND NC PEER WARMLINE PHONE NUMBER IN VARIOUS WAYS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 928**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 433** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REQUIRING A SCHOOL NURSE TO HOLD OR OBTAIN A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE AND TO REQUIRE THAT REGISTERED NURSES WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH CLINIC SERVING AS A SCHOOL NURSE BE PAID UNDER THE CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE PAY SCALE, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 590**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AND ENHANCING PATIENT SAFETY IN MEDICAL IMAGING BY ENSURING EDUCATIONALLY PREPARED AND CLINICALLY COMPETENT PERSONS PERFORM AND ADMINISTER MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY PROCEDURES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 696**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute

bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

On motion of the Chair, the serial referral to the Committee on Regulatory Reform is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, the committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 547**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT LIABILITY FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NONGOVERNMENTAL INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS WORKING WITH AND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCIES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 765** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 2 and re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 569** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED BY GENX AND OTHER PFAS COMPOUNDS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

The House stands adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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# FIFTIETH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 1, 2025

The House meets at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Abe Jones.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of April 30 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives K. Brown, Butler, Cotham, Gable, Gillespie, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Lopez, G. Pierce, Ross, Sauls, and Watford for today. Speaker Hall; Representatives Cohn and Hastings are excused for a portion of the Session.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 306** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE AND THE COUNTIES OF DARE, DURHAM, AND WATAUGA TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TOWN AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

Pursuant to Rule 24, and without objection, the Speaker calls for the ayes and noes on the second reading.

Representative Pickett offers Amendment No. 1.

On motion of the Speaker, the bill, with Amendment No. 1 pending, is temporarily displaced.

**H.B. 56** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (67-38), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 57**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS AS THE STATE'S VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (107-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 97** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCLUDING DEATH DUE TO STOMACH CANCER IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT.

Representative Clampitt offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (107-0). This amendment changes the title.

Representative R. Pierce offers Amendment No. 2 which is adopted by electronic vote (107-0). This amendment changes the title.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (107-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 139** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE INSTALLATION IN QUALIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (75-33), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 193** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A QUALIFIED PERSON WITH A VALID CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, OR WHO IS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT, TO POSSESS OR CARRY A HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED, USED, OR OPERATED BY A PRIVATE SCHOOL AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES.

Representative Bell calls the previous question on the passage of the bill and the call is sustained by electronic vote (63-44).

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The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (62-44), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Humphrey requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (63-44).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 406** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (107-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 421**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Turner requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (105-3).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 472** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 483** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND TERMS OF PROBATION AND POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION FOR YOUTH ADJUDICATED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES AND TO CLARIFY A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT TERMINATION OF PROBATION OR POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION; TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR SECURE CUSTODY TO CLARIFY THAT A SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE MAY ENTER A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF A CASE TO JUVENILE COURT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECURE CUSTODY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE VIOLATION OF A CHAPTER 50B DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER; TO CLARIFY THAT ALL FELONY SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO CLASS A THROUGH CLASS E FELONIES; TO EXTEND

THE RETENTION PERIOD FOR CLOSED COMPLAINTS TO ALLOW FOR REVIEW BY THE PROSECUTOR; TO CREATE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR ESCAPING FROM A JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITY OR OFFICER; TO CLARIFY AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE JUVENILE CAPACITY TO PROCEED PROCESS; TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS TO REMOVE A JUVENILE FROM SUPERIOR COURT TO JUVENILE COURT; AND TO CLARIFY THE PLACE OF CONFINEMENT FOR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO ARE SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (85-23), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 578** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SUICIDE PREVENTION EDUCATION BE PART OF THE SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH POLICY OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 612** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 768** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO ADOPT RULES TO AMEND THE STATE BUILDING CODE AND STATE FIRE CODE TO CLARIFY EXEMPTIONS FROM IN-BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONDER COMMUNICATION COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 773** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE METRICS AND GRADES TO BETTER REFLECT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (105-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 789** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MITIGATING FACTOR FOR CERTAIN PERSONS CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING WHO VOLUNTARILY EQUIP AND OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PRIOR TO TRIAL.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SETZER PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (99-7), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Cunningham requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (100-7).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 832**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS MAY BE USED, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 866** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AUTOMATIC ENTRY OF AN ORDER PROHIBITING SPOUSES FROM WASTING, CONVERTING, OR SECRETING ASSETS UPON FILING A CLAIM FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 875** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MATHEMATICS SUPPORTS IN SCHOOLS AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THOSE SUPPORTS.

Representative von Haefen offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (102-2).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 908** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES RELATED TO NOTICE AND VENUE FOR CIVIL COMMITMENT HEARINGS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Torbett requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (105-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 913** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS.

SPEAKER HALL PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (67-39), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 971**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRADUATION PLANS IN SELECT SCHOOLS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 306** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE AND THE COUNTIES OF DARE, DURHAM, AND WATAUGA TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TOWN AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES, which was temporarily displaced, with Amendment No. 1 pending, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of May 6.

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## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of April 28 are introduced to the membership. They are: Richard Anthony of Cabarrus; Nitin Bali of Wake; Josh Brown of Franklin; Debora De Jesus Perez of Robeson; Cole Edwards of Nash; Savannah Gazda of Wake; Esha Jha of Wake; Sam Johnson of Carteret; Lizzie Keeter of Halifax; Connor Miller of Mitchell; Emmai Pierce of Halifax; William Smallwood of Davidson; and Isabella Smith of Onslow.

## LEAVE OF THE HOUSE GRANTED

On motion of the Chair and without objection, Rule 32(d) is waived in order for **S.B. 257** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, to be calendared without being reported by the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 12:42 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, May 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Chesser, Riddell, and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Regulatory Reform:

**H.B. 598**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SECONDARY TICKET PURCHASERS AND TO PROHIBIT SECONDARY TICKET SELLERS FROM USING THE NAME OF A VENUE OR EVENT IN THEIR WEBSITE ADDRESS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

**H.B. 681** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES TO AMEND THE RULES REGARDING OUTPATIENT OPIOID TREATMENT

PROGRAMS FOR GREATER CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 850**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 1003**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 953**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND PRIVATE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAY RATES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

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**H.B. 81** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 121** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 433** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REQUIRING A SCHOOL NURSE TO HOLD OR OBTAIN A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE AND TO REQUIRE THAT REGISTERED NURSES WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH CLINIC SERVING AS A SCHOOL NURSE BE PAID UNDER THE CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE PAY SCALE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 515** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC ABUSE PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar.

**H.B. 549** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 562**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO ENGAGE IN RULEMAKING TO AMEND THE STAFF DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 572**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SELECT A PROVIDER TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM COMBINED TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 606** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE STATUTE RELATING TO ACCRUAL OF ACTION AND LIMITING USE OF STATE FUNDING, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 615** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE MILITARY FAMILIES ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 772** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE PHONE NUMBER AND NC PEER WARMLINE PHONE NUMBER IN VARIOUS WAYS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 906** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE TO PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND CARE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

The House stands adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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# FIFTY-FIRST DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 5, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Principal Clerk.

Prayer is offered by Representative Maria Cervania.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of May 1 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER**
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Bradford B. Briner
*State Treasurer of North Carolina*

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House of Representatives
16 W. Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Senator Berger and Speaker Hall:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62.10(a), as amended by S.L. 2024-57 (Section 3F.1.(a)), I am pleased to nominate Dr. Donald van der Vaart to

serve on the North Carolina Utilities Commission and hereby submit his name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this nomination, please contact Elizabeth Hawley, my Boards and Commissions Administrator, at elizabeth.hawley@nctreasurer.com or 919-814-3812. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
S/ Bradford B. Briner

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

Representative Penny moves, seconded by Representative Cervania, that the House adjourn at 10:06 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 245** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 357**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 403**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 405** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 429** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 445** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC ADOPTION OF ANY TEMPORARY WAIVER OR MODIFICATION ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE OR MEDICAID SERVICES UNDER SECTION 1135 OR 1812(F) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 472** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PROCESS FOR 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 599** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 600** (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, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 754** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 934**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CRIMINAL LAWS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF A DEEPFAKE AND AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE LAWS

TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO DEVELOPERS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS USED BY LEARNED PROFESSIONALS, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 24**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING, is withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary 3 and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Housing and Development is stricken.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 616** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 297** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 212**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE OR JOIN SPOUSES OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN CONDEMNATION ACTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

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**H.B. 301** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 346** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO INCLUDE THE HARNETT AND CHATHAM HEALTH SCIENCES LOCATIONS IN THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT CALCULATION OF THE RESPECTIVE MAIN CAMPUSES OF CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING MULTICAMPUS CENTER STATUS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 414** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE EQUAL CREDIT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN BY CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE STUDENTS AND TO REMOVE THE MATH III GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 489** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM ALLOWABLE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN OUT-OF-NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 519** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS REGARDING WHEN MINORS CAN GIVE EFFECTIVE CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY AND WHEN PARENTS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO MINORS' MEDICAL RECORDS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 546** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEAM-BASED CARE COORDINATION IN MEDICAID SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO SUSPEND RATHER THAN TERMINATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 652**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY CALCULATION OF TRANSPORTATION GOODS UNIT PRICING COST, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 659** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 681** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES TO AMEND THE RULES REGARDING OUTPATIENT OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR GREATER CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 696** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 741**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ON A PERSONALIZED BACKGROUND AND MODIFYING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 782** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ISSUANCE OF CIVIC CLUB SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

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**H.B. 841**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STATEWIDE STUDY ON SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASING AND CURRENT MORATORIUMS ON SHELLFISH LEASING, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 847** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY AS MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 850**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 870** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, TO ESTABLISH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 918** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE INCLUSION OF THE CLASSICAL LEARNING TEST AMONG STANDARDIZED TESTS CONSIDERED FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION AND THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**H.B. 928**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

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**H.B. 1003** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 6.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 188** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 926** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 516** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE ROAD GUARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE MOTORCYCLE ROAD GUARD CERTIFICATE HOLDERS TO DIRECT TRAFFIC ON APPROVED ROUTES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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# FIFTY-SECOND DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 6, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Speaker Pro Tempore Setzer.

