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FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

In accordance with law, as set forth in the Constitution of the State of North Carolina and G.S. 120-11.1, the Senate of the General Assembly of North Carolina assembles this day at the hour of 12:00 p.m. in the Senate Chamber of the Legislative Building in the City of Raleigh.

The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, calls the Senate to order.

The President extends courtesies of the floor and the gallery to the family and friends of the Senators-elect.

The President extends courtesies of the gallery to her father, former Governor of North Carolina Jim Hunt; her mother, former First Lady Carolyn Hunt; and her husband, Dr. Olav Nilender.

The President recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms of the 2023 Session, Bob Myrick, who announces the presence of The Honorable Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and The Honorable Philip Berger, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, at the doors of the chamber. The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the doors and escort the members of the judiciary to their seats.

The President recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms, who announces the presence of Ms. Lydia Ussery of Dublin, North Carolina, at the doors of the chamber. The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the doors and escort Ms. Ussery to the well of the chamber.

The President introduces Reverend Skylar Adams, Campus Minister of the Reformed University Fellowship at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, who offers prayer as follows:

“Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Holy God, your life is our source. Your mercy is our redemption. Your resolve is our hope. Indeed, we are monuments of your grace and trophies of your power. We are yours and you are ours. Lord God, would you bless this body, these senators, these staff members, and their families? Would you teach us to number our days that we may gain hearts of wisdom? Would you grant us peace that surpasses all skill, all circumstances, and all knowledge? Would you root each of us in your integrity and cause us to walk blamelessly before you? Would you show us the resilience

of your cross? Would you enable us to lead with all courage and all humility? Would you remind us that the good life is not up but down; to steward our power in service to others? Lord, would you surprise us with your gifts of humor and lightheartedness? Would you help this body to take you and not themselves too seriously? And, by all means, teach us, we pray, that we are instruments in your hand. Lord God, your grace is sufficient. We ask that you'd apply it to this body and to our dear state, the place we call home. All glory be to Christ, our eternal mediator, in whose name the weight of our souls rest. Amen."

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the doors of the chamber for the Presentation of the Colors by the Rockingham County High School Air Force Junior ROTC of Reidsville, North Carolina.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President, members, and guests remain standing and pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The President recognizes Ms. Lydia Ussery, who sings "The Star-Spangled Banner."

CALL OF THE ROLL/ELECTION CERTIFICATION

The Chair directs the clerk to call the roll by Senatorial District, pursuant to the Certification of Election received from the Secretary of State, The Honorable Elaine F. Marshall:

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 December 11, 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 Senate from the various Senate 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 Senate from districts composed of one county only, for the General Assembly of 2025 to wit:

DISTRICT	NAME
First District	Bobby Hanig
Second District	Norman W. Sanderson
Third District	Bob Brinson
Fourth District	Buck Newton

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Fifth District	Kandie D. Smith
Sixth District	Michael A. Lazzara
Seventh District	Michael Lee
Eighth District	Bill Rabon
Ninth District	Brent Jackson
Tenth District	Benton Sawrey
Eleventh District	Lisa Stone Barnes
Twelfth District	Jim Burgin
Thirteenth District	Lisa Grafstein
Fourteenth District	Dan Blue
Fifteenth District	Jay J. Chaudhuri
Sixteenth District	Gale Adcock
Seventeenth District	Mrs. Sydney Batch
Eighteenth District	Terence Everitt
Nineteenth District	Val Applewhite
Twentieth District	Natalie S. Murdock
Twenty-first District	Tom McInnis
Twenty-second District	Sophia Chitlik
Twenty-third District	Graig R. Meyer
Twenty-fourth District	Danny Earl Britt, Jr.
Twenty-fifth District	Amy Scott Galey
Twenty-sixth District	Philip E. (Phil) Berger
Twenty-seventh District	Michael K. Garrett
Twenty-eighth District	Gladys A. Robinson
Twenty-ninth District	Dave Craven, Jr.
Thirtieth District	Steve Jarvis
Thirty-first District	Dana Caudill Jones
Thirty-second District	Paul Lowe
Thirty-third District	Carl Ford
Thirty-fourth District	Paul Newton
Thirty-fifth District	Todd Johnson
Thirty-sixth District	Eddie Settle
Thirty-seventh District	Vickie Sawyer
Thirty-eighth District	Mujtaba A. Mohammed
Thirty-ninth District	DeAndrea Salvador
Fortieth District	Joyce Waddell
Forty-first District	Caleb Theodros
Forty-second District	Mrs. Woodson Bradley
Forty-third District	Brad Overcash
Forty-fourth District	Ted Alexander
Forty-fifth District	Mark Hollo
Forty-sixth District	Warren Daniel
Forty-seventh District	Ralph Hise
Forty-eighth District	Tim Moffitt
Forty-ninth District	Julie Mayfield
Fiftieth District	Kevin Corbin

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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.

(SEAL)

S/ Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

OATH OF OFFICE

The President of the Senate recognizes The Honorable Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, who administers the following oath of office, to which those present respond and subscribe:

“I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and I do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm 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 and laws of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; and I do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Senate of the 2025 General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me, God.”

With 50 Senators-elect answering the call of the roll and taking the prescribed oath of office, the President declares a quorum present and qualified.

ORGANIZATION OF THE SENATE

The President announces that the Senate stands ready to proceed with the election of officers and declares the floor open for nominations for President *Pro Tempore* of the Senate, pursuant to Article II, Section 14(1) of the North Carolina Constitution.

The President recognizes Senator P. Newton, who offers the following nomination and remarks:

“Members, I rise today to nominate Phil Berger of Rockingham County for President *Pro Tempore* of the state of North Carolina. Since 2011, Senator Berger has graciously led this chamber and overseen a culture of robust civil debate. He treats every senator, no matter the party affiliation or seniority, with the utmost respect. He values all our thoughts and opinions because he understands that we’re all working with a sincere desire to make a difference for the people of North Carolina. Senator Berger is the standard-bearer for elected leaders in this state. He leads by example, never having forgotten that he was called to public service.

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While at the helm of the Senate, Senator Berger has ushered an era of growth and vitality that makes North Carolina the envy of states across the country. His vision when first elected President *Pro Tem* has unleashed North Carolina's potential. While some states are suffering from population loss, we are enjoying positive growth. People and job creators are flocking to our great state. Main streets are flourishing. Educational and vocational opportunities abound. This has been made possible through Senator Berger's vision and leadership. Now, we're going to face significant challenges this year, and most pressing is how to best support and rebuild Western North Carolina following Hurricane Helene. Each of us knows how vitally important it is to prioritize that recovery process. Over the course of history, our state has faced many daunting challenges, and thanks to Senator Berger's steady hand and leadership over the last fourteen years, we've been able to navigate those challenges and come out successful. I know that Senator Phil Berger is the right person at the right time to continue to lead this body effectively in the face of Helene and all other challenges we face both known and unknown. And with that, Madam President, I formally nominate Philip E. Berger to serve as President *Pro Tempore* of the 2025 North Carolina Senate."

The President recognizes Senator Rabon, who seconds the nomination and offers the following remarks:

"Members, I rise to second the nomination of Senator Philip Berger to the President *Pro Tem* position for the 2025 North Carolina Senate. 'To be rather than to seem' is our state motto; one we hear in this building often. One man that I emulate, but it's impossible for me to do, is Senator Berger. Someone who is kind, understanding, driven, intelligent, funny, caring, and authentic. He's never forgotten his roots—the man he was before he was given a fancy title. The man who painted walls at night to feed his family and to put himself through law school. Even if it seemed that I could possibly be an ounce like him, I would be a happy man for that purpose. He represents the best of us. He represents an era of politics and elected leaders, and at his core he is a man called to serve. He's a man called to lead. He stands by his morals and does not compromise his principles. When Republicans won the majority in the General Assembly in 2011, he was the lead architect of many of the policies that transformed our state. He saw the promise of North Carolina long before many of us in this room were ever elected. He cares about his state. He cares about the future of the state. He cares about the people in it and what we're going to leave behind for them. That is why he takes his duty as State Senator and as President *Pro Tem* so seriously. He's not here for the social media likes. He's not here to make bombastic speeches and broad views. He's here to do the work. Phil Berger is here to get the job done, and he has done it well. Madam President, it is my great honor to second the nomination of Senator Phil Berger as President *Pro Tempore* of the Senate. Furthermore, I move that the nominations be closed, and that Senator Berger's nomination be accepted by acclamation."

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The motion offered by Senator Rabon that the nominations be closed and that Senator Phil Berger be elected President *Pro Tempore* of the 2025 Senate by acclamation prevails.

The President declares Senator Phil Berger duly elected President *Pro Tempore* and appoints Senator Blue, Senator Jones, Senator P. Newton, and Senator Rabon to escort the President *Pro Tempore*-elect to the well of the Senate, where he is presented to the President by Senator P. Newton. The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Mrs. Ashley Snyder to the well of the Senate, where she joins the President *Pro Tempore*-elect as he receives the prescribed oath of office. The Honorable Philip Berger, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, administers the prescribed oath of office.

The President recognizes Senator Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, who addresses the body from the well of the Senate, offering the following remarks:

“Lieutenant Governor Hunt, Chief Justice Newby, Associate Justice Berger, Leader Newton, Leader Batch, Former Governor Hunt, family, friends, fellow members, and others joining us from around the state, thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as President *Pro Tempore* of the North Carolina Senate. It’s been an honor to lead this body for the past fourteen years. I want to thank also the members of the Rockingham County High School Air Force Junior ROTC, Reverend Adams, Lydia Ussery, for helping make this opening day special and memorable for all of us. I’d also like to recognize and thank our clerk, Sarah Holland, and her staff. You know when the Senate runs smoothly, it’s because of Sarah and her folks. When we find a hiccup here and there it’s probably us, so thank you. A special thanks to Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Myrick, who is retiring. I want to congratulate Eddie Broughton, who I anticipate will be elected Sergeant-at-Arms shortly. Sergeant-at-Arms staff does great work to help us and to keep us safe every day. I’d also like to thank members of the *Pro Tem*’s staff, particularly Darrell Malcom, for their work to make today’s events run smoothly. You know, fourteen years ago, I stood here, and we began a journey that fundamentally transformed our state government and our state. At that time, we faced staggering challenges that were the consequence of decisions made over previous decades. It was clear that we could not continue down that same path. We had to chart a different course. And that’s what we’ve done. We’ve moved away from the unsteady rollercoaster of boom-and-bust budgets towards consistent, conservative, fiscally sound budgets. We steered away from high taxes and burdensome regulations that stymied private sector job growth towards transformational tax reform and tax reductions. We took a fresh look at education, enacted reforms, challenged entrenched bureaucracies, and created new opportunities for students and families. What began on that Opening Day was a paradigm shift and, in many respects, a generational change. Today, without question, North Carolina is the best state in America in which to live, to work, to start a business, and to raise a family. A state of unparalleled opportunity. Nevertheless, there is still work to be done. We want a state where citizens can