May 6, 2025

## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

**NORTH CAROLINA**
**OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**
20601 Mail Service Center ● Raleigh, NC 27699

Dave Boliek
*State Auditor*

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall, Speaker of the House

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Session Law 2024-57, I am appointing members to the North Carolina State Board of Elections. These individuals were picked from the list of nominees submitted by the Chair of the North Carolina Republican Party. My appointees are:

Francis X. De Luca of Wilmington
Robert Anthony Rucho of Catawba County
Stacy Clyde Eggers IV of Boone

Their terms shall begin May 1, 2025. I will appoint two more members to the State Board once a list of nominees is submitted by the Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

Sincerely,
S/ Dave Boliek
*State Auditor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 10:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1 and modifications to the Calendar, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

May 6, 2025

**H.B. 74** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill.

The Speaker rules the Senate committee substitute bill to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the material Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**S.B. 79** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BOILING SPRINGS AND TO DISSOLVE THE BOILING SPRINGS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 248** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 328**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 329**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH FORK PASSAGE STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 394** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS OR LANDS ADJACENT TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS BY CERTAIN ADVERSARIAL ENTITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIVESTMENT OF THOSE LANDS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR DOCUMENTATION AND REGISTRATION OF LAND OWNERSHIP BY CERTAIN ADVERSARIAL ENTITIES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**S.B. 402** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN LOTTERY WINNERS TO CHOOSE TO TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 423** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT TITLE FRAUD BY AUTHORIZING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE RECORDING A DEED OR CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE CAUSE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AFTER AN ATTEMPTED FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 477** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 488**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 602** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN STATE BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO FIRE-RESISTANT WINDOWS FOR DOWNTOWN, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES DAMAGED BY HURRICANE HELENE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 648** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representatives Chesser, Riddell, and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Regulatory Reform:

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**H.B. 727** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 4** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAL CONDITION ACTION PLANS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLANS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Ross and Sauls, Chairs, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development:

**H.B. 552**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TARGETED FOR AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 598**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SECONDARY TICKET PURCHASERS AND TO PROHIBIT SECONDARY TICKET SELLERS FROM USING THE NAME OF A VENUE OR EVENT IN THEIR WEBSITE ADDRESS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 894**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FIREARMS BUSINESSES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 444** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND LOT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, TO MANDATE PRELITIGATION MEDIATION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO COLLECT AND REPORT ON COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED TO IT INVOLVING SUCH DISPUTES, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 909**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, Setzer, Kidwell, and Ross, Chairs, for the Committee on Finance:

**H.B. 94**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERANS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 305** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 429**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A TURTLE RESCUE TEAM SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 754**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT DISABLED AND OLDER ADULTS FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AND TO UPDATE THE SAVINGS BANK LAWS TO INCREASE ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMMERCIAL BANKING LAWS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 364** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT IS IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP), with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 747** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The Speaker rules Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

Material Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 356**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE REBATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 821**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN CLASS C DRIVERS LICENSES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 805**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Chesser, Riddell, and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Regulatory Reform:

**H.B. 926** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 547** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT LIABILITY FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTORS WORKING WITH AND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCIES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 535**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PENALIZE THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES AND TO PREVENT TITLE FRAUD BY AUTHORIZING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE RECORDING A DEED OR CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS, REQUIRING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO A FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE CAUSE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AFTER AN ATTEMPTED FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 520**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS ABUSE OF PRIVACY AND ACTS OF DECEPTION FROM TELEMARKETERS BY DISPLAYING PHONE NUMBERS THAT ARE FRAUDULENT AND MISREPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTUAL CALLER, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 795**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 851**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TREAT HOSPITAL POLICE OFFICERS AS A DISTINCT CATEGORY OF COMPANY POLICE OFFICERS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN AUTHORITY AND INFORMATION ACCESS TO THESE OFFICERS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 896**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS RECEIVE APPROPRIATE TRAINING, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 953**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND PRIVATE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAY RATES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Blust, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 3:

**H.B. 618**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE IVERMECTIN WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR AND ANY PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES IVERMECTIN PURSUANT TO THE STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 936**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS TO ADDRESS ROBOCALLS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 992**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 560** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 214**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAITHFUL ARTICLE V COMMISSIONER ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.J.R. 379**, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the resolution be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The resolution is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 976**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 569** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED BY GENX AND OTHER PFAS COMPOUNDS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 891**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE GOVERNMENT AGENCY FORUM SELECTION ACT AND RELATING TO LITIGATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**H.B. 746** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY AGAINST MEDICAL MALPRACTICE FOR REGISTERED NURSES ACTING UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AS ARTICULATED IN BYRD V. MARION GENERAL HOSPITAL, 202 N.C. 337 (1932), with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 188** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 3, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 3 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 3 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Brody and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Housing and Development:

**H.B. 765** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 369**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REQUIRING A MINIMUM NUMBER OR SIZE OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES, TO BAN THE FUTURE PURCHASE AND IMPORTATION FOR USE OF PAVEMENT SEALANTS CONTAINING HIGH LEVELS OF POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDRO-CARBONS, AND TO CLARIFY THE LIMITS OF LOCAL ORDINANCES REGARDING STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS FOR REDEVELOPMENT SITES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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By Representative Blust, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 3:

**H.B. 934**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CRIMINAL LAWS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF A DEEPFAKE AND AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE LAWS TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO DEVELOPERS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS USED BY LEARNED PROFESSIONALS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Election Law.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Election Law. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative John M. Blust.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 5 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Baker, Dew, Dixon, Hastings, and Turner for today. Speaker Hall; Representatives K. Hall, Huneycutt, and Tyson are excused for a portion of the Session.

## EXCUSED VOTE REQUEST

The following request for an excused vote is received in advance and entered into the Journal.

Pursuant to Rule 24.1A, Representative Lofton requests that he be excused from voting on **H.B. 305** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS, due to a conflict of interest. This request is granted.

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## THE RECEIVING OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND PAPERS ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO THE HOUSE

**NORTH CAROLINA**
**OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR**
20601 Mail Service Center ● Raleigh, NC 27699

Dave Boliek
*State Auditor*

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Destin Hall, Speaker of the House

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Session Law 2024-57, I am appointing the remaining members to the North Carolina State Board of Elections. These individuals were picked from the list of nominees submitted by the Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party. My appointees are:

Siobhan O'Duffy Millen
Jeff Carmon

Their terms shall begin May 1, 2025.

Sincerely,
S/ Dave Boliek
*State Auditor*

The letter is on file in the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 121** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

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**H.B. 212**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO SERVE OR JOIN SPOUSES OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN CONDEMNATION ACTIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Representative Morey offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (112-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 301** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA PROTECTIONS FOR MINORS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-6), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 346** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO INCLUDE THE HARNETT AND CHATHAM HEALTH SCIENCES LOCATIONS IN THE FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT CALCULATION OF THE RESPECTIVE MAIN CAMPUSES OF CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING MULTICAMPUS CENTER STATUS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 414** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE EQUAL CREDIT TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN BY CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE STUDENTS AND TO REMOVE THE MATH III GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (69-41), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 433** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REQUIRING A SCHOOL NURSE TO HOLD OR OBTAIN A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE AND TO REQUIRE THAT REGISTERED NURSES WITH AT

LEAST TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN A HOSPITAL OR HEALTH CLINIC SERVING AS A SCHOOL NURSE BE PAID UNDER THE CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE PAY SCALE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (100-11), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 489** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM ALLOWABLE REIMBURSEMENT RATE UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN OUT-OF-NETWORK AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 519** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS REGARDING WHEN MINORS CAN GIVE EFFECTIVE CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT ON THEIR OWN AUTHORITY AND WHEN PARENTS ARE ALLOWED ACCESS TO MINORS' MEDICAL RECORDS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (68-41), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 546** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEAM-BASED CARE COORDINATION IN MEDICAID SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND TO MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO SUSPEND RATHER THAN TERMINATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 549** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR.

Representative B. Jones offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (110-3).

Representative Longest offers Amendment No. 2 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (51-61).

Representatives Arp and Campbell request and are granted leave of the House to change their votes from "aye" to "no." Representative Carney requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (50-62).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (66-46), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 562**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES TO ENGAGE IN RULEMAKING TO AMEND THE STAFF DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 572**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SELECT A PROVIDER TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM COMBINED TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 606** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CIVIL PROCEDURE STATUTE RELATING TO ACCRUAL OF ACTION AND LIMITING USE OF STATE FUNDING.

Representative Harrison offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-62).

Representative Stevens offers Amendment No. 2 which is adopted by electronic vote (108-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (69-41), and there being no objection is read a third time.

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The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 306** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE AND THE COUNTIES OF DARE, DURHAM, AND WATAUGA TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TOWN AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 659** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 615** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE MILITARY FAMILIES ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 652**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY CALCULATION OF TRANSPORTATION GOODS UNIT PRICING COST, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 696** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 741**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE ON A PERSONALIZED

BACKGROUND AND MODIFYING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MILITARY VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 772** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO SHARE THE SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE PHONE NUMBER AND NC PEER WARMLINE PHONE NUMBER IN VARIOUS WAYS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 782** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ISSUANCE OF CIVIC CLUB SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 841**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STATEWIDE STUDY ON SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE LEASING AND CURRENT MORATORIUMS ON SHELLFISH LEASING, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 847** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY AS MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 850**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS.

Representative Adams offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (108-0).

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The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 870** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, TO ESTABLISH NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SETZER PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (62-43), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Biggs requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (63-43).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 906** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE TO PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND CARE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 918** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE INCLUSION OF THE CLASSICAL LEARNING TEST AMONG STANDARDIZED TESTS CONSIDERED FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION AND THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Representative Blackwell offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (107-1). This amendment changes the title.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (84-25), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 928**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKER HALL PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (100-11), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 1003** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION.

Representative B. Jones offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (109-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 81** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 612** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, REGIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES BOARDS AND DEPARTMENTS, CONSOLIDATED HUMAN SERVICES BOARDS AND AGENCIES, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Representative Stevens offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (108-3).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

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The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 7:45 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, and in memory of Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Malachi McCullough, to reconvene Wednesday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following Special Messages are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 108** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT JOHNSTON COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 118** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR A PERSON WHO WAS DISCHARGED HONORABLY OR UNDER GENERAL HONORABLE CONDITIONS FROM MILITARY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO SEND THE REQUIRED NOTICE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 207** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT A PERSON COMMITTED THE INFRACTION OF LITTERING IF THE LITTER INCLUDES DOCUMENTS OR OBJECTS THAT CLEARLY BEAR THE NAME OF THE PERSON, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 229** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS AND TO EXEMPT NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 295** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 310** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR CERTAIN LATE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF TAXES LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 345** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST THE SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENT OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO ALLOW NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND NURSE MIDWIVES TO BE REGULATED BY THE BOARD OF NURSING, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 355** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 387** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 400** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 401**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEALER LICENSE RENEWAL GRACE PERIOD AND ALIGNING DEALER REGISTRATION PLATE RENEWALS WITH DEALER LICENSE RENEWALS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 493**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE SITING OF SCHOOLS VIA SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AREAS ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL USE; TO CLARIFY THAT USE RIGHTS ON PROPERTY ARE NOT EXTINGUISHED BY THE APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL

USE RIGHTS; AND TO ELIMINATE MUNICIPAL EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 503** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROMOTING GREATER EFFICIENCY IN THE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS BY ESTABLISHING A DEADLINE FOR PROCESSING BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT REQUESTS AND BY PROHIBITING OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS EMPLOYEES FROM TELEWORKING, EXCEPT AS NECESSARY DURING DECLARED EMERGENCIES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 693** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RELATED TO VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTERS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 765** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THIS STATE AND TO INCREASE THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM GENERAL STORMWATER PERMIT FEE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 4** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAL CONDITION ACTION PLANS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLANS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

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**H.B. 94**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERANS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 283**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RENAME THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNT THE SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT AND TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 305** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 356** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE REBATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 364** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT IS IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 520** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS ABUSE OF PRIVACY AND ACTS OF DECEPTION FROM TELEMARKETERS BY DISPLAYING PHONE NUMBERS THAT ARE FRAUDULENT AND MISREPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTUAL CALLER, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 535** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PENALIZE THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES AND TO PREVENT TITLE FRAUD BY AUTHORIZING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE RECORDING A DEED OR CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS, REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A STATEWIDE FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE CAUSE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AFTER A FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE, REQUIRING SOURCE OF TITLE TO BE REFLECTED ON DEED OR OTHER TITLE CONVEYANCE, AND REQUIRING TAX OFFICE CERTIFICATION OF LISTED OWNER AND DELINQUENT TAX STATUS ON COUNTY TAX RECORDS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 547** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT LIABILITY FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTORS WORKING WITH AND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCIES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 552**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TARGETED FOR AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 560** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 567** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE ACCESS TO AN EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS

OF DEMENTIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR, ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF, AND REDUCE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE CONDITION ON NORTH CAROLINIANS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 616** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 618**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE IVERMECTIN WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR AND ANY PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES IVERMECTIN PURSUANT TO THE STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 627** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SITING OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 727** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 795** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

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**H.B. 851** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TREAT HOSPITAL POLICE OFFICERS AS A DISTINCT CATEGORY OF COMPANY POLICE OFFICERS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN AUTHORITY AND INFORMATION ACCESS TO THESE OFFICERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 894**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FIREARMS BUSINESSES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 896** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 909** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 936** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS TO ADDRESS ROBOCALLS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 953** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND PRIVATE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAY RATES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

**H.B. 992** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report.

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Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 7.

By Representatives Biggs, Cotham, and Willis, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 581**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CAREER PATH OPTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**H.B. 415**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES MODIFYING HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION PATHWAY TO PROVIDE MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY RULES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 854**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION FOR EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS OR TRANSLITERATORS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERPRETER AND TRANSLITERATOR LICENSURE ACT, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 959**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY AND TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 981**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO ATTEND ANY SCHOOL WITHIN THE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS DOMICILED, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 270**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE METHODS OF EXECUTION AVAILABLE FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND SENTENCED TO DEATH, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 441**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE AS THE OFFICIAL SALTWATER REPTILE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 597**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL RAPTOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 674** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF LIFETIME CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONCEALED CARRY PERMITTEE WHO ALLOWS THE PERMIT TO LAPSE DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER FIREARMS SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE UPON APPLYING FOR RENEWAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER BY ALLOWING THEM TO STORE THEIR FIREARMS WITH OR SELL THEIR FIREARMS THROUGH A QUALIFIED LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER, TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE THAT ENTERS INTO A SAFETY HOLD AGREEMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE STORAGE AND USE OF DEFENSIVE DEVICES IN BIOMETRIC SAFES FOR SCHOOLS, AND TO BROADEN DOOR LOCK EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 698** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR MISSING PERSONS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 701**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS LAFAYETTE DAY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 805** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 818** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 859**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 997**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CERTIFY WHETHER OR NOT THAT MEMBER HAS REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION PRIOR TO TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 150** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS BE ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR A TWELFTH GRADE TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN INDIAN EDUCATION STUDENTS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 185** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TRANSYLVANIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 442** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE RECREATIONAL FISHING FOR FLOUNDER AND RED SNAPPER IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE CREATION OF A FOUR-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 602** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS SERVING AS PART OF THE ATHLETICS PERSONNEL OR COACHING STAFF OF ASSOCIATIONS THAT CONDUCT YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, MANAGED, OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO APPROVE COURSES THAT MEET THIS ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 690** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, AND LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND REPORT ON A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT STATE-FUNDED BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OR THROUGH THESE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND NONCITIZENS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES WITH LEGAL PERMISSION; DIRECTING STATE-FUNDED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR BENEFITS ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 781**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT BANNING UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING IN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THE STATE, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 560** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, is withdrawn from the Calendar of May 7 and placed on the Calendar 36(b).

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 886**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) IN ALL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE USE OF AEDS AND CPR, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 854** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION FOR EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS OR TRANSLITERATORS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERPRETER AND TRANSLITERATOR LICENSURE ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Regulatory Reform and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The serial referral to the Committee on Finance is stricken.

The House stands adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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# FIFTY-THIRD DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Harry Warren:

"Dear Lord, please help us to remember that in times of trouble, fear, and uncertainty, You are with us always, that You are our strength. Help us to realize when we are relying on ourselves, and call us back to You.

"Remind us that we must do Your bidding in these positions of responsibility that You have called us into and we have accepted.

"Open our eyes to see the opportunity You have given us to help others. Help us to see the potential in each other and give us the maturity to work together in servitude to others, as You have positioned us to do.

"Help us to see each other as one of Your creations, so we might recognize our similarities and not the distraction of our differences; that we might demonstrate the agape love for one another that will empower us to overcome our human weaknesses and work together, strengthened by Your eternal patience and undying love for us.

"This we humbly ask. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Cotham, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 6 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Baker, Clampitt, Dew, Huneycutt, and Prather for today. Speaker Hall; Representatives Arp, Campbell, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lofton, Moss, Pyrtle, Quick, Rubin, and Turner are excused for a portion of the Session.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 305** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS.

Pursuant to Rule 24.1A(c), the request that Representative Lofton be excused from voting on May 6 is continued.

The bill fails to pass its second reading by electronic vote (54-57), and is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 4** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEDICAL CONDITION ACTION PLANS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLANS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 81** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS.

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

**H.B. 94**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERANS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 283**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RENAME THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS ACCOUNT THE SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT AND TO CREATE A SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE ONE NORTH CAROLINA FUND, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Belk requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (110-1).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 297** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Stevens requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (111-1).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 356** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE REBATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

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The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 364** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCELERATING A LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT THAT IS IDENTIFIED FOR FUNDING UNDER THE STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (101-10), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Price requests and is granted leave of the House to change her vote from "aye" to "no." The adjusted vote total is (100-11).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the following bill appears on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 515** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC ABUSE PREVENTION ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 520** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS ABUSE OF PRIVACY AND ACTS OF DECEPTION FROM TELEMARKETERS BY DISPLAYING PHONE NUMBERS THAT ARE FRAUDULENT AND MISREPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACTUAL CALLER, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 547** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT LIABILITY FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTORS WORKING WITH AND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCIES.

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

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**H.B. 535** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PENALIZE THE FILING OF FRAUDULENT DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES AND TO PREVENT TITLE FRAUD BY AUTHORIZING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE RECORDING A DEED OR CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS, REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A STATEWIDE FRAUD DETECTION ALERT SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE CAUSE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AFTER A FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE, REQUIRING SOURCE OF TITLE TO BE REFLECTED ON DEED OR OTHER TITLE CONVEYANCE, AND REQUIRING TAX OFFICE CERTIFICATION OF LISTED OWNER AND DELINQUENT TAX STATUS ON COUNTY TAX RECORDS.

Pursuant to Rule 24.1A, Representative Cotham requests that she be excused from voting on this bill due to a lawsuit pending. This request is granted.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 547** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT LIABILITY FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTORS WORKING WITH AND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCIES, which was temporarily displaced, is before the Body.

Representative Chesser offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (107-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (100-9), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Reives requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (101-8).

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

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**H.B. 74** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS.

On motion of Representative K. Hall, the House concurs in the material Senate committee substitute bill, on its second roll call reading, by the following vote, and the bill remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, Brody, Chesser, Cotham, Cunningham, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, K. Hall, Hastings, Howard, Humphrey, Iler, N. Jackson, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Loftis, Logan, Lowery, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pike, Pless, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Sauls, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 71.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Ager, Alston, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Carney, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, F. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Pittman, Price, Quick, Reives, Roberson, and von Haefen - 37.

Excused absences: Representatives Baker, Campbell, Clampitt, Dew, Huneycutt, Lofton, Prather, Rubin, and Turner - 9.

**H.B. 552**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TARGETED FOR AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 567** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE ACCESS TO AN EARLY AND ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR, ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF, AND REDUCE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE CONDITION ON NORTH CAROLINIANS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-2), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 616** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS.

Representative B. Jones offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (106-4).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-5), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 618**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ISSUE A STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE IVERMECTIN WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION; AND PROVIDING IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR THE STATE HEALTH DIRECTOR AND ANY PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES IVERMECTIN PURSUANT TO THE STATEWIDE STANDING ORDER.

Representative Clark offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (42-69).

Representative Bell calls the previous question on the passage of the bill and the call is sustained by electronic vote (67-41).

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (66-47), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 627** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SITING OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

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**H.B. 681** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE COMMISSION FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES TO AMEND THE RULES REGARDING OUTPATIENT OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR GREATER CONSISTENCY WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Representative Crawford offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (111-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 727** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SETZER PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 851** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TREAT HOSPITAL POLICE OFFICERS AS A DISTINCT CATEGORY OF COMPANY POLICE OFFICERS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN AUTHORITY AND INFORMATION ACCESS TO THESE OFFICERS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative T. Brown requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (110-0).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 795** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (107-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 894**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FIREARMS BUSINESSES.

Representative Adams offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (108-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 896** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 909** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (108-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 936** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS TO ADDRESS ROBOCALLS.

Representative Greene offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (110-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

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**H.B. 953** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND PRIVATE ASSIGNED COUNSEL PAY RATES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 992** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE.

SPEAKER HALL PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

On motion of the Speaker, the House recesses at 1:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1 and modifications to the Calendar, to reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

## RECESS

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 150** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 183**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WAKE SURFING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WATERS OF LAKE GLENVILLE IN JACKSON COUNTY, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 185** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TRANSYLVANIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 188** (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 214**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAITHFUL ARTICLE V COMMISSIONER ACT, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.J.R. 379**, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 415** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE MATH III GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, TO MODIFY THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS, TO REQUIRE A HIGH SCHOOL UNITED STATES HISTORY TEST, TO MODIFY THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLES HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS TO ALIGN MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS WITH THE MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

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**H.B. 441**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE AS THE OFFICIAL SALTWATER REPTILE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 442** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE RECREATIONAL FISHING FOR FLOUNDER AND RED SNAPPER IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE CREATION OF A FOUR-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 597**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL RAPTOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 602** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS SERVING AS PART OF THE ATHLETICS PERSONNEL OR COACHING STAFF OF ASSOCIATIONS THAT CONDUCT YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, MANAGED, OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO APPROVE COURSES THAT MEET THIS ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 674** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF LIFETIME CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONCEALED CARRY PERMITTEE WHO ALLOWS THE PERMIT TO LAPSE DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER FIREARMS SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE UPON APPLYING FOR RENEWAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER BY ALLOWING THEM TO STORE THEIR FIREARMS WITH OR SELL THEIR FIREARMS THROUGH A QUALIFIED LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER, TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE THAT ENTERS INTO A SAFETY HOLD AGREEMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE STORAGE AND USE OF DEFENSIVE DEVICES IN BIOMETRIC SAFES FOR SCHOOLS, AND TO BROADEN DOOR LOCK EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES, with a favorable report.

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The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 690** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, AND LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND REPORT ON A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT STATE-FUNDED BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OR THROUGH THESE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND NONCITIZENS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES WITH LEGAL PERMISSION; DIRECTING THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR ENROLLMENT ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR IN-STATE TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 698** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR MISSING PERSONS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 701**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS LAFAYETTE DAY, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 754**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT DISABLED AND OLDER ADULTS FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AND TO UPDATE THE SAVINGS BANK LAWS TO INCREASE ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMMERCIAL BANKING LAWS, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

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**H.B. 781** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT BANNING UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING IN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THE STATE, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 805** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 818** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 854** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION FOR EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS OR TRANSLITERATORS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERPRETER AND TRANSLITERATOR LICENSURE ACT, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 859**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 886**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) IN ALL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE USE OF AEDS AND CPR, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 959** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY AND TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 981** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY HOW LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS CAN ALLOW STUDENTS TO ATTEND ANY SCHOOL WITHIN THE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS DOMICILED, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 997**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CERTIFY WHETHER OR NOT THAT MEMBER HAS REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION PRIOR TO TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 74** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS, is withdrawn from the Calendar of May 8 and placed on the Calendar of May 13.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of May 5 are introduced to the membership. They are: Rayne Bookhart of Wake; Nicolas Casarez of Wayne; Bridget Gaffney of Union; Madeline Gilmore of Lenoir; Van Helms of Union; Garrett Hughes of Wayne; Amy Hutchison of Forsyth; Emily Kemp of Johnston; Margaret Newsome of Pitt; Vivian Owens of Wake; Tessa Rosania of Carteret; Tucker Smith of Wake; Caleb Stillwell of Cherokee; Lily Stringer of Duplin; and Ethan Tomko of Mecklenburg.

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**H.B. 150** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATE AGENCIES TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 183**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WAKE SURFING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WATERS OF LAKE GLENVILLE IN JACKSON COUNTY.