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follow their dreams, can succeed, and can raise those families. North Carolina's traditional public school system is now bolstered and supplemented by diverse school choice options: public charter schools, private schools, homeschools. Our community colleges and universities are the envy of the nation, producing a talented workforce capable of filling the jobs being created in our dynamic economy. Without a doubt, education continues to be the key that unlocks the door to a brighter future. We must work to improve both educational opportunities and educational outcomes. We must work together to safeguard and improve the good things about our state. We cannot be complacent. We are competing with forty-nine other states and a multitude of foreign economies. We must continue to pursue policies that create and expand our competitive advantage, policies that have made today's North Carolina an economic and opportunity powerhouse. There is and always has been greatness in our state. Greatness in the people of North Carolina. As we approach America's two-hundred fiftieth anniversary, and America celebrates the giants like Washington and Madison and Hamilton, we recall North Carolinians who declared independence three months before Jefferson's declaration: Joseph Hughes, William Hooper, John Penn, and other delegates who adopted the Halifax Resolves. We continue to work to be a state that lives up to the high standards enunciated in those documents. Like those North Carolinians who preceded us, regular folks who stepped up to lead, we are ordinary people entrusted to make decisions for an extraordinary state. Like them, we bring to this chamber unique experiences and knowledge, and are expected to work together and do our best to lead the state in a better place than we found it. Today hundreds of thousands of families see North Carolina as a place of opportunity. Twenty-five years ago our state's population was about eight million. We just surpassed eleven million. We're the ninth largest state and well on our way to be the seventh largest state within the decade. This growth presents challenges for us as policy makers. How we deal with those challenges will impact the North Carolina we leave to our children and to our grandchildren. Education, infrastructure needs, childcare, healthcare, and dozens of other issues will present themselves to us over the next two years. And for this session we have another issue. We must take a renewed look at how we prepare for and respond to natural disasters in our state. Many of our citizens in Eastern North Carolina were left behind by previous administrations; citizens who have not returned to a permanent home after Hurricane Florence more than six years ago. That is unacceptable. I hope we can partner with Governor Stein and his administration to ensure that response doesn't become the norm here in North Carolina. Last year, the General Assembly was able to put 1.1 billion dollars toward Hurricane Helene response efforts. We cannot do this alone. Fortunately, the federal government recently appropriated additional funds, but we're going to need continued and additional support from Congress to ensure that we can adequately respond. I want to thank our congressional delegation for all the work they've done thus far to advocate for Hurricane Helene recovery and for funding for Western North Carolina, but all of that is just the beginning. I implore everyone in this room to come together to find ways to improve our response and recovery efforts. To the people of Western North Carolina, you are not, you will not, be forgotten. We will work

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tirelessly to ensure that our response to Hurricane Helene does not leave you behind. It is not an exaggeration to say that had we not taken seriously our mission to reform how state government operates in North Carolina, we would not have the capacity we have today to respond. There were naysayers fourteen years ago. Frankly, there still are naysayers, but our conservative approach has lifted our state out of a dark place. We've made incredible strides in improving education, facilitating access to health care, supporting public safety, supporting law enforcement, reducing burdensome regulations and providing our citizens with the tools they need to take control of their futures. I've been bullish about North Carolina for decades. Over the last fourteen years, I've seen our state grow and thrive in ways that I could have only imagined. It has been an honor to stand side by side with the members of this body to usher in this new era. To the people of North Carolina, thank you for trusting us to serve you. May God bless this chamber, and may God bless North Carolina. Thank you."

ADOPTION OF 2025 PERMANENT RULES

Senator Rabon offers a motion that a resolution adopting the 2025 Senate Permanent Rules be filed, introduced, and brought before the Senate for immediate consideration.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Lazzara:

S.R. 1, A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The resolution is placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

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

S.R. 1, A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution is adopted (50-0).

The text of Senate Resolution 1 is as follows:

A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it resolved by the Senate:

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SECTION 1. The permanent rules for the Regular Session of the Senate shall be as follows:

**PERMANENT RULES OF
THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SENATE
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- I. Order of Business, Rules 1-7
- II. Conduct of Debate, Rules 8-17
- III. Motions, Rules 18-24.1
- IV. Voting, Rules 25-30
- V. Committees, Rules 31-37.2
- VI. Handling Bills, Rules 38-59.2
- VII. Legislative Officers and Employees, Rules 60-65
- VIII. General Rules, Rules 66-77.

I. ORDER OF BUSINESS

RULE 1. Rules controlling the Senate of North Carolina and its committees. – The following rules shall govern and control all actions and procedures of the Senate and its committees.

RULE 1.1. Emergencies. – In the event of a disaster, natural or otherwise, that precludes the General Assembly from meeting in the Legislative Building, the members will be notified by the President Pro Tempore where and when the Senate will convene.

RULE 2. Convening hour. – (a) The Presiding Officer shall take the Chair at the hour fixed by the Senate upon adjournment on the preceding legislative day and shall call the members to order. In case the Senate adjourned on the preceding legislative day without having fixed the hour of reconvening, the Senate shall reconvene on the next legislative day at 2:00 P.M.

(b) At the hour fixed by the Senate upon adjournment on the preceding legislative day, or at the hour to which the Senate has previously recessed on that same legislative day, and upon direction from the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, the Principal Clerk of the Senate may convene the Senate for the purpose of announcing to the Chamber that the Senate stands in recess until a later, specified hour.

RULE 3. Opening the session. – The Presiding Officer shall, upon order being obtained, have the sessions of the Senate opened with prayer.

RULE 4. Convening and presiding in absence of President. – In the absence of the President, the President Pro Tempore or a Senator designated by the President Pro Tempore shall convene or reconvene the Senate and preside, and during such time shall be vested with all powers of the President of the Senate except that of casting a vote in case of a tie when the President Pro Tempore or the designated Presiding Officer has already voted on the question as a Senator. In the event of the absence of the President and President Pro Tempore at any time fixed for the reconvening of the Senate, the Senate shall be called to order by a member designated by the President Pro Tempore, or if no member is designated, by the Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate. If no member has been designated and the Deputy President Pro Tempore is also absent, the Senate shall

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be called to order by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, who shall designate some member to act as Presiding Officer. The Principal Clerk of the Senate may convene the Senate for the purpose of notifying the Chamber that the Senate stands in recess pursuant to Rule 2(b) of these rules.

RULE 5. Quorum. – (a) A quorum consists of a majority of all the qualified members of the Senate.

(b) When a lesser number than a quorum convenes, the Senators present may send the Sergeant-at-Arms or any person, for any or all absent Senators, as a majority of the Senators present determines.

RULE 6. Approval of Journal. – After the prayer, the Presiding Officer shall cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read and approved, unless the President Pro Tempore or, in the President Pro Tempore's absence, the Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate or some member of the Senate by motion sustained by a majority of the members present, has the reading thereof dispensed with and the same approved as written.

RULE 7. Order of business. – After approval of the Journal, the order of business shall be as follows:

- (1) Reports of standing committees.
- (2) Reports of select committees.
- (3) Introduction of bills, petitions, and resolutions.
- (4) Messages from the House of Representatives.
- (5) Veto messages from the Governor.
- (6) Unfinished business of preceding day.
- (7) Special orders.
- (8) General orders:
 - a. Local bills in numerical order, Senate bills first:
 1. Third reading roll call and electronic voting system votes.
 2. Second reading roll call and electronic voting system votes.
 3. Second reading viva voce.
 4. Third reading viva voce.
 - b. Public bills in numerical order, Senate bills first:
 1. Third reading roll call and electronic voting system votes.
 2. Second reading roll call and electronic voting system votes.
 3. Second reading viva voce.
 4. Third reading viva voce.
- (9) Moments of Personal Privilege, reading of Senatorial Statements, and explanation of votes.

II. CONDUCT OF DEBATE

RULE 8. Presiding Officer to maintain order. – The Presiding Officer shall have general direction of the Hall of the Senate and shall be authorized to take such action as is necessary to maintain order. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or lobbies, the Presiding Officer shall have the power to order those areas cleared. In addition, the Presiding Officer shall, upon request by the President Pro Tempore, the Deputy President Pro Tempore, or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, order those areas cleared.

RULE 9. (Reserved for future use).

RULE 10. **Points of order.** – (a) The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum and proceed with the business of the Senate according to the rules adopted. The Presiding Officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, whose decision may be appealed to the Senate by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Senate. A two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting is necessary to sustain any appeal from the ruling of the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.

(b) In the event the Senate Rules do not provide for or cover any point of order raised by any Senator, the rules of the United States House of Representatives shall govern.

(c) When a Senator is called to order, that Senator shall take the assigned seat until the Presiding Officer determines whether that Senator was in order or not; if decided to be out of order, that Senator shall not proceed without the permission of the Senate; and every question of order shall be decided by the Presiding Officer, subject to an appeal to the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, whose decision may be appealed to the Senate by any Senator; and if a Senator is called to order for words spoken, the words to which an exception is made shall be immediately preserved by the Principal Clerk, so that the Presiding Officer, Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, or Senate may be better able to judge the matter.

RULE 11. **Debating and voting by Lieutenant Governor.** – The Lieutenant Governor, as President of the Senate, being a Constitutional Officer, shall not have the right to debate any question or to address the Senate upon any proposition unless by permission of the majority of members present and shall have the right to vote only when there is a tie vote upon any question or election.

RULE 12. **Obtaining recognition.** – (a) When any Senator is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the Senate, that Senator shall rise and respectfully address the Presiding Officer. No member shall speak further until recognized by the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer shall recognize the first to rise and, when two or more members rise at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall name the member to speak, giving priority to the President Pro Tempore, the Deputy President Pro Tempore, or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.

(b) A Senator who has the floor may yield the floor to another Senator only for the purpose of allowing another Senator to state a question. Only the Presiding Officer may award the floor to any Senator.

(c) A Senator who has obtained the floor may be interrupted only for the following reasons:

- (1) A request that the member speaking yield for a question;
- (2) A point of order; or
- (3) A parliamentary inquiry.

(d) When a Senator refers to a bill, the bill number and short title must be used.

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RULE 13. (Reserved for future use).

RULE 14. **Limitations on individual debate.** – (a) No Senator shall speak on the same reading more than (i) twice on the main question, (ii) 30 minutes for the first speech and 15 minutes for the second speech, and (iii) once on any motion or appeal, and then no longer than 10 minutes; provided, however, the President Pro Tempore, the Deputy President Pro Tempore, or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate may alter some or all of the limitations in this rule following consultation with the minority leader of the Senate and approval of the majority of the members present.

(b) With leave of the Senate, any member of the Senate may address the Senate from the well of the Senate.