Representative Gillespie offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (113-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 185** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TRANSYLVANIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 214**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAITHFUL ARTICLE V COMMISSIONER ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (61-53), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.J.R. 379**, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (62-51), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The resolution passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 188** (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 441**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE AS THE OFFICIAL SALTWATER REPTILE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 442** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE RECREATIONAL FISHING FOR FLOUNDER AND RED SNAPPER IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE CREATION OF A FOUR-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (77-35), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 597**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL RAPTOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 602** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS SERVING AS PART OF THE ATHLETICS PERSONNEL OR COACHING STAFF OF ASSOCIATIONS THAT CONDUCT YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES ON PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, MANAGED,

OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO APPROVE COURSES THAT MEET THIS ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 415** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE MATH III GRADUATION REQUIREMENT, TO MODIFY THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTION FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS, TO REQUIRE A HIGH SCHOOL UNITED STATES HISTORY TEST, TO MODIFY THE FOUNDING PRINCIPLES HIGH SCHOOL COURSE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS TO ALIGN MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS WITH THE MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

Representative von Haefen offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (48-63).

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (69-43), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 674** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF LIFETIME CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONCEALED CARRY PERMITTEE WHO ALLOWS THE PERMIT TO LAPSE DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER FIREARMS SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE UPON APPLYING FOR RENEWAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER BY ALLOWING THEM TO STORE THEIR FIREARMS WITH OR SELL THEIR FIREARMS THROUGH A QUALIFIED LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER, TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR A FEDERAL FIREARMS LICENSEE THAT ENTERS INTO A SAFETY HOLD AGREEMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE STORAGE AND USE OF DEFENSIVE DEVICES IN BIOMETRIC SAFES FOR SCHOOLS, AND TO BROADEN DOOR LOCK EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES.

Representative Adams offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (101-10).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (70-42), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 690** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, AND LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND REPORT ON A PLAN TO ENSURE THAT STATE-FUNDED BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OR THROUGH THESE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND NONCITIZENS RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES WITH LEGAL PERMISSION; DIRECTING THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM AND THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR ENROLLMENT ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR IN-STATE TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID; AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY TO VERIFY THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ARE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO RESIDE IN THE UNITED STATES, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (68-43), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 698** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR MISSING PERSONS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SETZER PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (107-5), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

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**H.B. 701**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS LAFAYETTE DAY, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 754**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT DISABLED AND OLDER ADULTS FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AND TO UPDATE THE SAVINGS BANK LAWS TO INCREASE ALIGNMENT WITH THE COMMERCIAL BANKING LAWS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 781** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT BANNING UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC CAMPING OR SLEEPING IN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THE STATE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (68-42), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Winslow requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (69-42).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 805** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS.

SPEAKER HALL PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 818** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (113-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 854** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION FOR EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETERS OR TRANSLITERATORS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA INTERPRETER AND TRANSLITERATOR LICENSURE ACT, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 859**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (69-40).

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

## VOTE RECONSIDERED

**H.B. 305** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS.

Pursuant to Rule 24.1A(c), the request that Representative Lofton be excused from voting on May 6 is continued.

Having voted with the prevailing side, Representative Warren moves that the vote by which the bill failed to pass its second reading be reconsidered. The motion carries by electronic vote (68-42), and the bill is before the Body.

On motion of the Chair, the bill is withdrawn from today's Calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CALENDAR (continued)

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 306** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BLOWING ROCK AND BOONE AND THE COUNTIES OF DARE, DURHAM, AND WATAUGA TO CONSTRUCT AND PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

FOR TOWN AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 886**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS) IN ALL SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON THE USE OF AEDS AND CPR.

Representative Gable offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (111-0).

Representative Howard offers Amendment No. 2 which is adopted by electronic vote (111-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (111-1), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 859**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS, which was temporarily displaced, is before the Body.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**BILL PLACED ON CALENDAR**

On motion of the Chair, and without objection, **H.B. 569** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED BY GENX AND OTHER PFAS COMPOUNDS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and placed on today's Calendar.

**CALENDAR (continued)**

**H.B. 959** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY AND TO PROVIDE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (112-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 569** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED BY GENX AND OTHER PFAS COMPOUNDS.

Representative B. Jones offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (104-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-3), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate by Special Message.

**H.B. 981** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY HOW LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS CAN ALLOW STUDENTS TO ATTEND ANY SCHOOL WITHIN THE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS DOMICILED, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 81** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE AND CONSENT BEFORE AN INSURANCE INSTITUTION OR AGENT MAY USE VEHICLE TELEMATICS, which was temporarily displaced, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 627** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SITING OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS, which was temporarily displaced, is withdrawn from today's Calendar and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 997**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CERTIFY WHETHER OR NOT THAT MEMBER HAS REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION PRIOR TO TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (103-5), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate by Special Message.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 7:12 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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# FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 8, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Paré.

Prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Ward reports the Journal of May 7 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Ward moves, seconded by Representative Clampitt, that the House adjourn at 10:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, May 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following Special Messages are received from the Senate:

**S.B. 29** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONSLOW COUNTY TO DELEGATE REZONING AUTHORITY TO THE PLANNING BOARD, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 69** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MILLS RIVER TO ADOPT A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ALLOW HENDERSON COUNTY TO AMEND ITS ZONING REGULATIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ELIMINATE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON COUNTY; AND TO REQUIRE HENDERSON COUNTY TO APPROVE ANY REZONING OF AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT ARE VOLUNTARILY ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 164** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPECIFY THE PUNISHMENT FOR LOOTING ANOTHER PERSON'S TEMPORARY HOUSING IN AN EMERGENCY AREA DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 176** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MITCHELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS MISSIONS AND COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ACROSS STATE LINES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 266** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN FLOODPLAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES DAMAGED BY HISTORIC FLOOD EVENTS; AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SOLID WASTE COMPOSTING RULES, STATE-ONLY STORMWATER AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, STATE-ONLY AIR QUALITY PERMITS, SOIL

AMENDMENT OR COMPOST PRODUCT REGISTRATION, AND FIRE CODE LIMITATIONS ON MULCH PILE STORAGE, FOR THE PROCESSING OF TREE STUMPS AND OTHER VEGETATIVE DEBRIS INTO MULCH OR SOIL AMENDMENTS IN THE COUNTIES AFFECTED BY HELENE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 280** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY CARRY CERTAIN WEAPONS ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE LOCATION OF BOTH A SCHOOL AND A PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP WHEN ATTENDING WORSHIP SERVICES AND OTHER SACERDOTAL FUNCTIONS AT THE PLACE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 375** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON'S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 378**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN CONDOMINIUMS AND PLANNED COMMUNITIES, TO MANDATE PRELITIGATION MEDIATION OF DISPUTES BETWEEN OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR MEMBERS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO COLLECT AND REPORT ON COMPLAINTS SUBMITTED TO IT INVOLVING SUCH DISPUTES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 408** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 416** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**S.B. 442**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 479** (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 484** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 554** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 587**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY NON-CONFORMITIES IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 605** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN SUBBASIN DESIGNATIONS AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN INTERBASIN TRANSFER CERTIFICATE FOR WATER TRANSFERS BETWEEN THOSE CERTAIN SUBBASINS WITHIN THE SAME MAJOR RIVER BASIN AND TO REVISE 2020 FARM ACT TMDL TRANSPORT FACTOR CALCULATION APPLICABILITY, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 655** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 690** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**S.B. 697** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY AND RECONSTITUTE THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO THE EFFECTUAL STEWARDSHIP OF LAKE NORMAN AND TO ENSURE ITS WATER QUALITY, THE SAFETY OF RECREATIONAL USERS, AND THE ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE LAKE NORMAN REGION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 730**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE CLEAN ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD TO INCLUDE EXISTING NUCLEAR AND LARGE HYDROELECTRIC POWER FACILITIES, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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# FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 12, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for the blessings of this day. Thank You for each mother in North Carolina and the special task You gave her, to raise her children with love, attention, humility, and respect.

"Children will often practice when they are adults what they are taught in gentle love from their moms in childhood.

"Thank You for giving us the Bible that gives us instructions on how to teach and raise our children. God bless the moms of North Carolina.

"In His precious Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Goodwin reports the Journal of May 8 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

The Speaker grants a leave of absence to the Principal Clerk.

Representative Goodwin moves, seconded by Representative White, that the House adjourn at 1:04 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 560** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, is withdrawn from the Calendar 36(b) and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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# FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Chesser.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1 and modifications to the Calendar, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

**RECESS**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

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By Representatives Blackwell and Stevens, Chairs, for the Committee on Election Law:

**H.B. 834**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PERSON SEEKING A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE IN THIS STATE BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 271**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN CABARRUS COUNTY SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY VOTERS RESIDING IN THE DISTRICT THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTS SHALL VOTE FOR THAT MEMBER IN THE CITY OF CONCORD, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 478**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL DISTRICT ATTORNEY VACANCIES, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 271** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM IN EACH MUNICIPALITY WHOLLY LOCATED WITHIN CABARRUS COUNTY ON WHETHER TO CHANGE

THE METHOD OF ELECTION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN; AND TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 14.

**H.B. 821** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN CLASS C DRIVERS LICENSES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 14.

**H.B. 834**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PERSON SEEKING A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE IN THIS STATE BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of May 14.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Calendar of May 14 and placed on the Calendar 36(b).

**H.B. 271** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM IN EACH MUNICIPALITY WHOLLY LOCATED WITHIN CABARRUS COUNTY ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN; AND TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

**H.B. 821** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN CLASS C DRIVERS LICENSES.

**H.B. 834**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PERSON SEEKING A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE IN THIS STATE BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY.

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The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Gloristine Brown.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 12 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Alston, Baker, Brockman, T. Brown, Budd, Cotham, Dew, K. Hall, Moss, Pike, Reives, Sauls, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, and Tyson for today.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 74** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS.

On motion of Representative Lambeth, the House concurs in the material Senate committee substitute bill, on its third roll call reading, by the following vote, and the bill is ordered enrolled and presented to the Governor by Special Message.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Chesser, Clampitt, Cunningham, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Hastings, Hawkins, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Johnson, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Loftis, Lowery, McNeely, Miller, Paré, Penny, G. Pierce, Pless, Potts, Pyrtle, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Ross, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 69.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Ager, Ball, Belk, G. Brown, K. Brown, Buansi, Butler, Cervania, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Dahle, Greenfield, Harrison, Helfrich, Jeffers, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, Morey, R. Pierce, Pittman, Prather, Price, Quick, Roberson, Rubin, Turner, and von Haefen - 35.

Excused absences: Representatives Alston, Baker, Brockman, T. Brown, Budd, Cotham, Dew, K. Hall, Moss, Pike, Reives, Sauls, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, and Tyson - 15.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 4:47 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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# FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Gable.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1 and modifications to the Calendar, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **S.B. 257** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement is stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

## BILL PLACED ON CALENDAR

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 271** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM IN EACH MUNICIPALITY WHOLLY LOCATED WITHIN CABARRUS COUNTY

ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN; AND TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, is withdrawn from the Calendar 36(b) and placed on today's Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Kelly E. Hastings.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative B. Jones, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 13 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Bell, Budd, Cotham, Dew, G. Pierce, Quick, Sauls, Carson Smith, Watford, and Winslow for today.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following bill is duly ratified and presented to the Governor:

**H.B. 74**, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the following bill appears on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 834**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PERSON SEEKING A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE IN THIS STATE BE OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY.

Representative Almond offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (108-0).

Representative Harrison offers an amendment.

The Speaker rules the amendment out of order, stating it changes the title.

Representative Harrison inquires of the Chair why her amendment is out of order as there is not a rule against amendments that change the title of the bill.