RULE 15. **Senatorial Statements.** – A Senatorial Statement may be utilized by a Senator to recognize constituents and events of significance and when a Resolution is not permitted under Rule 40.1. A Senatorial Statement may not be used to explain a vote, debate a bill, or in any way disrupt the regular business of the Senate. A Senatorial Statement shall be in writing and in a form prescribed by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate. A Senatorial Statement shall speak in the voice of the Senator submitting the Statement, is not a statement by the Senate, and is not subject to a vote by the Senate. A Senator may use a Moment of Personal Privilege under Rule 15.1 for a time not to exceed three minutes to read some or all of a Senatorial Statement provided the Presiding Officer determines the question raised in the Statement is one of privilege. Upon motion supported by a majority present and voting, a Senatorial Statement may be spread upon the Journal.

RULE 15.1. **Moments of Personal Privilege.** – (a) Upon recognition by the Presiding Officer for that purpose, any Senator may speak for a time not exceeding three minutes on a Moment of Personal Privilege.

(b) A Moment of Personal Privilege may not be used to explain a vote, debate a bill, or in any way disrupt the regular business of the Senate, nor shall such opportunities be used to solicit support or sponsors for any bill. The Presiding Officer shall determine if the question raised is one of privilege and shall, without the point of order being raised, enforce this rule, subject to an appeal to the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate whose decision may be appealed to the Senate by any Senator, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Senate. A two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting is necessary to sustain any appeal from the ruling of the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.

RULE 15.2. **Explanation of vote.** – Any Senator may explain that Senator's vote on any bill that day by obtaining permission of the Presiding Officer for that purpose. No more than three minutes shall be consumed in such explanation.

RULE 16. **Final orders of business.** – Senatorial Statements, Moments of Personal Privilege, and explanations of votes shall be the last orders of the Senate's business that day and explanations of votes shall be made after the final vote has been taken.

RULE 17. General decorum. – (a) Male Senators and male visitors shall not wear any head covering in the Senate Chamber while the Senate is in session, unless his religion requires his head to be covered. All persons on the Senate floor while the Senate is in session shall be dressed in business attire, including coat and tie for men.

(b) No derogatory remark reflecting personally upon any Senator or Senators shall be in order upon the floor of the Senate unless preceded by a motion or resolution of censure.

(c) When the Presiding Officer is putting a question, or a division by counting is in progress, no Senator shall walk out of or across the Chamber, nor when a Senator is speaking, pass between that Senator and the Presiding Officer.

(d) When a motion to adjourn or for recess is affirmatively determined, no member or officer shall leave that member's or officer's place until adjournment or recess is declared by the Presiding Officer.

(e) Smoking shall not be allowed in the Senate Chamber.

(f) No remark soliciting the donation of funds for the support of any person or organization shall be in order upon the floor of the Senate, unless the remark has some relevance to a bill or resolution before the body. No article of any kind soliciting business or donations may be placed by any person anywhere in the Senate Chamber or in any Senate office.

(g) The President Pro Tempore may authorize and provide for the broadcasting of Senate sessions via television or internet.

(h) Reading of newspapers, magazines, periodicals, or books shall not be permitted while the Senate is in session. This rule does not prohibit the use of electronic devices, the use of quotations during debate or for personal privilege.

(i) The operation of electronic devices whose sound cannot be muted is prohibited on the floor or in the gallery while the Senate is in session.

(j) No member of the Senate shall place any item on another Senator's Chamber desk or in another Senator's office unless the item conspicuously displays the name of the Senator placing the item.

(k) No person other than the member, the member's legislative assistant, or the Principal Clerk's office or staff under the direction of the Principal Clerk shall place any matter on the member's Chamber desk, then only materials relevant to the business of the Senate, or as allowed under subsection (j) of this rule.

(l) Neither food nor beverage shall be permitted in the galleries.

III. MOTIONS

RULE 18. Motions generally. – Any motion shall be reduced to writing, if requested by the Presiding Officer or a Senator, and read by the Presiding Officer or Reading Clerk before the same is debated. Any motion may be withdrawn by the introducer at any time before decision or amendment. No motion relating to a bill shall be in order which does not identify the bill by its number and short title. Except as otherwise specifically provided in these rules, no second is required.

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RULE 19. Motion; order of precedence. – When a question is before the Senate, no motion shall be received except those herein specified, which motions shall have precedence as follows:

- (1) To adjourn.
- (2) To resolve into the Committee of the Whole Senate.
- (3) To lay on the table.
- (4) For the previous question.
- (5) To postpone indefinitely.
- (6) To postpone to a certain day.
- (7) To re-refer to a standing committee.
- (8) To refer to a select committee.
- (9) To amend.

RULE 20. Motions requiring a second. – The motions to adjourn, to resolve into the Committee of the Whole Senate, to lay on the table, and to call for the previous question shall be seconded and decided without debate.

RULE 21. Motions to postpone to certain day and to commit. – The respective motions to postpone to a certain day, to resolve into the Committee of the Whole Senate, or to commit to a standing or select committee shall preclude debate on the main question.

RULE 22. Motion to substitute. – Subject to Rule 19, a member may offer a motion to substitute to any motion, except the motions for the previous question, to table, to resolve into the Committee of the Whole Senate, or to adjourn. No motion to substitute shall be offered to a motion to substitute.

RULE 23. Motion for previous question. – (a) The previous question may be moved upon a pending single motion, any pending amendment or amendments, and/or the pending bill to its passage on that reading or all readings or the pending resolution to its adoption. An authorized Senator moving the previous question shall specify to what the motion applies. Unless specified, the motion shall be deemed to apply to the current question.

(b) The previous question shall be as follows: “Shall the main question be now put?” and until it is decided shall preclude all amendments and debate. If this question is decided in the affirmative, the “main question” shall be on the passage of the bill, resolution, or other matter under consideration; but when amendments are pending, the question shall be taken upon such amendments in their inverse order, without further debate or amendment.

(c) Only one of the following Senators may move the previous question:

- (1) The chair of the committee submitting the report on the bill or other matter under consideration;
- (2) The member introducing the bill or other matter under consideration;
- (3) The member in charge of the measure, who shall be designated by the chair of the committee reporting the same to the Senate at the time the bill or other matter under consideration is reported to the Senate or taken up for consideration;
- (4) The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate; or
- (5) The President Pro Tempore.

RULE 24. Motion to reconsider. – (a) When a question has been once put and decided, any Senator who voted in the majority may move to reconsider the vote thereof. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made on the same day or on the next legislative day on which the vote took place. When the next legislative day has by motion of the Senate been restricted as to matters which may be considered, a motion to reconsider shall be in order on the next succeeding day upon which regular business is conducted. No question shall be reconsidered more than once.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this rule, a motion to reconsider is in order at any time if made by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate or the President Pro Tempore for the sole purpose of correcting grammatical errors in bills in the possession of the Senate.

(c) If a bill has gone out of the possession of the Senate and a motion to reconsider under these rules is passed, the bill shall not be enrolled unless it again passes third reading. The Principal Clerk shall notify the House of Representatives and the Enrolling Clerk of any action under this subsection.

RULE 24.1. Motion to adjourn; motion to stand in recess; standard stipulations. – A motion to adjourn or stand in recess shall be subject to receipt and referral of committee reports, the introduction of bills, referral and re-referral of bills, reading of Senatorial Statements, receipt of House messages, ratification of bills, announcement of committee assignments, and messages from the Governor.

A Senator may request that a motion to adjourn be made in honor or in memory of a person or an event of significance. The request shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate on the day prior to the day the motion to adjourn is to be made.

IV. VOTING

RULE 25. Use of electronic voting system. – (a) Votes on the following questions shall be taken on the electronic voting system, and the ayes and noes shall be recorded on the Journal:

- (1) All questions on which the Constitution of North Carolina requires that the ayes and noes be taken and recorded on the Journal;
- (2) All questions on which a call for the ayes and noes under Rule 26(b) has been sustained;
- (3) Second and third readings of bills proposing amendment of the Constitution of North Carolina; and
- (4) The vote on approval of a bill that was vetoed by the Governor.

(b) Votes on the following questions shall be taken on the electronic voting system, and the resulting totals shall be recorded on the Journal:

- (1) Second reading of all public bills, all amendments to public bills offered after second reading, third reading if a public bill was amended after second reading, and all conference reports on public bills.
- (2) Any other question upon direction of the Presiding Officer or upon motion of any Senator supported by one-fifth of the Senators present.

(c) When the electronic voting system is used, the Presiding Officer shall fix and announce the time, not to exceed one minute, which shall be allowed for voting on the question before the Senate. The system shall be set to lock automatically and to record the vote when that time has expired. Once the system has locked and recorded a vote, the vote shall be printed by the system.

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(d) The voting station at each Senator's desk in the Chamber shall be used only by the Senator to whom the station is assigned. Under no circumstances shall any other person vote at a Senator's station. It is a breach of the ethical obligation of a Senator either to request that another vote at the requesting Senator's station or to vote at another Senator's station. The Presiding Officer shall enforce this rule without exception.

(e) When the electronic voting system is used, the Presiding Officer shall state the question and shall then state substantially the following: "All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'; _____ seconds will be allowed for voting on this question; the Clerk will record the vote." After the machine locks and records the vote, the Presiding Officer shall announce the vote and declare the result, and no member may vote thereafter.

(f) One copy of the machine printout of the vote record shall be filed in the Office of the Principal Clerk, and one copy shall be filed in the Legislative Library where it shall be open to public inspection.

(g) When the Presiding Officer ascertains that the electronic voting system is inoperative before a vote is taken or while a vote is being taken on the electronic system, the Presiding Officer shall announce that fact to the Senate, and any partial electronic system voting record shall be voided. In such a case, if the Constitution of North Carolina or the Rules of the Senate require a call of the ayes and noes, the Clerk shall call the roll of the Senate, and the ayes and noes shall be taken manually and shall be recorded on the Journal. All other votes shall be taken as prescribed in Senate Rule 26. If, after a vote is taken on the electronic system, it is discovered that a malfunction caused an error in the electronic system printout, the Presiding Officer shall direct the Reading Clerk and the Principal Clerk to verify and correct the printout record and so advise the Senate.

(h) For the purpose of identifying motions on which the vote is taken on the electronic system (the identification codes having no relation to the order of precedence of motions), the motions are coded as follows:

- (1) To lay on the table.
- (2) To resolve into the Committee of the Whole Senate.
- (3) For the previous question.
- (4) To postpone indefinitely.
- (5) To postpone to a day certain.
- (6) To refer to a committee.
- (7) To reconsider.
- (8) To adopt.
- (9) To concur.
- (10) To take from the table.
- (11) Miscellaneous.

RULE 26. Voice votes; call for division; call for ayes and noes. – (a) When the electronic voting system is not used, all votes on which a call of the roll of the Senate is not required shall be taken by voice vote. The question shall be put as follows: "Those in favor say 'aye,'" and, after the affirmative vote is expressed, "Opposed 'no'"; after which the Presiding Officer shall announce the

result. If a division on any vote is desired, it must be called for immediately before the result of the voting is announced on any question, and, upon such call, the Presiding Officer shall require the members to stand and be counted for and against the proposition under consideration.

(b) The ayes and the noes may be called for on any question before the vote is taken. If a Senator desires the ayes and noes recorded on the Journal on a question, that Senator shall address the Presiding Officer and obtain recognition and say, "Upon that question I call for the ayes and noes." Whereupon the Presiding Officer shall say, "Is the call sustained?" If one-fifth of the remaining Senators present then stand, the vote shall be taken on the electronic voting system if it is operative, and the ayes and noes shall be recorded on the Journal. If the electronic voting system is inoperative, the roll of the Senate shall be called and the ayes and noes taken manually and recorded on the Journal. If fewer than one-fifth of the Senators present stand to sustain the call, the Presiding Officer shall announce, "An insufficient number up," and a vote by electronic voting or by voice, whichever is appropriate under the Rules of the Senate, shall be taken.

RULE 27. (Reserved for future use).

RULE 28. **Dividing question.** – (a) If a bill is subject to division into separate parts so that each part states a separate and distinct proposition capable of standing alone, a Senator may move that the question be divided. The motion shall:

- (1) Be in writing,
- (2) Be submitted to the Principal Clerk at the time the motion is made, and
- (3) Clearly state how the question is to be divided.

Upon a majority vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting, the motion shall be adopted.

(b) If the motion to divide the question is adopted, then there shall be no further amendment or debate on any of the distinct propositions.

(c) If the question is divided and any part thereof fails, then the bill or resolution and any pending amendments shall be removed from the calendar and re-referred to the committee from which the bill or resolution was reported.

(d) Only one motion to divide the question shall be in order during consideration of a bill or resolution.

RULE 29. **Duty to vote; excuses.** – (a) Every Senator who is within the Senate Chamber when the question is stated by the Presiding Officer shall vote thereon unless that Senator is excused by the Senate.

(b) A Senator who is a member of a committee shall, upon request, be excused from deliberations and voting on the bill while it is before the committee. The Senator must make the request to the chair of the committee when the bill is first taken up for consideration and before any motion or vote on the bill or any amendment to the bill. The Senator making the request for excuse in committee must renew that request for excuse on the floor of the Senate as set forth in this rule.

(c) Any Senator may move to be excused at any time from voting on any matter. The Senator may make a brief statement of the reasons for the motion which question shall be taken without debate on the motion.

(d) The Senator may send forward to the Principal Clerk, on a form provided by the Clerk, a concise statement of the reason for the motion, and the Clerk shall include this statement in the Journal.

(e) The Senator so excused shall not debate the bill or any amendment to the bill, vote on the bill, offer or vote on any amendment to the bill, or offer or vote on any motion concerning the bill at that reading, any subsequent reading, or any subsequent consideration of the bill.

(f) A Senator may move that the excuse of that Senator from deliberations on a particular bill be withdrawn, which question shall be determined without debate. The Senator shall send forward to the Principal Clerk, on a form provided by the Clerk, the written request.

(g) A motion to be excused or for the withdrawal of an excuse shall be taken without debate.

(h) A motion by any Senator to change that Senator's vote must be made in open session on the same legislative day as the vote is taken. This subsection may not be suspended.

RULE 30. (Reserved for future use).

V. COMMITTEES

RULE 31. **Appointment of committees.** – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall have the exclusive right and authority to appoint the membership of all committees, including regular and select, and to appoint committee chairs and vice-chairs and to establish select committees, but this does not exclude the right of the Senate by resolution to establish select committees. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, the Senate may alter the name, number, and composition of the standing committees by a three-fifths vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

RULE 32. **List of standing/select committees.** – The standing committees shall be:

- Agriculture, Energy, and Environment
- Appropriations/Base Budget
 - Appropriations on Department of Transportation
 - Appropriations on Education/Higher Education
 - Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology
 - Appropriations on Health and Human Services
 - Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety
 - Appropriations on Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources
- Commerce and Insurance
- Committee of the Whole Senate
- Education/Higher Education
- Elections
- Finance
- Health Care
- Judiciary

Pensions and Retirement and Aging
Regulatory Reform
Rules and Operations of the Senate
State and Local Government
Transportation

RULE 33. Notice of committee meetings. – (a) Public notice of all committee meetings shall be given in the Senate. The required notice may be waived as to any meeting by the attendance at that meeting of all of the members of the committee or by personal waiver.

(b) The chair of the committee shall notify or cause to be notified the sponsor of each bill that is set for hearing or consideration before the committee as to the date, time, and place of that meeting.

(c) The published calendar shall reflect those committee notices received in the Office of the Principal Clerk prior to 3:30 P.M. or as announced in the daily session.

RULE 34. Membership of committees; quorum. – (a) Membership on standing committees shall consist of no fewer than five Senators, including the chairs and vice-chairs and ranking minority members.

The President Pro Tempore shall have the exclusive right and authority to determine the total number of members and the number of members of each political party of each committee. No Senator shall hold membership on more than 12 standing committees unless the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate provides otherwise.

A quorum of the Appropriations/Base Budget and Finance Committees shall consist of a majority of the committee. A quorum of any other committee shall consist of either the chair and five members or a majority of the committee, whichever is fewer.

(b) The President Pro Tempore and the Deputy President Pro Tempore may serve as voting ex officio members of each Senate committee and subcommittee.

(c) The Vice-Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate may exercise any authority given to the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate under these rules in the absence of, or at the direction of, the Chair.

RULE 35. Roll call vote in committee. – No roll call vote may be taken in any committee. The committee chair may vote in committee.

RULE 36. Standing committee and standing subcommittee meetings. – No committee or subcommittee shall hold a secret meeting. All meetings of committees and subcommittees shall be open to the public, except as provided in G.S. 143-318.14A(e). In no event shall final action be taken by any committee or subcommittee except in open session.

RULE 36.1. Committee minutes to Legislative Library. – The chair of a committee shall ensure that minutes, in a format and medium approved by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, are compiled for each of the committee's meetings. The minutes shall indicate the number of members present and the actions taken by the committee at the meeting. Not later

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than 30 days after the adjournment of each session of the General Assembly, the chair shall deliver the minutes to the Legislative Library. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate may grant a reasonable extension of time for filing said minutes upon application of the committee chair.

RULE 37. Committee of the Whole Senate. – Notwithstanding the provisions of Rules 33, 34, and 35, the Senate may resolve into the Committee of the Whole Senate by motion. When such a motion is seconded, the President shall put the question without debate: “Shall the Senate resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole Senate for consideration of _____?”, stating the matter or matters identified by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate to be considered. Only the President Pro Tempore, the Deputy President Pro Tempore, or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate may move to resolve into the Committee of the Whole Senate. The Committee of the Whole Senate shall convene in the Senate Chambers and shall utilize electronic voting. Unless otherwise stated, the Rules and Operations of the Senate apply to the Committee of the Whole Senate and the Principal Clerk of the Senate shall be the Committee Assistant, but shall not record committee activity on the Journal. The Chair shall be the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or his designee.

RULE 37.1. Membership, quorum, and voting. – Every Senator shall be a member of the Committee of the Whole Senate. A quorum of a Committee of the Whole Senate is 26 members.

RULE 37.2. Committee substitutes; report of the Committee of the Whole Senate; adjournment. – (a) The committee of the Whole Senate shall not consider committee substitutes.

(b) The Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee adjourn after the Chair has announced that the Committee has finished the business for which it was convened.

(c) The Chair of the Committee of the Whole Senate shall report the bill to the Senate immediately following the adjournment of the Committee, including any amendments that were adopted in the Committee.

(d) The Chair shall announce the adjournment of the Committee of the Whole Senate and the members shall adjourn and, if the Committee was resolved out of an unadjourned session, the Senate shall resume session.

VI. HANDLING BILLS

RULE 38. Application of rules. – All provisions of these rules applying to bills, including, but not limited to, provisions governing the introduction, eligibility, and filing of bills, shall apply also to resolutions and petitions.

RULE 39. Form of bills. – (a) Unless variation is authorized by the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, bills submitted for introduction shall be in a computer-generated form prepared by the Legislative Services Office and approved by the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.

(b) Whenever a bill is filed, it shall be submitted to the Principal Clerk in the form of a Senate e-jacket.

RULE 39.1. Public and local bills; limitation on local bills becoming public bills. – (a) A public bill is a bill affecting 15 or more counties. A local bill is one affecting fewer than 15 counties. No bill may be considered unless the bill has been made available to the entire membership of the Senate.

(b) A local bill that has become a public bill shall not be considered in the Senate unless one of the following applies:

- (1) The North Carolina Constitution prescribes that the bill as filed must be a public bill because of its subject matter.
- (2) The bill became a public bill because counties were added, but the bill relates to the subject matter contained in the original bill.

RULE 40. Introduction of bills. – (a) Pursuant to G.S. 120-11.1, on January 8, 2025, a simple resolution to establish the Senate Permanent Rules, and a joint resolution to adjourn to January 29, 2025, may be filed. No other bills are eligible to be filed on January 8, 2025.

(a1) Every bill filed for introduction shall contain on the Senate e-jacket the title of the document and the name of the Senator or Senators sponsoring it. No more than three Senators may be listed as primary sponsors. The Senator whose name appears first shall deliver the Senate e-jacket to the Office of the Principal Clerk either physically or electronically using the member's electronic dashboard. Subject to any authorization prescribed by the Principal Clerk, a member's legislative assistant may deliver a Senate e-jacket by any method allowed under this rule.

(a2) The Senate Principal Clerk shall receive bills for introduction during regular session on any day the Senate holds a session until 4:00 P.M.

(a3) All bills shall be numbered by the Office of the Principal Clerk when filed and shall be considered introduced when presented to the Senate on the next legislative day for the first reading. When a bill is presented with more than one primary sponsor, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate shall designate, as bill manager, one of the primary sponsors. Senators may only cosponsor legislation electronically.

(b) Any Senator who wishes to cosponsor a bill or resolution that has been filed may do so no later than 5:00 P.M. on the next legislative day after the adjournment of the session during which the bill or resolution was first read and referred, but only electronically under procedures approved by the Principal Clerk.

(c) No member may introduce a public bill that has no substantive provisions. A member may introduce one local bill that contains no substantive provisions in an odd-numbered year. A member may introduce one local bill that contains no substantive provisions in an even-numbered year if the bill is otherwise eligible and either (i) the member did not introduce such a bill during the previous year or (ii) the member did introduce such a bill during the previous year but no substantive provisions were added.

RULE 40.1. Limitations on certain resolutions. – (a) A Senator may file a resolution that memorializes, celebrates, commends, or commemorates a deceased former member of the General Assembly.

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(b) Resolutions of this nature that do not relate to deceased former members shall be excluded from introduction and consideration by the Senate. Senators shall instead utilize Senatorial Statements to recognize other individuals or events of significance.

(c) The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate may refer any such resolution to a committee or place the resolution on the Senate's calendar for a date certain.

(d) During the Senate's consideration of a resolution relating to a deceased member, the Presiding Officer shall order the Chamber secured by the Sergeant-at-Arms so as to prevent the entry or exit of any person.