The Speaker states that it is the custom and precedent of the House that amendments with title changes are out of order.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**H.B. 271** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM IN EACH MUNICIPALITY WHOLLY LOCATED WITHIN CABARRUS COUNTY ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN; AND TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (66-42), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of May 12 are introduced to the membership. They are: Michael Bingham of Guilford; Ryan Delk of Wake; Auset Donadelle of Alamance; Ogochukwu Frank-Ito of Durham; Keener Linder of Wake; Bethany Locklear of Johnston; Jack McGee of Dare; Christina Murray of Wake; Magali Murray of Wake; Morgan O'Malley of Carteret; Cooper Pittman of Brunswick; Molly Ruth Redding of Guilford; Allison Sargent of Wake; Alexander Shi of Mecklenburg; and McKenna Watson of Surry.

Representative B. Jones moves, seconded by Representative Dixon, that the House adjourn at 2:20 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 15, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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# FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 15, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative White.

Prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Scott reports the Journal of May 14 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative Scott moves, seconded by Representative Penny, that the House adjourn at 11:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, May 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## CHAPTERED BILLS

The following bill is properly enrolled, assigned a chapter number, and presented to the office of the Secretary of State:

**H.B. 74**, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS. (S.L. 2025-4)

## SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following Special Messages are received from the Senate:

**S.J.R. 765**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.J.R. 764**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF CHRISTOPHER J. AYERS AS EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC STAFF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.J.R. 763**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DON VAN DER VAART TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**RE-REFERRAL**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **S.B. 257** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Pensions and Retirement are stricken.

The bill is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and, if favorable, to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

The House stands adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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# FIFTY-NINTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, May 19, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative White.

Prayer is offered by Representative Jimmy Dixon.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Paré, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 15 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

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## WITHDRAWAL OF BILL FROM CALENDAR

On motion of the Chair, **H.B. 821** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN CLASS C DRIVERS LICENSES, is withdrawn from the Calendar 36(b) and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of Representative Paré and without objection, the House adjourns at 1:04 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 20, at 9:00 a.m.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**S.J.R. 763**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DON VAN DER VAART TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the resolution is placed on the Calendar of May 21.

**S.J.R. 764**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF CHRISTOPHER J. AYERS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC STAFF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the resolution is placed on the Calendar of May 21.

**S.J.R. 765**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the resolution is placed on the Calendar of May 21.

**S.B. 257** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Speaker rules the House committee substitute bill to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

The material House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House stands adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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# SIXTIETH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

The House meets at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

Prayer is offered by McKenna Daley, Administrative Clerk for the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Clampitt reports the Journal of May 19 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

On motion of Representative Clampitt and without objection, the House adjourns at 9:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 21, at 9:00 a.m.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, Setzer, Kidwell, and Ross, Chairs, for the Committee on Finance:

**S.B. 257** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS,

AND INSTITUTIONS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the material House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The material House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**H.B. 169**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE AUTHORITY FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY TO IMPOSE AN OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The Speaker rules the committee substitute bill to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

The material committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 332**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NASH COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The Speaker rules the committee substitute bill to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

The material committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Arp, K. Hall, Lambeth, Strickland, Blackwell, Brisson, and Paré, Chairs, for the Committee on Appropriations:

**S.B. 257** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, with a favorable report as to House Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to material House Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that House Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement.

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House Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement. Material House Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House stands adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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# SIXTY-FIRST DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

The House meets at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Principal Clerk.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 9:00 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1 and modifications to the Calendar, to reconvene at 10:00 a.m.

## RECESS

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representative Wheatley, Chair, for the Committee on Pensions and Retirement:

**S.B. 257** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, with a favorable report.

The bill is placed on today's Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Grant L. Campbell, MD.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 20 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Brody, Cotham, Dew, Sauls, and Carson Smith for today. Speaker Hall; Representatives K. Hall, Hastings, Lambeth, G. Pierce, Quick, and Strickland are excused for a portion of the Session.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**S.J.R. 763**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DON VAN DER VAART TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (64-46), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Brockman requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "aye" to "no." The adjusted vote total is (63-47).

The resolution passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

**S.J.R. 764**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF CHRISTOPHER J. AYERS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC STAFF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The resolution passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

**S.J.R. 765**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (110-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The resolution passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

**S.B. 257** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

Representative Belk offers Amendment No. 1 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-66).

Representative Belk offers Amendment No. 2 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-66).

Representative G. Brown offers Amendment No. 3 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-68).

Representative T. Brown offers Amendment No. 4 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (48-65).

Representative Buansi offers Amendment No. 5 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (49-66).

Representative Butler offers Amendment No. 6 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (48-67).

Representative Cervania offers Amendment No. 7 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (41-72).

Representative Cervania offers Amendment No. 8 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (43-69).

Representative Clark offers Amendment No. 9 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-68).

Representative Crawford offers Amendment No. 10 which is adopted by electronic vote (112-3).

The Speaker requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (113-2).

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

On motion of the Speaker, the House recesses at 12:45 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 2:15 p.m.

**RECESS**

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

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**CALENDAR (continued)**

**S.B. 257** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, which was temporarily displaced, is before the Body.

Representative Ball offers Amendment No. 11, which is temporarily displaced.

Representative Ball offers Amendment No. 12 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (42-60).

Representative Belk offers Amendment No. 13 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (43-60).

Representative Dahle offers Amendment No. 14 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-58).

Representative Greenfield offers Amendment No. 15 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-59).

Representative Greenfield offers Amendment No. 16, which is temporarily displaced.

Representative Harrison offers Amendment No. 17 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-65).

Amendment No. 11, which was temporarily displaced, fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-65).

Amendment No. 16, which was temporarily displaced, fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-65).

Representative Cervania offers Amendment No. 18 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (44-67).

Representative Cervania offers Amendment No. 19 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (44-67).

Representative Hawkins offers Amendment No. 20.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SETZER PRESIDING.

Amendment No. 20 fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-62).

Representative Hawkins offers Amendment No. 21 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (49-57).

Representative Hawkins offers Amendment No. 22.

Representative Hawkins withdraws Amendment No. 22.

Representative Lambeth offers Amendment No. 23, which is temporarily displaced.

Representative Logan offers Amendment No. 24 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-60).

Representative Logan offers Amendment No. 25 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (45-62).

Representative Logan offers Amendment No. 26 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-61).

Representative Longest offers Amendment No. 27 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-63).

Representative Lopez offers Amendment No. 28 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-65).

Representative Lopez offers Amendment No. 29 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (44-63).

Representative Lopez offers Amendment No. 30 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (45-63).

Representative Lopez offers Amendment No. 31 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (44-64).

Representative Morey offers Amendment No. 32 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (48-60).

Representative Morey requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (49-60).

Representative Morey offers Amendment No. 33 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (47-62).

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Representative Prather offers Amendment No. 34.

Representative B. Jones calls the previous question on the adoption of the amendment and the call is sustained by electronic vote (65-42).

Amendment No. 34 fails of adoption by electronic vote (44-64).

Representative Prather offers Amendment No. 35 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (42-63).

Representative Prather offers Amendment No. 36.

SPEAKER HALL PRESIDING.

Amendment No. 36 fails of adoption by electronic vote (43-63).

Representative Prather offers Amendment No. 37 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (41-66).

Representative Price offers Amendment No. 38 which is adopted by electronic vote (98-7).

Representative Rubin offers Amendment No. 39 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (44-63).

Representative Rubin offers Amendment No. 40 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-63).

Representative Rubin offers Amendment No. 41.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the amendment do lie upon the table. The motion carries by electronic vote (67-43).

Representative Rubin offers Amendment No. 42.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the amendment do lie upon the table. The motion carries by electronic vote (68-42).

Representative Schietzelt offers Amendment No. 43 which is adopted by electronic vote (70-38).

Representative Warren requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (71-37).

Representative von Haefen offers Amendment No. 44 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (46-66).

Representative von Haefen offers Amendment No. 45.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative Tyson, that the amendment do lie upon the table. The motion carries by electronic vote (70-42).

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

On motion of the Speaker, the House recesses at 5:07 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 5:40 p.m.

**RECESS**

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

**CALENDAR (continued)**

**S.B. 257** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, which was temporarily displaced, is before the Body.

Amendment No. 23, which was temporarily displaced, is adopted by electronic vote (77-36).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and remains on the Calendar.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brockman, K. Brown, T. Brown, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, K. Hall, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pike, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Pyrtle, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 93.

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Voting in the negative: Representatives Alston, Baker, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, Rubin, and von Haefen - 20.

Excused absences: Representatives Brody, Cotham, Dew, Hastings, Quick, Sauls, and Carson Smith - 7.

## MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

On motion of the Speaker and without objection, the Rules are suspended in order for the following bill to receive its first reading today and to be placed on the Calender of May 22.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE AND WILDFIRES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 7:50 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

Representatives Arp, K. Hall, Lambeth, Strickland, Blackwell, Brisson, and Paré, Chairs, for the Committee on Appropriations submit the following bill with a favorable report for introduction.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE AND WILDFIRES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Pursuant to Rule 31(a), the bill is filed and assigned the number **H.B. 1012**.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following is introduced and read the first time:

By the Committee on Appropriations:

**H.B. 1012**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE AND WILDFIRES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Pursuant to Rule 32, the bill is placed the Calendar of May 22.

The House stands adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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# SIXTY-SECOND DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 22, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Donnie Loftis.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 21 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Brockman, Brody, Clark, Cotham, Dew, Goodwin, Hastings, Pike, Sauls, Shepard, Carson Smith, and Watford for today.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following resolutions are properly enrolled, duly ratified, and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

**S.J.R. 763**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DON VAN DER VAART TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION. (RESOLUTION 2025-4)

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**S.J.R. 764**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF CHRISTOPHER J. AYERS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC STAFF OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION. (RESOLUTION 2025-5)

**S.J.R. 765**, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW. (RESOLUTION 2025-6)

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**S.B. 257** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

Representative Arp offers Amendment No. 46 which is adopted by electronic vote (106-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Almond, Arp, Balkcom, Ball, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, K. Brown, T. Brown, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Chesser, Clampitt, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Greene, K. Hall, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, A. Jones, B. Jones, Kidwell, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Pyrtle, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, Ward, Warren, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Willis, Winslow, and Zenger - 86.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Alston, Belk, G. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cervania, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Johnson-Hostler, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Morey, R. Pierce, Price, Quick, Rubin, and von Haefen - 20.

Excused absences: Representatives Brockman, Brody, Clark, Cotham, Dew, Goodwin, Hastings, Pike, Reeder, Sauls, Shepard, Carson Smith, and Watford - 13.

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**H.B. 1012**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE AND WILDFIRES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Representative Greene offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (106-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (106-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

**INTRODUCTION OF PAGES**

Pages for the week of May 19 are introduced to the membership. They are: Beckett Ali of Wake; Laurel-Ann Attaway of Rockingham; Emma Bayonas of Guilford; Natalia Estrada of Wayne; Jacob Evatt of Guilford; Milo Graber of Durham; Robert Kirkley of Scotland; Siddhant Mishra of Wake; Julien Montgomery of Mecklenburg; Anna Sherman of Carteret; Zayla Smith of Davie; Jude Stumpf of Lee; Jackson Tuck of Duplin; Parvathy Unnikrishnan of Union; Connor Wilkerson of Brunswick; and Weston Yount of Granville.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative Dixon, that the House adjourn at 12:18 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Friday, May 23, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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# SIXTY-THIRD DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, May 23, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Paré.

May 23, 2025

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for the sacrifices made by the soldiers throughout American history for our country. This Monday, as our nation remembers their sacrifice and their family's loss, help us to be grateful that they gave all so America could remain free.

"Father, help us to put on Your helmet of salvation, Your breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the belt of truth, and the sword of the Spirit. In Thy precious Name of Jesus I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative White, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 22 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

On motion of Representative White and without objection, the House adjourns at 10:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Nothing having been received, the House stands adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

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# SIXTY-FOURTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

The House meets at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative White.

Prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of May 23 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

On motion of Representative Penny and without objection, the House adjourns at 9:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 29, at 10:00 a.m.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**H.B. 17** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

On motion of the Chair, the Senate committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 116** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

On motion of the Chair, the Senate committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 477** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

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On motion of the Chair, the Senate committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 506** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill.

On motion of the Chair, the Senate committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 29** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONSLOW COUNTY TO DELEGATE REZONING AUTHORITY TO THE PLANNING BOARD, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 36** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Election Law and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 69** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MILLS RIVER TO ADOPT A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ALLOW HENDERSON COUNTY TO AMEND ITS ZONING REGULATIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ELIMINATE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AUTHORITY

OF MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON COUNTY; AND TO REQUIRE HENDERSON COUNTY TO APPROVE ANY REZONING OF AREAS WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT ARE VOLUNTARILY ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 79** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BOILING SPRINGS AND TO DISSOLVE THE BOILING SPRINGS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 108** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT JOHNSTON COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 131** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY MODIFY BUNCOMBE COUNTY'S USE OF ONE-HALF OF ARTICLE 39 LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS TO INCLUDE BOTH SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY AND SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE BUNCOMBE SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND COMMISSION, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 149**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT HENDERSON COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY, is withdrawn from the Committee on

Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 174**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT RUTHERFORD COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 176** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MITCHELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS MISSIONS AND COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ACROSS STATE LINES.

**S.B. 203**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS.

**S.B. 329**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH FORK PASSAGE STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

**S.B. 697** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY AND RECONSTITUTE THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO THE EFFECTUAL STEWARDSHIP OF LAKE NORMAN AND TO ENSURE ITS WATER QUALITY, THE SAFETY OF RECREATIONAL USERS, AND THE ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE LAKE NORMAN REGION.

The House stands adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

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# SIXTY-FIFTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, May 29, 2025

The House meets at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

The following prayer is offered by Representative Donna McDowell White:

"Father, thank You for protecting us each day from the evil one, by giving us a desire to stay centered on Christ. Help us to stay connected to Your Word - the Bible.

"Help us to be compassionate to our constituents and to all we serve within the Great State of North Carolina. Father, help us to stay connected to our church and to always stay calm in Your Spirit.

"In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative White, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 27 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

On motion of Representative White and without objection, the House adjourns at 10:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, June 2, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 117**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE TO GOVERN TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

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**S.B. 121**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECT THAT CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN SPOUSES HAVE ON CERTAIN MARITAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

**S.B. 122**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM COMMUNITY PROPERTY DISPOSITION AT DEATH ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 133**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO SOLICIT A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TO ADD THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE TO THE LIST OF ENTITIES EXEMPTED IN G.S. 143B-1320, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 248** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED.

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**S.B. 375** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON'S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING.

**S.B. 423** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT TITLE FRAUD BY AUTHORIZING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS TO REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION CARD BEFORE RECORDING A DEED OR CERTAIN OTHER INSTRUMENTS AND PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE CAUSE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AFTER AN ATTEMPTED FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE.

**S.B. 164** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPECIFY THE PUNISHMENT FOR LOOTING ANOTHER PERSON'S TEMPORARY HOUSING IN AN EMERGENCY AREA DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 355** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 477** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 528** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 602** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN STATE BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO FIRE-RESISTANT WINDOWS FOR DOWNTOWN, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES DAMAGED BY HURRICANE HELENE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 445** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC ADOPTION OF ANY TEMPORARY WAIVER OR MODIFICATION ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE OR MEDICAID SERVICES UNDER SECTION 1135 OR 1812(F) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 266** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN FLOODPLAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES DAMAGED BY HISTORIC FLOOD EVENTS; AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SOLID WASTE COMPOSTING RULES, STATE-ONLY STORMWATER AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, STATE-ONLY AIR QUALITY PERMITS, SOIL AMENDMENT OR COMPOST PRODUCT REGISTRATION, AND FIRE CODE LIMITATIONS ON MULCH PILE STORAGE, FOR THE PROCESSING OF TREE STUMPS AND OTHER VEGETATIVE DEBRIS INTO MULCH OR SOIL AMENDMENTS IN THE COUNTIES AFFECTED BY HELENE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Development and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 266** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN FLOODPLAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES DAMAGED BY HISTORIC FLOOD EVENTS; AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SOLID WASTE COMPOSTING RULES, STATE-ONLY STORMWATER AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, STATE-ONLY

AIR QUALITY PERMITS, SOIL AMENDMENT OR COMPOST PRODUCT REGISTRATION, AND FIRE CODE LIMITATIONS ON MULCH PILE STORAGE, FOR THE PROCESSING OF TREE STUMPS AND OTHER VEGETATIVE DEBRIS INTO MULCH OR SOIL AMENDMENTS IN THE COUNTIES AFFECTED BY HELENE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Housing and Development and re-referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 118** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR A PERSON WHO WAS DISCHARGED HONORABLY OR UNDER GENERAL HONORABLE CONDITIONS FROM MILITARY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO SEND THE REQUIRED NOTICE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 13** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Insurance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 77** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 171** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND TO INCREASE ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL

HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 600** (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, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 153**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE BORDERS OF THE STATE BY (I) REQUIRING COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, (II) ENSURING STATE FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS IN THE STATE LEGALLY, (III) CREATING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, AND (IV) PROHIBITING UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROM BECOMING SANCTUARY UNIVERSITIES.

**S.B. 50** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT AND TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PAID FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS AND TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR SLAIN NC LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY.

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**S.B. 254** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL.

The House stands adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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# SIXTY-SIXTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 2, 2025

The House meets at 3:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Dixon.

Prayer is offered by McKenna Daley, Administrative Clerk for the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative White, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of May 29 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

On motion of Representative White and without objection, the House adjourns at 3:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 3, at 11:00 a.m.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the following bills are withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and placed on the Calendar of June 3.

**H.B. 477** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.

**H.B. 116** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**H.B. 17** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

**H.B. 506** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 829**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LICENSURE FOR LOCKSMITH BUSINESSES, TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCKSMITH APPRENTICES, TO CLARIFY LOCKSMITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS, AND TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF THE LOCKSMITH LICENSING ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Regulatory Reform and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remain.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 697**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSURE BOARD AND TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING, is withdrawn from the Committee on Regulatory Reform and re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 697** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY AND RECONSTITUTE THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO THE EFFECTUAL STEWARDSHIP OF LAKE NORMAN AND TO ENSURE ITS WATER QUALITY, THE SAFETY OF RECREATIONAL USERS, AND THE ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE LAKE NORMAN REGION, is withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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# SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 3, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Principal Clerk.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

## RECESS

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 664** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT, TO AMEND ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS, TO AMEND MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, AND TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR CERTAIN JDIG REQUIREMENTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control and, if favorable, to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representatives Chesser, Riddell, and Zenger, Chairs, for the Committee on Regulatory Reform:

**H.B. 468**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF KRATOM PRODUCTS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Abe Jones.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative B. Jones, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of June 2 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Gillespie, Lowery, Moss, Paré, Sauls, and Willis for today.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 17** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

On motion of Representative Pyrtle, the House concurs in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title, by electronic vote (109-2), and the bill is ordered enrolled.

Representative Turner requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." Representative Shepard requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (111-1).

## GUESTS

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to Brian Taylor, State Fire Marshal, and Brent Heath, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

## CALENDAR (continued)

**H.B. 116** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

On motion of Representative B. Jones, the House does not concur in the Senate committee substitute bill, by electronic vote (108-4), and conferees are requested. The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

Representatives Colvin and R. Pierce request and are granted leave of the House to change their votes from "no" to "aye." Representative Warren requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (111-2).

**H.B. 477** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.

On motion of Representative Carson Smith, the House concurs in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title, by electronic vote (113-0), and the bill is ordered enrolled and presented to the Governor.

**H.B. 506** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER.

On motion of Representative Ross, the House concurs in the Senate committee substitute bill, by electronic vote (113-0), and the bill is ordered enrolled and presented to the Governor.

Representative B. Jones moves, seconded by Representative Dixon, that the House adjourn at 4:37 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 4, at 9:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Stevens, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 2:

**S.B. 50** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT AND TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PAID FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS AND TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR SLAIN NC LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 248** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS

ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 199**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REFORMING THE LAWS RELATED TO NONCONSENSUAL BOOTING AND TOWING, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 897**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT AND MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**S.B. 153**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE BORDERS OF THE STATE BY (I) REQUIRING COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, (II) ENSURING STATE FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS IN THE STATE LEGALLY, (III) CREATING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, AND (IV) PROHIBITING UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROM BECOMING SANCTUARY UNIVERSITIES, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**S.B. 164** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPECIFY THE PUNISHMENT FOR LOOTING ANOTHER PERSON'S TEMPORARY HOUSING IN AN EMERGENCY AREA DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**S.B. 375** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON'S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## CONFEREES APPOINTED

The Speaker appoints the following conferee on **H.B. 116** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION: Representative B. Jones, Chair.

The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

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Mr. Speaker:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the House of Representatives with the information that the Senate failed to concur in **S.B. 257 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (6th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, and requests conferees. The President *Pro Tempore* appoints:

Senator Jackson, Co-Chair
Senator Hise, Co-Chair
Senator Lee, Co-Chair
Senator Alexander
Senator Barnes
Senator Berger
Senator Brinson
Senator Britt
Senator Burgin
Senator Corbin
Senator Craven
Senator Daniel
Senator Ford
Senator Galey
Senator Hanig
Senator Hollo
Senator Jarvis
Senator Johnson
Senator Jones
Senator Lazzara
Senator McInnis
Senator Measmer
Senator Moffitt
Senator B. Newton
Senator Overcash
Senator Rabon
Senator Sanderson
Senator Sawrey
Senator Sawyer
Senator Settle
Senator Blue
Senator Lowe
Senator Robinson
Senator Waddell

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

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

The House stands adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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# SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, June 4, 2025

The House meets at 9:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Scott.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 9:00 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1 and modifications to the Calendar, to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

**RECESS**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following report from standing committee is presented:

Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House submits the following resolution with a favorable report for introduction.

A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT JEWISH CITIZENS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO CURTAIL AND CRIMINALIZE ANTISEMITIC ACTS AS A RESPONSE TO UNPROVOKED ATTACKS.

Pursuant to Rule 31(a), the resolution is filed and assigned the number **H.R. 1013**.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

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The following prayer is offered by Representative Amos L. Quick, III:

"Lord, through Your prophet Isaiah, You comforted us with the words that the government rests upon Your shoulder.

"And throughout Your Holy Word, You expose us to knowledge of many of Your characteristics: You love justice; You love peace; You love unity; and You love us, each of us, with no respect of person.

"Therefore, even though we are aware that eternal justice and peace are under Your control, we also recognize that by grace, You are allowing each of us to work and legislate in this place of earthly authority.

"So please help us - we who are made in Your image - to reflect Your characteristics.

"Help us to love justice and to legislate justly. Help us to love peace and to legislate in ways that bring peace. Help us to love unity, like You love unity, and to legislate in ways that unite us, rather than divide us; with the full knowledge that real people are impacted by what we do.

"'And the government shall rest upon His shoulders.' So please help us to legislate guided by the truth that our ultimate reward is not found in winning our district in the next election, but in ultimately hearing You say, 'Well done.'

"In Christ's Name. Amen."

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Bell, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of June 3 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Adams, Brisson, Cotham, Dew, Gillespie, Lowery, Moss, Paré, R. Pierce, Pittman, Sauls, Strickland, and Willis for today. Representatives Gable, Harrison, and Warren are excused for a portion of the Session.