RULE 40.2. Deadlines on filing for introduction of bills. – (a) All local bills must be submitted to either the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 13, 2025, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate before 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 27, 2025.

(b) All public bills and resolutions, except those listed in subsection (b1) of this rule, must be submitted to either the Legislative Drafting Division or the Legislative Analysis Division of the Legislative Services Office by 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 27, 2025, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate before 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

(b1) The following bills are not subject to subsection (b) of this rule: (i) those providing for action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments, (ii) those providing for action on appointments by the General Assembly pursuant to G.S. 120-121, (iii) those proposing amendments to the North Carolina Constitution, (iv) those containing statutory amendments necessary to implement proposed amendments to the North Carolina Constitution, (v) those establishing districts for Congress or State or local entities, (vi) those addressing election laws, (vii) those ratifying amendments to the United States Constitution, and (viii) those adjourning the General Assembly.

(c) A two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting shall be required to file for introduction any bill or resolution after the dates established by this rule.

(d) Bills that are subject to Rule 42 of these rules and local bills may be filed in any regular session that convenes in an even-numbered year.

RULE 41. Crossover bill deadline; exemptions. – (a) In order to be eligible for consideration by the Senate during the 2025 or 2026 Regular Session of the 2025 General Assembly, all House bills other than those described in subsection (b) of this rule must be received and read on the floor of the Senate as a message from the House no later than Thursday, May 8, 2025, provided that a message from the House received by the next legislative day stating that a bill has passed its third reading and is being engrossed shall comply with the requirements of this rule and provided that the House accepts Senate bills ordered engrossed on the next legislative day.

(b) The following bills are not subject to subsection (a) of this rule: (i) those required to be referred to the Committee on Finance or the Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget by Rule 42, (ii) those providing for

action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments, (iii) those providing for action on appointments by the General Assembly pursuant to G.S. 120-121, (iv) those providing for amendments to the North Carolina Constitution, (v) those containing statutory amendments necessary to implement proposed amendments to the North Carolina Constitution, (vi) those establishing districts for Congress or State or local entities, (vii) those addressing election laws, (viii) those ratifying an amendment or amendments to the Constitution of the United States, and (ix) those adjourning the General Assembly.

RULE 41.1. Effect of adjournment resolution. – Rules 40.2 and 41 are subject to and may be modified by a resolution jointly adjourning both chambers to a date certain.

RULE 42. Reference of appropriation and finance bills. – (a) All bills introduced in the Senate providing for appropriations from the State, or any subdivision thereof, shall, before being considered by the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations/Base Budget and bills referred to other committees carrying any such provisions shall be reported to the Senate as being bills to be referred to the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee before proper action may be taken by the Senate.

(b) All bills introduced in the Senate providing for bond issues, imposing or raising fees or other revenues payable to the State, its agencies, its licensing boards, or any of its subdivisions, levying taxes, or in any manner affecting the taxing power of the State or any subdivision thereof, shall, before being considered by the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and bills referred to other committees carrying any such provisions shall be reported to the Senate as being bills to be referred to the Committee on Finance before proper action may be taken by the Senate.

(c) This rule shall not apply to bills imposing civil penalties, criminal fines, forfeitures, or penalties for infractions.

RULE 42.1. Fiscal notes. – (a) A Chair of the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee, or of the Finance Committee, or of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, upon the floor of the Senate, may request that a fiscal analysis be made of a bill, resolution, or an amendment to a bill or resolution which is in the possession of the Senate and that a fiscal note be attached to the measure, when in the opinion of that Chair the fiscal effects of that measure are not apparent from the language of the measure. No bill, resolution, or amendment for which a fiscal note has been requested may be considered for passage prior to the fiscal note being attached to it.

(b) The fiscal note shall be filed and attached to the bill, resolution, or amendment within two legislative days of the request. If it is impossible to prepare a fiscal note within two legislative days, the Director of Fiscal Research shall, in writing, so advise the Presiding Officer, the Principal Clerk, and the member introducing or proposing the measure and shall indicate the time when the fiscal note will be ready.

(c) The fiscal note shall be prepared by the Fiscal Research Division on a form approved by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate as to content and form and signed by the staff member

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or members preparing it. If no estimate in dollars is possible, the fiscal note shall indicate the reasons that no estimate is provided. The fiscal note shall not comment on the merit but may identify technical problems. The Fiscal Research Division shall make the fiscal note available to the membership of the Senate.

(d) A sponsor of a bill, resolution, or amendment may deliver a copy of that member's bill, resolution, or amendment to the Fiscal Research Division for the preparation of a fiscal note. The sponsor shall attach the fiscal note to the bill when the sponsor files the bill or resolution or to the amendment when the sponsor moves its adoption.

(e) The sponsor of a bill, resolution, or amendment to which a fiscal note is attached who objects to the estimates and information provided may reduce to writing the objections. These objections shall be appended to the fiscal note attached to the bill, resolution, or amendment and to the copies of the fiscal note available to the membership.

(f) Subsection (a) of this rule shall not apply to the Current Operations Appropriations Bill or the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill. This rule shall not apply to a bill, resolution, or amendment requiring an actuarial note under these rules.

RULE 42.2. Actuarial notes. – If required by State law:

(a) Every bill or resolution proposing any change in the law relative to any:

- (1) State, municipal, or other retirement system funded in whole or in part out of public funds; or
- (2) Program of hospital, medical, disability, or related benefits provided for teachers and State employees, funded in whole or in part by State funds,

shall have attached to it at the time of its consideration by any committee a brief explanatory statement or note that shall include a reliable estimate of the financial and actuarial effect of the proposed change, as provided in G.S. 120-114. The actuarial note shall be attached to the jacket of each proposed bill or resolution that is reported favorably by any committee and shall be clearly designated as an actuarial note. Upon its introduction, a bill or resolution described in subdivision (a)(1) of this rule shall be referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement and Aging.

(b) The sponsor of the bill or resolution shall present a copy of the measure, with the sponsor's request for an actuarial note, to the Fiscal Research Division, which shall prepare the actuarial note as promptly as possible but not later than two weeks after the request is made. Actuarial notes shall be prepared in the order of receipt of request and shall be transmitted to the sponsor of the measure. The actuarial note of the Fiscal Research Division shall be prepared and signed by an actuary.

(c) The sponsor of the bill or resolution shall also present a copy of the measure to the chief administrative officer of the system affected by the measure. The chief administrative officer shall have an actuarial note prepared by the system's actuary on the measure and shall transmit the note to the sponsor of the measure not later than two weeks after the request is received. The actuarial note may be attached to the jacket of the measure.

(d) The note shall be factual and shall, if possible, provide a reliable estimate of both the immediate effect and, if determinable, the long-range fiscal and actuarial effect of the measure. If, after careful investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect, setting forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. No comment or opinion shall be included in the actuarial note with regard to the merits of the measure for which the note is prepared. Technical and mechanical defects in the measure may be noted.

(e) When any committee reports a measure to which an actuarial note is attached at the time of committee consideration, with any amendment of such nature as would substantially affect the cost to or the revenues of any system, the chair of the committee reporting the measure shall obtain from the Fiscal Research Division and the administrator of the affected system an actuarial note of the fiscal and actuarial effect of the proposed amendment. The actuarial note shall be attached to the jacket of the measure. A chair of the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee, or of the Finance Committee, or of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, upon the floor of the Senate, may request that an actuarial note be attached to a bill, resolution, or an amendment that affects the costs to or the revenues of a system described in this rule and that is in the possession of the Senate, when in the opinion of that chair, the effect to the cost to or the revenues of a system described in this rule are not apparent from the language of the measure. No bill, resolution, or amendment for which an actuarial note has been requested may be considered for passage prior to the actuarial note from both the Fiscal Research Division and the administrator of the affected system being attached to it.

(f) The Fiscal Research Division shall make all relevant actuarial notes available to the membership of the Senate.

RULE 42.3. Assessment reports. – Municipal Incorporations. Every legislative proposal introduced in the Senate, or received in the Senate from the House, proposing the incorporation of a municipality shall have attached to the jacket of the original bill at the time of its consideration on second or third readings by the Senate or by any committee of the Senate prior to a favorable report, a recommendation from the Municipal Incorporations Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on Local Government established by Article 20 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The recommendation of that Subcommittee shall be made in accordance with the provisions and criteria set forth in Article 20 of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes and shall include the findings required to be made by G.S. 120-166 through G.S. 120-170.

RULE 42.3A. Proposed increases in incarceration. – If required by State law:

(a) Every bill, amendment, and resolution proposing any change in the law that could cause a net increase in the length of time for which persons are incarcerated or the number of persons incarcerated, whether by increasing penalties for violating existing laws, by criminalizing behavior, or by any other means, shall have attached to it at the time of its consideration by the Senate a fiscal note prepared by the Fiscal Research Division. The fiscal note shall be

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prepared in consultation with the Sentencing Policy and Advisory Commission and shall identify and estimate, for the first five fiscal years the proposed change would be in effect, all costs of the proposed net increase in incarceration, including capital outlay costs if the legislation would require increased cell space. If, after careful investigation, the Fiscal Research Division determines that no dollar estimate is possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect, setting forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. No comment or opinion shall be included in the fiscal note with regard to the merits of the measure for which the note is prepared. However, technical and mechanical defects may be noted.

(b) The sponsor of each bill, amendment, or resolution to which this subsection applies shall present a copy of the bill, amendment, or resolution with the request for a fiscal note to the Fiscal Research Division. Upon receipt of the request and the copy of the bill, amendment, or resolution, the Fiscal Research Division shall prepare the fiscal note as promptly as possible. The Fiscal Research Division shall prepare the fiscal note and transmit it to the sponsor within two weeks after the request is made, unless the sponsor agrees to an extension of time.

(c) This fiscal note shall be attached to the original of each proposed bill, amendment, or resolution that is reported favorably by any committee, but shall be separate from the bill, amendment, or resolution and shall be clearly designated as a fiscal note. A fiscal note attached to a bill, amendment, or resolution pursuant to this subsection is not a part of the bill, amendment, or resolution and is not an expression of legislative intent proposed by the bill, amendment, or resolution.

(d) If a committee reports favorably a proposed bill or resolution with an amendment that proposes a change in the law that could cause a net increase in the length of time for which persons are incarcerated or the number of persons incarcerated, whether by increasing penalties for violating existing laws, by criminalizing behavior, or by any other means, the chair of the committee shall obtain from the Fiscal Research Division and attach to the amended bill or resolution a fiscal note as provided in this rule.

RULE 42.4. (Reserved for future use).

RULE 42.5. **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee meetings.** – The Appropriations/Base Budget Cochairs may in their exclusive discretion direct that the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee or its subcommittees or both may consider the budget and the budget plan, including all appropriations, in separate meetings from the House of Representatives and may do all things separately from the House of Representatives.

RULE 43. **First reading; reference to committee.** – All bills filed for introduction and all House bills received in the Office of the Principal Clerk not later than one and one-half hours preceding the convening of the Senate, upon presentation to the Senate, shall be read in regular order of business by their number and title, which shall constitute the first reading of the bill. The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate or, in the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair of the Committee or the President Pro Tempore may refer to a

Senate committee all bills introduced in the Senate or received from the House of Representatives. Upon the referral being made, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate shall notify the Principal Clerk of the Senate of the referral, and the Reading Clerk shall announce the referral of the bill. The Principal Clerk shall inform the Presiding Officer of the referral. The title and referral shall be entered upon the Journal.

Bills may be referred to more than one committee serially: e.g., “S.B. _____ is referred to the Committee on Finance and upon a favorable report referred to the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee.”

RULE 44. Bills to receive three readings. – Every bill shall receive three readings before being passed, and the Presiding Officer shall give notice at each reading whether it be the first, second, or third. Unless a member of the Senate objects, a bill may be referred to, and presented to the Senate, by its bill number and short title. The Reading Clerk shall announce the referral as set forth in Rule 43. No bill shall be amended upon the floor of the Senate, except under Rule 45.1, until it has been twice read. Senate simple resolutions shall not require three readings.

RULE 45. Reports of committees. – Every Senator presenting a report of a committee shall endorse the report with the name of the committee. The report of the committee shall show that a quorum of the committee was present and a majority of those present voted in favor of the report. Every report of the committee upon a bill or resolution shall stand upon the general orders with the bill or resolution. No committee shall report a bill or resolution without prejudice.

RULE 45.1. Action on amendment or committee substitute; distribution of committee substitutes. – (a) If any committee recommends adoption of an amendment or committee substitute of a bill or resolution, the amendment or committee substitute shall be considered adopted upon the reading of the committee report. Unless otherwise calendared by the President Pro Tempore or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate pursuant to Rule 47, the bill or resolution, as amended, or its adopted committee substitute shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day or re-referred if the bill or resolution was serially referred. The committee substitute’s original bill or resolution shall lie on the table.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this rule, a committee substitute for a simple resolution shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day for a vote on its adoption.

(c) Unless (i) a committee substitute of a bill or resolution being considered by a committee is distributed to members of that committee no later than 6:00 P.M. the day prior to the committee meeting or (ii) prior approval is given by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate to take up and vote on the committee substitute at the meeting noticed, the committee substitute shall be carried over to the next day.

RULE 46. Unfavorable report by committee. – All bills reported unfavorably by the committee to which they were referred shall lie upon the table but may be taken from the table and placed upon the calendar by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

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RULE 47. Recall of bill from committee and discharge petition; calendaring, re-calendaring, or referral of a bill to committee. – (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, only the President Pro Tempore, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, or the chair of a committee to which a bill or other matter is assigned may, with the consent of a majority of the membership of the Senate present and voting, recall the measure from its assigned committee to be referred to another committee or the floor. Only the President Pro Tempore or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate may, with the consent of a majority present and voting, calendar a bill or resolution, re-calendar a bill or resolution appearing on the calendar, or refer or re-refer it to committee.

(b) A motion to discharge a committee from consideration of a bill or resolution may be filed with the Principal Clerk if accompanied by a petition signed by two-thirds of the membership of the Senate asking that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the bill or resolution. No petition may be circulated for signatures until 10 legislative days after the bill has been referred to the committee. No petition may be circulated for signature until notice has been given on the floor of the Senate that the petition is to be circulated. If such a motion accompanied by a valid petition is filed, the Principal Clerk shall place that motion on the calendar for the next legislative day as a special order of business. If the motion is adopted by two-thirds of the membership of the Senate, then the committee to which the bill or resolution has been referred is discharged from further consideration of the bill or resolution, and that bill or resolution is placed on the calendar for the next legislative day as a special order of business. If the committee had, prior to discharge, adopted any amendment or committee substitute for the bill, it shall be in order to offer that amendment or substitute on the floor as if it were a committee amendment or substitute. The Principal Clerk shall provide a form for discharge petitions.

(c) This rule shall not be temporarily suspended.

RULE 48. Calendar; order to be followed. – The Presiding Officer and the Principal Clerk of the Senate shall see that all bills are acted upon by the Senate in the order in which they stand upon the calendar, unless otherwise ordered in accordance with Rule 47. The published calendar shall include all bills reported favorably from committees, or placed on the calendar on motion, and shall include the bill number and short title of each bill on the calendar.

RULE 49. Consideration of gubernatorial nominations or appointments. – When received by the Principal Clerk, written notice of a gubernatorial nomination or appointment that requires confirmation by the General Assembly or the Senate shall be read in session and shall be referred by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, or in the Chair's absence the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to the appropriate Senate committee. The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate may file an appropriate resolution for consideration of the nomination or appointment. For statewide or at-large nominations or appointments, the Principal Clerk shall transmit a copy of the notice of nomination or appointment to the Senator or Senators representing the county in which the nominee or appointee

resides. For nominations or appointments of persons to represent a particular district or region of the State, the Principal Clerk shall transmit a copy of the notice of nomination or appointment to the Senator or Senators representing all or a portion of the particular district or region to be represented. The chair of the Senate committee receiving referral of any nomination or appointment shall determine the procedure by which the committee shall consider that nomination or appointment and may make a report of its recommendation to the Senate.

RULE 50. Third reading requirements. – No bill on its third reading shall be acted upon out of the regular order in which it stands on the calendar, and no bill shall be acted upon on its third reading the same day on which it passed its second reading, unless so ordered by three-fifths of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

RULE 51. Special orders. – Any bill or other matter in consideration before the Senate may be made a special order for a subsequent day or hour by a vote of the majority of the Senators voting, and if action on the bill is not completed on that day, it shall be returned to its place on the calendar, unless it is made a special order for another day; and when a special order is under consideration it shall take precedence over any special order or subsequent order for the day, but such subsequent order may be taken up immediately after the previous special order has been disposed of.

RULE 52. Procedure when necessary number of Senators not present. – If, on taking the question on a bill, it appears that a constitutional quorum is not present, or if the bill requires a vote of a certain proportion of all the Senators to pass it, and it appears that such number is not present, the bill shall be again read and the question taken thereon; if the bill fails a second time for the want of the necessary number being present and voting, the bill shall not be finally lost but shall be returned to the calendar in its proper order.

RULE 53. Effect of defeated measure. – (a) After a bill has been tabled, or has failed to pass on any of its readings, the contents of such bill or the principal provisions of its subject matter shall not be embodied in any other measure. After an amendment has been tabled or defeated on the Senate floor, the contents of such amendment or the principal provisions of its subject matter shall not be embodied in any other measure. If a substitute amendment is adopted on the floor, the contents of the previously pending amendment which are not contained in the substitute shall be considered to have been defeated. Upon the point of order being raised and sustained by the Presiding Officer, such measure shall be laid upon the table and shall not be taken therefrom except by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting: Provided, no local bill shall be held by the Presiding Officer as embodying the provisions of, or being identical with, any statewide measure which has been laid upon the table or failed to pass any of its readings.

(b) When a bill has been postponed indefinitely by the Senate, the bill shall lie upon the table and shall not be taken therefrom except by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

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RULE 54. Taking bill from table. – No bill which has been laid upon the table shall be taken therefrom except by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

RULE 54.1. Bill title. – The title of each bill shall adequately and fairly reflect its subject matter.

RULE 55. Amending titles of bills. – When a bill is materially modified or the scope of its application extended or decreased, or if the county or counties to which it applies is changed, the title of the bill shall be changed by the committee having it in charge or by the Principal Clerk, so as to indicate the full purport of the bill as amended and the county or counties to which it applies.

RULE 56. Corrections of typographical errors in bills. – The Enrolling Clerk is authorized to make corrections of typographical errors in the text of bills at any time prior to ratification. Before the correction is made, the Enrolling Clerk shall have the approval of the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate or, in the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair of said Committee, the President Pro Tempore, or the Deputy President Pro Tempore.

RULE 56.1. Amendments and committee substitutes adopted by the House to bills originating in the Senate. – (a) Whenever the House has adopted an amendment or a committee substitute for a bill originating in the Senate, and has returned the bill to the Senate for concurrence in that amendment or committee substitute, the Senate may not concur in that amendment or committee substitute until the next legislative day following the day on which the Senate receives that measure, unless otherwise calendared by the President Pro Tempore or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate pursuant to Rule 47.

(b) The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, (or in that Chair's absence the President Pro Tempore) may, or upon motion supported by a majority of the membership of the Senate present and voting shall, refer the bill to an appropriate committee for consideration of the amendment or committee substitute.

(c) The Presiding Officer shall, in placing the bill on the calendar, rule whether the amendment or committee substitute is a material amendment under Article II, Section 23, of the State's Constitution. If the measure is referred to committee, the committee shall:

- (1) Report the bill with the recommendation either that the Senate do concur or that the Senate do not concur; and
- (2) Advise the Presiding Officer as to whether or not the amendment or committee substitute is a material amendment under Article II, Section 23, of the State's Constitution.

(d) If the amendment or committee substitute for a bill is not a material amendment, the question before the Senate shall be concurrence. In the event there is more than one House amendment, the question shall be concurrence in all the House amendments, and the question may not be divided, notwithstanding Rule 28. The question that shall be put before the Senate by the Presiding Officer shall be: "Does the Senate concur in the House amendments (committee substitute) to S.B. _____?".

(e) If the amendment or committee substitute for a bill is a material amendment, the receiving of that bill on messages shall constitute first reading, and the question before the Senate shall be concurrence on second reading. If the motion is passed, the question then shall be concurrence on third reading on the next legislative day.

(f) No committee substitute adopted by the House to a bill originating in the Senate may be amended by the Senate.

RULE 57. Conference committee. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or in the President Pro Tempore's absence, the Deputy President Pro Tempore, upon motion, may appoint a conference committee when the Senate fails to concur in amendments or committee substitutes put by the House to a bill originating in the Senate, or when the House of Representatives fails to concur in amendments or committee substitutes put by the Senate to a bill originating in the House. Senate conferees shall include the primary sponsor of the bill. In considering the bill committed to the conferees, only such matters as are germane to the bill shall be considered by the conferees, and the conference report shall deal only with such matters. The matters referred to the conference committee by the conference committee chairs shall go to and be considered by the conferees appointed by the Senate and the House of Representatives. While the bill is in conference committee, the Senate's position shall be determined by a majority of the Senate conferees. Upon agreement by the Senate and House of Representatives, a conference report shall be drafted reflecting the matters considered and agreed upon by the conferees. The conference report shall not be amended. A conference report in order under this Rule when reported to the Senate shall be calendared for consideration of the question of adoption on any date specified by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, or in the absence of the Chair, by the President Pro Tempore. In the absence of any such specification it shall be calendared for the next legislative day.