Serving as Honorary Page for today is Mirella Leerberg.

**GUEST**

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to former United States Senator Elizabeth Dole.

## REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT

Representative Warren submits a Representative Statement entitled, "HONORING ELIZABETH DOLE." Without objection, the Representative Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

## GUEST

The Speaker extends the courtesies of the floor to Reverend E. G. Mullins.

## REMARKS BY REVEREND E. G. MULLINS

Reverend E. G. Mullins is recognized to give a final blessing from the Well of the House.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following bills are duly ratified and presented to the Governor:

**H.B. 477**, AN ACT TO RECODIFY AND STANDARDIZE THE LAWS RELATING TO THE DEATH BENEFIT PLAN, 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, AND TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS.

**H.B. 506**, AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER.

The following bill is properly enrolled, duly ratified, and sent to the office of the Secretary of State:

**H.B. 17**, AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

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## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representative Bell, Chair, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 169** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE HAYWOOD COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX AND TO MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, with a favorable report.

Without objection, the material committee substitute bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**H.B. 332** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NASH COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT R, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO LEVY A THREE PERCENT ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

Without objection, the material committee substitute bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**S.B. 153** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE BORDERS OF THE STATE BY (I) REQUIRING COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, (II) ENSURING STATE FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS IN THE STATE LEGALLY, (III) CREATING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, AND (IV) PROHIBITING UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROM BECOMING SANCTUARY UNIVERSITIES, with a favorable report.

Without objection, the bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**S.B. 248** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, with a favorable report.

Without objection, the bill is placed on today's Calendar.

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## MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

On motion of the Chair and without objection, the Rules are suspended in order for **H.R. 1013**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT JEWISH CITIZENS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO CURTAIL AND CRIMINALIZE ANTISEMITIC ACTS AS A RESPONSE TO UNPROVOKED ATTACKS, to receive its first reading today and be placed on today's Calendar.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following is introduced and read the first time:

By the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House; and Representatives Adams, Howard, and Setzer:

**H.R. 1013**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT JEWISH CITIZENS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO CURTAIL AND CRIMINALIZE ANTISEMITIC ACTS AS A RESPONSE TO UNPROVOKED ATTACKS.

The resolution is placed on today's Calendar.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 169** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE HAYWOOD COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX AND TO MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and is placed on the Calendar of June 10.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Bell, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Lambeth, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Penny, Pickett,

G. Pierce, Pike, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger - 101.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Hastings, Kidwell, Loftis, and Setzer - 4.

Excused absences: Representatives Adams, Brisson, Cotham, Dew, Gillespie, Lowery, Moss, Paré, R. Pierce, Pittman, Sauls, Strickland, and Willis - 13.

**H.B. 332** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NASH COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT R, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO LEVY A THREE PERCENT ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX, passes its second reading, by the following vote, and is placed on the Calendar of June 10.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Ager, Almond, Alston, Arp, Baker, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Bell, Biggs, Blust, Branson, Brockman, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, Pike, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Shepard, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Torbett, Turner, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger - 104.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Blackwell and Kidwell - 2.

Excused absences: Representatives Adams, Brisson, Cotham, Dew, Gillespie, Lowery, Moss, Paré, R. Pierce, Pittman, Sauls, Strickland, and Willis - 13.

Representative Blackwell requests and is granted leave of the House to change his vote from "no" to "aye." The adjusted vote total is (105-1).

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**S.B. 153** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE BORDERS OF THE STATE BY (I) REQUIRING COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, (II) ENSURING STATE FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS IN THE STATE LEGALLY, (III) CREATING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, AND (IV) PROHIBITING UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROM BECOMING SANCTUARY UNIVERSITIES.

Representative Logan offers Amendment No. 1.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the amendment do lie upon the table. The motion carries by electronic vote (61-45).

Representative Crawford requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "no." The adjusted vote total is (61-46).

The bill passes its second reading, by electronic vote (60-45), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representative Baker requests and is granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "no." The adjusted vote total is (60-46).

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the Senate for concurrence in the House committee substitute bill.

**S.B. 248** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (104-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and presented to the Governor.

**H.R. 1013**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT JEWISH CITIZENS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO CURTAIL AND CRIMINALIZE ANTISEMITIC ACTS AS A RESPONSE TO UNPROVOKED ATTACKS.

The resolution is adopted, by electronic vote (98-0), and ordered printed.

## INTRODUCTION OF PAGES

Pages for the week of June 2 are introduced to the membership. They are: Ava Cate Aycock of Catawba; Rosalyn Ball of Forsyth; Taylor Benton of Lenoir; Elizabeth Edwards of Duplin; Eli Farris of Wilson; Payton Malone of Lenoir; Isaiah McDonald of Durham; Andy McIntosh of New Hanover; James Mondin of Henderson; Lance Morgan of Haywood; John Mullinax of Catawba; Mason Privette of Wake; Julia Scott of Harnett; Grant Simpson of Wake; Addi Sturchio of Wake; Madeline Teague of Chatham; and Kirian Veach of Davidson.

Representative Bell moves, seconded by Representative B. Jones, that the House adjourn at 2:16 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 5, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

By Representatives Dixon, McNeely, and Penny, Chairs, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment:

**S.B. 477** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FIRST SESSION 2025**

Senate Chamber
June 4, 2025

June 4, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to your message received on June 3, 2025 that the House of Representatives failed to concur in **H.B. 116 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, the President *Pro Tempore* appoints:

Senator Sawrey, Chair
Senator Overcash
Senator Britt

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

Respectfully,
S/ Sarah Holland
*Principal Clerk*

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 321**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 387** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## CHAPTERED BILLS

The following bill is properly enrolled, assigned a chapter number, and presented to the office of the Secretary of State:

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**H.B. 17**, AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MADISON FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF FAITH SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE TOWN OF FAITH FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS. (S.L. 2025-5)

The House stands adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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# SIXTY-NINTH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 5, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Reeder.

Prayer is offered by Representative Wyatt Gable.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative Penny reports the Journal of June 4 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following bill is duly ratified and presented to the Governor:

**S.B. 248**, AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following report from standing committee is presented:

June 5, 2025

By Representatives Arp, K. Hall, and Winslow, Chairs, for the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities:

**S.B. 266** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN FLOODPLAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF STRUCTURES DAMAGED BY HISTORIC FLOOD EVENTS; AND EXEMPTIONS FROM SOLID WASTE COMPOSTING RULES, STATE-ONLY STORMWATER AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, STATE-ONLY AIR QUALITY PERMITS, SOIL AMENDMENT OR COMPOST PRODUCT REGISTRATION, AND FIRE CODE LIMITATIONS ON MULCH PILE STORAGE, FOR THE PROCESSING OF TREE STUMPS AND OTHER VEGETATIVE DEBRIS INTO MULCH OR SOIL AMENDMENTS IN THE COUNTIES AFFECTED BY HELENE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

Representative Penny moves, seconded by Representative Clampitt, that the House adjourn at 11:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Monday, June 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carries.

## CONFEREES APPOINTED

The Speaker appoints the following conferees on **S.B. 257** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS: Representatives Lambeth, Arp, Strickland, K. Hall, Paré, Blackwell, and Brisson, Co-Chairs; Representatives Bell, B. Jones, Gillespie, Tyson, Warren, Howard, N. Jackson, Setzer, Winslow, Zenger, Johnson, Hastings, Balkcom, Goodwin, Dixon, Cotham, Willis, Biggs, Torbett, Loftis, Riddell, Potts, Reeder, White, Davis, Miller, Greene, Carson Smith, Chesser, Iler, Shepard, Reives, Charles Smith, Cunningham, Willingham, Brockman, Rhyne, and Eddins.

The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

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## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 205**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH FROM REGULATING PRIVATE POOLS SERVING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS; CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF SWIMMING POOL LAWS BY AMENDING THE EXEMPTION FOR PRIVATE POOLS SERVING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS; AND MAKING OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES TO G.S. 130A-280, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 655** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following is received from the Senate:

**H.B. 959** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY, TO REQUIRE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 402** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN LOTTERY WINNERS TO CHOOSE TO TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 307** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE SPECIAL ECONOMIC INTEREST OWNERS OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND TO GRANT THEM INFORMATION RIGHTS AND STANDING TO SEEK JUDICIAL DISSOLUTION, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 295** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 223**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 177**, 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, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 449** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO EVALUATE CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY COSTS AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Education - K-12 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 311** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 926** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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# SEVENTIETH DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, June 9, 2025

The House meets at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Representative Penny.

Prayer is offered by McKenna Daley, Administrative Clerk for the Office of the House Principal Clerk.

The Chair leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative White, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of June 5 has been examined and found correct. Upon her motion, the Journal is approved as written.

There are no excused absences for today.

Representative White moves, seconded by Representative Clampitt, that the House adjourn at 1:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 10, at 11:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

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## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following are received from the Senate:

**H.B. 23** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OPERATE AN OFF MAIN CAMPUS CULINARY PROGRAM, TO AUTHORIZE THE GULLAH GEECHEE HERITAGE TRAIL IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF STATE PROPERTY TO THE TOWN OF BURGAW, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF THE SOUTH FORK PASSAGE STATE TRAIL TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM, AND TO CODIFY THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

On motion of the Chair, the Senate committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 309** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Calendar of June 10.

**H.B. 412** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE PLAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES FOR MINORS, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Calendar of June 10.

**H.B. 434** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill, which changes the title upon concurrence.

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On motion of the Chair, the Senate committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 400** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 344** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS FOR FAIR MARKET VALUE TO POOLED SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS BY SENIORS AGE SIXTY-FIVE AND OLDER DOES NOT ADVERSELY IMPACT ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDICAID OR STATE-COUNTY SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House stands adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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# SEVENTY-FIRST DAY

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

The House meets at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Principal Clerk.

On motion of the Chair, the House recesses at 11:00 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

**RECESS**

**RE-REFERRALS**

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 442**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF

CHILDREN, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Health and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 310** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR CERTAIN LATE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF TAXES LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 429** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2 and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 101**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **S.B. 328**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, is withdrawn from the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House and re-referred to the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 8**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE AND BETTER MANAGE THE DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE WASTE, is withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations and re-referred to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

June 10, 2025

By Representatives Hastings and Pickett, Chairs, for the Committee on Higher Education:

**S.B. 108** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT JOHNSTON COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**S.B. 149**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT HENDERSON COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**S.B. 174**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT RUTHERFORD COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**S.B. 125**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**S.B. 133**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO SOLICIT A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TO ADD THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM

OFFICE TO THE LIST OF ENTITIES EXEMPTED IN G.S. 143B-1320, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Potts, Lambeth, Reeder, and White, Chairs, for the Committee on Health:

**S.B. 445** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTOMATIC ADOPTION OF ANY TEMPORARY WAIVER OR MODIFICATION ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE OR MEDICAID SERVICES UNDER SECTION 1135 OR 1812(F) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 171** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS AND TO INCREASE ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR NORTH CAROLINIANS, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**S.B. 600** (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, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, with a favorable

report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Cairns, Pickett, and Pyrtle, Chairs, for the Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Control:

**S.B. 664** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT, TO AMEND ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS, TO AMEND MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, AND TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR CERTAIN JDIG REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 1. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Howard, N. Jackson, Setzer, Kidwell, and Ross, Chairs, for the Committee on Finance:

**S.B. 177**, 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, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**H.B. 226** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 536**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 336** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The Speaker rules Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 to be material, thus constituting its first reading.