RULE 57.1. Germaneness of amendment or committee substitute. – (a) All floor amendments shall be germane to the subject matter of the measure under consideration. The question of germaneness of the proposed floor amendment is in order at any time the measure is before the body prior to final action on its adoption.

(b) In committee, the germaneness of amendments or committee substitutes shall be determined by the chair of the committee in which such amendments or committee substitutes are offered.

RULE 58. Certification of passage of bills. – The Principal Clerk shall certify the passage of bills by the Senate, with the date thereof, together with the fact whether passed by vote of three-fifths or two-thirds of the membership of the Senate present and voting, whenever such vote may be required by the Constitution or laws of the State.

RULE 59. Transmittal of bills to House. – No bill shall be sent from the Senate on the day of its passage except on the last day of the session, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

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RULE 59.1. **Engrossment.** – Bills which originate in the Senate and that are amended shall be engrossed before being sent to the House.

RULE 59.2. **Vetoed bills.** – (a) Unless directed otherwise by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate on behalf of the Senate, the Principal Clerk or an employee designated by the Principal Clerk shall receive Senate bills not approved by the Governor. The veto message shall be read in the Senate on the next legislative day following its receipt by the Principal Clerk.

(b) Upon a veto message's being read in the Senate, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate shall either refer the bill and the Governor's objections and veto message to committee or place the bill on the calendar for a day certain. The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate or the Chair's designee shall give the Senate Minority Leader at least 24 hours' notice that a vetoed bill may be considered by the Senate.

VII. LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

RULE 60. **Pages.** – (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint pages. The President Pro Tempore, or such person as the President Pro Tempore may designate, shall supervise the pages and assign to them their duties. Each page shall be in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade at the time of service.

(b) Members may designate honorary pages by a statement delivered to the Principal Clerk who will have a certificate issued therefor.

RULE 61. **Sergeants-at-Arms.** – (a) There shall be 16 positions of Assistant Sergeants-at-Arms, to be appointed upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore by the Sergeant-at-Arms, who are to work under his or her supervision and to be assigned such duties and powers as he or she shall direct.

(b) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for the safety of the members and employees of the Senate while in the Senate Chamber or any place in which the Senate or its committees are in session.

(c) The Sergeant-at-Arms shall serve all warrants and subpoenas issued by orders of the Senate and signed by the Presiding Officer of the Senate, and said warrants and subpoenas shall be returnable to the Principal Clerk of the Senate.

RULE 62. **Principal Clerk's staff.** – The Principal Clerk of the Senate shall employ all necessary employees and clerks required to carry out the duties of that office. The Principal Clerk shall have supervision and control and shall assign such duties and powers as the Principal Clerk shall direct to the employees and clerks of that office.

RULE 63. **Legislative assistants and other Senate staff.** – (a) Each member shall be assigned one legislative assistant position. Additional staff positions may be allocated to members in the discretion of the President Pro Tempore. The selection of the person to fill a staff position assigned or allocated to an individual member's office shall be his or her prerogative.

(b) Persons seeking an employment position in the office of an individual member shall file initial applications for employment with the Director of Legislative Assistants and shall receive compensation as prescribed by the Legislative Services Commission. Their period of employment shall comply with the period as established by the Legislative Services Commission unless

employment for an extended period is approved by the President Pro Tempore. They shall adhere to such uniform regulations and other conditions of employment (including retention) under the direction of the Director of Senate Legislative Assistants as the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate shall adopt.

(c) The Director of Senate Legislative Assistants and any assistants shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

RULE 64. Senate Journal. – The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall cause the Journal of the Senate to be examined daily before the hour of convening to determine if the proceedings of the previous day have been correctly recorded.

RULE 65. Deputy President Pro Tempore. – The Senate shall elect a Deputy President Pro Tempore. Upon a vacancy in the office of President Pro Tempore, the Senate shall elect one of its members to succeed to that office.

VIII. GENERAL RULES

RULE 66. President to sign papers. – All addresses and all warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the Senate shall be signed by the President, the President Pro Tempore, or the Deputy President Pro Tempore. All acts and resolutions shall be signed by the President, the President Pro Tempore, the Deputy President Pro Tempore, or by a Senator designated by the President Pro Tempore to act as Presiding Officer.

RULE 67. Admission to the floor of the Senate. – No person except members of the Senate, members of the House of Representatives, staff of the General Assembly; staff of the Lieutenant Governor; Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Superior Courts; the Governor and members of the Council of State; former members of the General Assembly; and persons particularly invited and extended the privileges of the floor by the Presiding Officer shall be admitted to the floor of the Senate either during its session or be admitted to or remain on the floor of the Senate within 15 minutes prior to the Senate's scheduled daily session. Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, no registered lobbyist shall: (i) be admitted to the floor of the Senate or Senate Chamber while the Senate is in session, (ii) be admitted to or remain on the floor of the Senate within 15 minutes prior to the Senate's scheduled daily session, or (iii) except when a committee is meeting on the floor, be admitted to the floor of the Senate for the 15 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. When the Senate is not in daily session, the President Pro Tempore shall determine the privileges of the floor.

RULE 67.1. Recognition for extending courtesies. – (a) Courtesies of the floor and galleries shall be extended only by the Presiding Officer on the Presiding Officer's own motion or upon the written request of a member of the Senate to former members of the General Assembly or to distinguished visitors.

(b) The Presiding Officer, upon written request at intervals between various orders of business, may extend courtesies to schools or other special large groups visiting in the galleries while they are present, and the Presiding Officer shall, at such times as deemed appropriate, express to those visitors in the galleries the pleasure of the Senate for their presence.

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RULE 68. Privileges of the floor. – No group or individual other than members of the Senate may make remarks upon the floor of the Senate.

RULE 69. News media. – The President Pro Tempore is authorized to assign area and equipment on the floor of the Senate for the use of the representatives of news media, and the President Pro Tempore shall provide regulations for the operation of the representatives of the news media on the floor of the Senate.

RULE 70. Absence without leave. – No Senator or officer of the Senate shall depart the service of the Senate without leave or receive pay as a Senator or officer for the time absent without leave.

RULE 71. Circulation of materials. – Any material circulated to Senate members anywhere in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building shall bear the name of the originator. No items may be placed on members' desks in the Senate Chamber except as permitted under Rule 17.

RULE 72. Assignment of seats; offices. – (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall assign seats in the Senate Chamber to the members elected. The President Pro Tempore, when assigning seats, may give preferential consideration to the respective members according to the length of service that each member has rendered in the Senate. No incumbent appointed to fill an unexpired term in the immediate preceding session shall retain the seat if requested by a Senator elected to said session.

(b) Not later than two weeks after the initial committee assignments become final, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate is authorized to make assignments of committee rooms and offices to designated committees, chairs, and members of the Senate. In making such assignments of individual offices, the President Pro Tempore may give preferential consideration to the respective members according to the length of service that each member has rendered in the Senate.

RULE 73. Administrative rules and regulations involving Senate employees. – All administrative rules, regulations, and orders involving all individuals employed to perform duties for the Senate, other than those appointed by the Principal Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms, shall be first approved by the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.

RULE 74. Public hearings. – Any Senator may request in writing a public hearing by the committee considering the bill on a public bill. Requests may be granted at the discretion of the chair. Notice shall be given not less than five calendar days prior to public hearings. Such notices shall be issued as information for the press, and the information shall be posted in the places designated by the Principal Clerk.

RULE 75. Public hearings; filing of written statements. – Persons desiring to appear and be heard at a public hearing are encouraged to file with the chair of the committee a brief or a written statement of the remarks to be made at least 24 hours before the time of the hearing.

RULE 76. Voting in joint sessions. – When the Senate sits jointly with the House, either in committee or in joint session, the Senate reserves the right to vote separately.

RULE 77. Alteration, suspension, or rescission of rules. – (a) These rules may not be permanently rescinded or altered except by Senate simple resolution passed by a three-fifths vote of the membership of the Senate. The introducer of the resolution must, on the floor of the Senate, give notice of the intent to introduce the resolution on the legislative day preceding its introduction.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, the Senate, upon motion of the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or the Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the three-fifths vote of the membership of the Senate present and voting, may temporarily suspend any of these rules.

SECTION 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

ELECTION OF AN OFFICER ESTABLISHED BY SENATE RULES

Pursuant to Senate Rule 65, the President declares the floor open to receive nominations for Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

The President recognizes Senator P. Newton, who offers the following nomination and remarks:

“Members, I rise to nominate Ralph Hise of Mitchell County as Deputy President *Pro Tempore*. Senator Hise has served the North Carolina Senate in this chamber since 2011. His colleagues recognize him to be one of the brightest minds in this chamber. And although brilliant, Senator Hise is equally humble. And he exemplifies what it means to be a citizen legislator. That was never more evident than during Hurricane Helene recovery. Senator Hise’s district was perhaps one of the hardest hit. He worked around the clock without reliable water or power to get resources to his district and to keep us informed of the needs on the ground. He is fighting and continues to fight for people—for everyone affected. And he and his family have been personally affected. And I’d like to publicly thank his family—his wife, Linn; and his sons, Thomas and Darren; because they, as much as Senator Hise, have been serving North Carolina. And they deserve to be honored today as we honor their father and husband. Senator Hise has been an incredible mentor to many of us in this chamber, from his masterful grasp of the rules to his understanding of policy and for his demonstrated dedication to his constituents. Ralph Hise is often the calm in our legislative storm, and for that we are all thankful. And with that, Madam President, I formally nominate Senator Ralph Hise to serve as our Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.”

The President recognizes Senator Daniel, who seconds the nomination and offers the following remarks:

“Members, I rise to second the nomination of Senator Ralph Hise to serve as our Deputy President *Pro Tempore*. Senator Hise, over the past fourteen years, we have accomplished a lot together. When we began this endeavor in 2011, we

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brought North Carolina back from the brink of financial ruin, balancing a two-billion-dollar deficit, repaying a three-billion-dollar debt to the federal government, and charting a new course for economic recovery. The ‘Carolina comeback’ was a resounding success. North Carolina has regularly been recognized as the top state for business in the country. As people from across the nation realize this, our state has become more than a tourist destination. It’s a place where people want to come to work and raise their families. As a result, our population has grown significantly. We must safeguard the important policies that laid the groundwork for this prosperity and protected our residents from government overreach. We protected the taxpayers by continuing to lower the personal and corporate income tax rates. We protected our businesses by restraining the regulators from placing additional burdens on their businesses. We protected prayer in schools, the lives of the unborn, and young women striving to do their best as athletes. And there are more accomplishments that we don’t have time to mention. As we enter 2025 as members of the Western Delegation, and for our entire Senate body, we have a new challenge before us. One that has become routine for our Eastern colleagues but is new for Senator Hise and I, hurricane recovery. I look forward to all that we are going to do to address these challenges together, and I know that Senator Hise is the right man to lead us as Deputy President *Pro Tempore*. And with that, I formally second the nomination of Senator Hise to serve as our Deputy President *Pro Tempore*. I further move that nominations be closed and that Senator Hise’s nomination be accepted by acclamation.