Material Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 357** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

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**H.B. 435** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE NORTH CAROLINA ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING ACT, MODIFYING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, BOARD POWERS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES, AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND PRACTICE, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representative Davis, Chair, for the Committee on Judiciary 1:

**H.B. 517**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT AND TO ALLOW A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION'S DISCLOSURE UNDER STATE LAW TO BE SATISFIED BY THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REQUIRED FOR A TAX DEDUCTION UNDER FEDERAL LAW, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 543**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FOR ATHLETE AGENTS, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**H.B. 829**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LICENSURE FOR LOCKSMITH BUSINESSES, TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCKSMITH APPRENTICES, TO CLARIFY LOCKSMITH LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS, AND TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF THE LOCKSMITH LICENSING ACT, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

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**S.B. 117**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE TO GOVERN TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING CERTAIN EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer is offered by Representative Howard Penny, Jr.

The Speaker leads the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Representative B. Jones, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, reports the Journal of June 9 has been examined and found correct. Upon his motion, the Journal is approved as written.

Leaves of absence are granted to Representatives Almond, Baker, Bell, Brockman, Pike, Sauls, Shepard, Turner, and Willis for today.

Serving as Honorary Pages for today are Za'Kiyah Dixon and Ryland Grace Malek.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committee are presented:

By Representatives Cotham, B. Jones, and Paré, Vice Chairs, for the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House:

**H.B. 226** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**H.B. 336** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE

CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), material Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**H.B. 357** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**H.B. 429**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A TURTLE RESCUE TEAM SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**H.B. 435** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND CLARIFY THE NORTH CAROLINA ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING ACT, MODIFYING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, BOARD POWERS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES, AND OTHER PROVISIONS TO ENHANCE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION AND PRACTICE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**H.B. 536**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**S.B. 50** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT A PERSON'S RIGHT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT AND TO CONTINUE ALLOWING PERSONS TO ACQUIRE A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECIPROCITY OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRED AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PAID FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS AND TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR SLAIN NC LAW ENFORCEMENT

OFFICERS AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**S.B. 125** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO EXTEND THE REVERSION DATE OF SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT FUNDS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**S.B. 171** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS; TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WITH LIMB LOSS AND LIMB DIFFERENCE TO PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES AND CARE; AND TO REQUIRE MEDICAL CONDITION ACTION PLANS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLANS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

**S.B. 266** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE INTERIM DATE FOR CARBON REDUCTION BY CERTAIN ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES, TO ALLOW AN ALTERNATIVE COST RECOVERY MECHANISM FOR THE FINANCING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS FOR BASELOAD ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES, TO MODIFY THE STATUTES GOVERNING COST RECOVERY FOR FUEL-RELATED CHARGES AND PERFORMANCE-BASED RATEMAKING, AND TO CODIFY A PROVISION AUTHORIZING SECURITIZATION OF COSTS FOR RETIREMENT OF COAL-FIRED GENERATING UNITS, with a favorable report.

Without objection, the bill is placed on today's Calendar.

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**S.B. 477** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, with a favorable report.

Without objection, the bill is placed on today's Calendar.

**S.B. 600** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 36(b), the bill is placed on the Calendar of June 11.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following Special Message is received from the Senate:

**H.B. 318** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WHEN A PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT, is returned for concurrence in the Senate committee substitute bill.

Without objection, the Senate committee substitute bill is placed on today's Calendar.

## CALENDAR

Action is taken on the following:

**H.B. 309** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE.

On motion of Representative Arp, the House does not concur in the Senate committee substitute bill, by electronic vote (111-0), and conferees are requested. The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

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**H.B. 412** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE PLAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES FOR MINORS.

On motion of Representative Arp, the House does not concur in the Senate committee substitute bill, by electronic vote (111-0), and conferees are requested. The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

**H.B. 169** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE HAYWOOD COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX AND TO MAKE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Alston, Arp, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Lambeth, Liu, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger - 106.

Voting in the negative: Representatives K. Hall, Kidwell, Loftis, and Setzer - 4.

Excused absences: Representatives Almond, Baker, Bell, Brockman, Pike, Sauls, Shepard, Turner, and Willis - 9.

**H.B. 332** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NASH COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX, TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT R, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO LEVY A THREE PERCENT ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX, passes its third reading, by the following vote, and is ordered sent to the Senate.

Those voting in the affirmative are: Speaker Hall; Representatives Adams, Ager, Alston, Arp, Balkcom, Ball, Belk, Biggs, Blackwell, Blust, Branson, Brisson, Brody, G. Brown, K. Brown, T. Brown, Buansi, Budd, Butler, Cairns, Campbell, Carney, Carver, Cervania, Chesser, Clampitt, Clark, Cohn, Colvin, Cotham, Crawford, Cunningham, Dahle, Davis, Dew, Dixon, Echevarria, Eddins, Gable, Gillespie, Goodwin, Greene, Greenfield, K. Hall, Harrison, Hawkins, Helfrich, Howard, Humphrey, Huneycutt, Iler, F. Jackson, N. Jackson, Jeffers, Johnson, Johnson-Hostler, A. Jones, B. Jones, Lambeth, Liu, Loftis, Lofton, Logan, Longest, Lopez, Lowery, Majeed, McNeely, Miller, Morey, Moss, Paré, Penny, Pickett, G. Pierce, R. Pierce, Pittman, Pless, Potts, Prather, Price, Pyrtle, Quick, Reeder, Reives, Rhyne, Riddell, Roberson, Ross, Rubin, Schietzelt, Scott, Setzer, Carson Smith, Charles Smith, Stevens, Strickland, Torbett, Tyson, von Haefen, Ward, Warren, Watford, Wheatley, White, Willingham, Winslow, and Zenger - 109.

Voting in the negative: Representatives Hastings and Kidwell - 2.

Excused absences: Representatives Almond, Baker, Bell, Brockman, Pike, Sauls, Shepard, Turner, and Willis - 9.

**S.B. 266** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE INTERIM DATE FOR CARBON REDUCTION BY CERTAIN ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES, TO ALLOW AN ALTERNATIVE COST RECOVERY MECHANISM FOR THE FINANCING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS FOR BASELOAD ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES, TO MODIFY THE STATUTES GOVERNING COST RECOVERY FOR FUEL-RELATED CHARGES AND PERFORMANCE-BASED RATEMAKING, AND TO CODIFY A PROVISION AUTHORIZING SECURITIZATION OF COSTS FOR RETIREMENT OF COAL-FIRED GENERATING UNITS.

Representative Arp offers Amendment No. 1 which is adopted by electronic vote (110-0).

Representative Harrison offers Amendment No. 2 which fails of adoption by electronic vote (41-70).

On motion of the Speaker, the bill is temporarily displaced.

On motion of the Speaker, the House recesses at 5:34 p.m., to reconvene at 5:50 p.m.

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**RECESS**

The House reconvenes pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Speaker.

**CALENDAR (continued)**

**S.B. 266** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE INTERIM DATE FOR CARBON REDUCTION BY CERTAIN ELECTRIC PUBLIC UTILITIES, TO ALLOW AN ALTERNATIVE COST RECOVERY MECHANISM FOR THE FINANCING COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS FOR BASELOAD ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES, TO MODIFY THE STATUTES GOVERNING COST RECOVERY FOR FUEL-RELATED CHARGES AND PERFORMANCE-BASED RATEMAKING, AND TO CODIFY A PROVISION AUTHORIZING SECURITIZATION OF COSTS FOR RETIREMENT OF COAL-FIRED GENERATING UNITS, which was temporarily displaced, is before the Body.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by electronic vote (75-36), and there being no objection is read a third time.

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the House committee substitute bill.

**S.B. 477** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SETZER PRESIDING.

The bill passes its second reading, by three-fifths majority electronic vote (109-0), and there being no objection is read a third time.

Representatives Cervania and Setzer request and are granted leave of the House to be recorded as voting "aye." The adjusted vote total is (111-0).

The bill passes its third reading, by three-fifths majority electronic vote (111-0), and is ordered enrolled and presented to the Governor.

**H.B. 318** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS

ENFORCEMENT WHEN A PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT.

On motion of Speaker Hall, the House concurs in the Senate committee substitute bill, by electronic vote (66-45), and the bill is ordered enrolled and presented to the Governor by Special Message.

Representative B. Jones moves, seconded by Representative Potts, that the House adjourn at 6:56 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations in Rule 15.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 11, at 10:00 a.m.

The motion carries.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representatives Biggs and Cotham, Chairs, for the Committee on Education - K-12:

**H.B. 775**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF A CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APPLICANTS FOR EDUCATOR LICENSURE, AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT AND TO CONSOLIDATE THE STATUTES REGULATING CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL, with a favorable report as to the committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2.

The committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary 2. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**S.B. 449** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO EVALUATE CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY COSTS AND TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

By Representatives Kidwell, Torbett, and Watford, Chairs, for the Committee on State and Local Government:

**H.B. 478** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL DISTRICT ATTORNEY VACANCIES, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**H.B. 808**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONTRACTS OR OTHER AGREEMENTS THAT WOULD GRANT CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES ACCESS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THIS STATE AND TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ACCESS TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN THIS STATE, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**S.B. 37**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

**S.B. 329**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH FORK PASSAGE STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM, with a favorable report, and recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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**S.B. 124**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the original bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The original bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**S.B. 118** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR A PERSON WHO WAS DISCHARGED HONORABLY OR UNDER GENERAL HONORABLE CONDITIONS FROM MILITARY SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO SEND THE REQUIRED NOTICE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**S.B. 176** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MITCHELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS MISSIONS AND COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ACROSS STATE LINES, with a favorable report as to the House committee substitute bill, which changes the title, unfavorable as to the Senate committee substitute bill, and recommendation that the House committee substitute bill be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

The House committee substitute bill is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The Senate committee substitute bill is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

**H.B. 369** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES AND TO BAN THE

FUTURE PURCHASE AND IMPORTATION FOR USE OF PAVEMENT SEALANTS CONTAINING HIGH LEVELS OF POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS, with a favorable report as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 2, which changes the title, unfavorable as to Committee Substitute Bill No. 1, and recommendation that Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 be re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Committee Substitute Bill No. 2 is re-referred to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Committee Substitute Bill No. 1 is placed on the Unfavorable Calendar.

## RE-REFERRAL

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referrals for **H.B. 577**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROTECT OUR NORTH CAROLINA TOWERS AND TRUCKERS ACT, to the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are stricken.

Serial referrals to the Committee on Finance and, if favorable, to the Committee on Appropriations and, if favorable, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House are added.

## CONFEREES APPOINTED

The Speaker appoints the following conferees on **H.B. 309** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE: Representative Arp, Chair; Representatives B. Jones, Lambeth, Paré, and Rhyne.

The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

The Speaker appoints the following conferees on **H.B. 412** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE PLAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES FOR MINORS: Representative Arp, Chair; Representatives B. Jones, Lambeth, Paré, and Rhyne.

The Senate is so notified by Special Message.

## RE-REFERRALS

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, **H.B. 811**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSESSORS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE BUDGET OFFICERS TO PUBLISH AN ESTIMATE OF THE REVENUE-NEUTRAL RATE DURING YEARS IN WHICH A REAPPRAISAL OCCURS, is withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

The serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House remains.

On motion of the Chair, pursuant to Rule 15.1, the serial referral for **H.B. 811**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSESSORS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE BUDGET OFFICERS TO PUBLISH AN ESTIMATE OF THE REVENUE-NEUTRAL RATE DURING YEARS IN WHICH A REAPPRAISAL OCCURS, to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House is stricken.

## ENROLLED BILLS

The following bills are duly ratified and presented to the Governor:

**S.B. 153**, AN ACT TO PROTECT THE BORDERS OF THE STATE BY (I) REQUIRING COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, (II) ENSURING STATE FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS IN THE STATE LEGALLY, (III) CREATING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, AND (IV) PROHIBITING UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROM BECOMING SANCTUARY UNIVERSITIES.

**H.B. 318**, AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WHEN A PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANT.

The House stands adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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