The motion offered by Senator Daniel that the nominations be closed and that Senator Ralph Hise be elected Deputy President *Pro Tempore* of the 2025 Senate by acclamation prevails.

The President declares Senator Ralph Hise duly elected Deputy President *Pro Tempore* and appoints Senator Galey, Senator B. Newton, Senator Sanderson and Senator Settle to escort the Deputy President *Pro Tempore*-elect to the well of the Senate, where he is presented to the President by Senator Galey. The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Mrs. Linn Hise to the well of the Senate, where she joins the Deputy President *Pro Tempore*-elect as he receives the prescribed oath of office. The Honorable Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, administers the prescribed oath of office.

The President recognizes Senator Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, who addresses the body from the well of the Senate, offering the following remarks:

“Thank you, Madam President, President *Pro Tempore*, distinguished members of the Judiciary, visitors, guests, and fellow members of the Senate. Thank you for your vote. I will do the very best I can for this office to support President *Pro Tempore* Phil Berger and all the members in this exalted chamber. I truly appreciate the support you have given me. Chief Justice Newby, I truly

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appreciate you coming down and giving the oath of office today. I am humbled and honored that you would take time to return and fill this role for this chamber and myself. I will keep my comments brief. For four sessions now, you have afforded me the privilege to stand here and serve in this role. I want to begin by honoring my wife, Linn; my sons, Thomas and Darren; my mother-in-law, Mary Ann England; who have tremendously supported me now over fourteen years serving in the Senate. When looking for where I should go—actually, last night it hit me to open with a verse from Esther that I think so many of us are familiar with, 4:14: ‘For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arrive from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.’ I am truly amazed at what this body has led in and accomplished over the fourteen years that I have served in the Senate. We all remember fourteen years ago when deficits seemed insurmountable, all of our tax rates were uncompetitive with any of the states around us, and organization was not part of government. We were barely hanging on after the ‘08 and the ‘10 recessions. But we set, and Phil led us, on a path that we would do the right things with the economy of the state of North Carolina. We have actively sought to cut corporate tax rates, personal tax rates. We let the sales tax increase expire. And at each step we heard the doom and gloom that was coming from all the revenue loss that the state was going to experience. There is no doubt we saw the very opposite. When I look at the story of Joseph in the Old Testament, he was given the interpretation of Pharaoh’s visit that gave seven years of plenty because seven years of famine was coming. And how they stored up the grain to prepare for what was coming. I will say that for me, individually, a lot of the reasons I had at the time were simply that changing the tax code and building the savings reserve was the right thing to do for North Carolina. It was because that we saw that we could be more competitive, or we can grow industry. But nearly a hundred days ago, a little more than three months, I feel like in Western North Carolina we saw the real reason behind why we had to make those changes. Think all of you know the devastation that we have seen from the floods in Western North Carolina that the former Governor estimated at over sixty billion dollars now. If you have not been to Western North Carolina and seen this devastation, I invite you all to come. Pick one of the hundreds of miles of devastation along the rivers and come see. Because the devastation hasn’t gone anywhere. It’s not fixed. It’s not better. Two weeks ago, we had four inches of rain and saw flooding again. Bridges washed out again and gone. Yesterday we saw a winter storm with winds fifty miles an hour take entire towns out of electricity again. We’re fragile, and we’re still recovering. But we had a fourteen-year time period to build up a savings reserve to be prepared to serve. Maybe it was only three days that our famine came, but it has been devastating. But we are prepared as a state and we are strong as a state because of the work we have put together for more than a decade in North Carolina. I hope North Carolina never again experiences this kind of devastation, but history will tell us another storm is coming. Whether it be drought, whether it be rain, whether it be hurricanes, whether it be economic downturns, they are coming. And we have to continue with the same mindset, once we appropriate funds, we have got

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to rebuild the savings reserve. We have to prepare the state of North Carolina for the next disaster that is coming. We have to take lessons from Matthew, and now Helene, about how we did not respond or could not respond. I apologize to my colleagues in Eastern North Carolina. It is unacceptable that after six years we have not rebuilt the housing that was necessary from their storms. And I want to stand here to declare that we will not be sitting here in six years in Western North Carolina talking about what the state has not done. But we have to have the reserves for the next disaster that's coming. We did a formula, it was two storms, that we needed in savings reserved. Helene has blown that out of the water. But we can accomplish it and prepare our state so that we don't have these setbacks continually. I thank you all for this opportunity to serve you. More importantly, I thank you all for what you have done and will do for our communities. The state of North Carolina has stepped up. We need more from the Feds. I need you to lobby every congressman you've ever thought you knew. Because they have to come to North Carolina's aid. And we will be there for our match. We will be there to support our citizens. I ask each of you, not that you only do all you can through this legislative body to improve the conditions and lives for all the constituents we serve, and specifically those in Western North Carolina that are devastated by this historic storm, but I, once again, as I have each time elected, ask you as leaders, each of you to answer your higher purpose and lift up your district, this state, and this nation, as stated in our Constitution we just confirmed an oath to, to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of nations, that He may heal our land. Thank you."

ELECTION OF STATUTORY OFFICERS

Pursuant to G.S. 120-37, the President declares the floor open to receive nominations for the Office of Principal Clerk.

The President recognizes Senator Rabon, who offers the following nomination and remarks:

"Madam President, members, I rise today to nominate Sarah Holland, again, to serve as our Senate Principal Clerk. Madam President, members, this should come as no surprise to you that we again would like to have Ms. Holland taking over this office. I don't know if many of you have seen my desk during a given legislative session, but it's not exactly the tidiest one here. It takes a lot of work to keep me on track and on task and organized. Sarah's one of the people who have made my life a lot easier. And if you haven't realized how amazing the clerk's staff is, as you serve here a little longer you will. They are all phenomenal professionals, who are true public servants. Sarah's service as Principal Clerk has been highlighted by streamlining the behind the scenes work in bringing us all into a modern era. When I came into this body in 2011, we literally had paperwork stacked on the back corner here this high. Many times, it was still warm, was it not, Senator Newton, when we had to read it and then vote on it? That doesn't happen today. We are in a new era, and we thank the Principal Clerk for that.

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There's a lot of work that the clerks do that none of us see. We go home at night, or we go out to have dinner together, and they're still here. We come in in the morning, and their doors are open and they're already at work. Without them, we could accomplish very little. All of this has come about because of Sarah's leadership. They've been able to accomplish everything over the last decade because of that leadership, from electronic bill filing, to technological upgrades in the chamber. They've literally done it all. And we have been the beneficiaries of that hard work. Sarah and her staff care deeply for the Senate, and they care for all of the senators and all of our staff. They're really wonderful people. You should get to know them. We're the ones that push the green buttons—and we push the red buttons on occasion, Senator Lowe—but they're the ones that make the buttons work. That's the hard job. They're the ones who make our voices so they can be heard across the state. And they're the ones that keep record of what is being said and by whom and what is done in the chamber for everyone to look back on when we're gone. With that, Madam President, I formally nominate Sarah Holland to serve as Principal Clerk for the 2025 Senate.”

The President recognizes Senator Hise, who seconds the nomination and offers the following remarks:

“Madam President, members, I rise to second the nomination of Sarah Holland to serve as Principal Clerk of the 2025 North Carolina Senate. Sarah has also held this position for fourteen years. And as Rabon mentioned, so many of the things that changed when she came onto this clerk position—moving us to the electronic age, not having to have our LAs make books of all the bills every day as we sort through them. To understand and know the rules of this body, to tolerate my conversations and questions about the rules of this body and my what-if scenarios that she always has an answer for, even if I argue with it. She has been an incredible service to this body. And one of the greatest things that her leadership shows is the staff that she puts around her in that office. Never once has any member of this Senate had challenges with her staff or conflicts with her staff in the time that we've been here. They're incredible individuals that are hard workers, that are not stereotypical state employees that work some regular schedule but tolerate the schedule of the Senate that's supposed to be five months, but sometimes runs eighteen months during a session. But she's always there. No one can name me a single flaw for a bill or a messenger or a send to the House in fourteen years. There is no one better that could serve in this role. I am proud of the service she has given to the state. And with that, I further move that nominations be closed and that Sarah Holland's nomination as Principal Clerk be accepted by acclamation.”

The motion by Senator Hise that the nominations be closed and that Sarah Holland be elected Principal Clerk of the 2025 Senate by acclamation prevails.

The President declares Sarah Holland duly elected and instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Principal Clerk-elect to the well of the Senate. The President

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directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Mr. Perry Holland and Reeves Holland to the well of the Senate, where they join the Principal Clerk-elect as she receives the prescribed oath of office. The Honorable Philip Berger, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, administers the prescribed oath of office, and the President directs the Principal Clerk to assume her seat.

Pursuant to G.S. 120-37, the President declares the floor open to receive nominations for the Office of Sergeant-at-Arms.

The President recognizes Senator Burgin, who offers the following nomination and remarks:

“First, I want to acknowledge and thank Bob Myrick, our retiring Sergeant-at-Arms. Thank you for your service and your friendship. Good job, my friend. Members, it is my honor to rise to nominate Eddie Broughton as Senate Sergeant-at-Arms. Eddie was hired with the Sergeant-at-Arms office in May of 2018. He has been Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms for the past five years. My wife, Ann, was telling me this morning, he was the first Sergeant-at-Arms that she met here, and what an impression that he made on her that first day. He started his law enforcement career in 1991 with North Carolina Secretary of State’s office as an Investigator. Eddie has over thirty-four years of law enforcement experience. He also served as a Reserve Officer Investigator of North Carolina’s State Capitol Police Department. And in 1992, he was hired with the Wake County Sheriff’s Office, where he worked numerous positions, including Civil Process, Warrant Unit Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and Drug Investigations. He was assigned to the United States Marshall Services Violent Fugitive Task Force for Eastern North Carolina, apprehending wanted, violent criminal suspects. Eddie was then promoted and worked his way through the ranks as a captain in the Patrol Service, School Resource Officer Program, Criminal Investigations Division, and Special Operations Unit. I think he’s going to be able to handle all of us. Eddie retired in 2016 as a Major of the Special Operations Units, where he supervised the Drug Unit, the Canine Unit, Special Response Team, Criminal Interdictions, Surveillance Unit and Task Force Units. He holds numerous law enforcement certifications and qualifications. He’s a Reserve Officer with the General Assembly Police Department and a Reserve Deputy with the Wake County Sheriff’s Office. Eddie is on the Executive Board with the National Legislative Service and Security Association under the National Conference of State Legislators. Eddie’s been married to his wife, Kristy, for twenty years, and they have two sons: Philip (28), Cameron (27). Philip is an Inspector with the North Carolina License and Theft Bureau. He and his wife, Tara, live in Hampstead, and they have a beautiful son, Grayson, who is six months old. Cameron is in accounts receivable and customer relations with Mega Corp. He lives in Wilmington, and he’s engaged to his fiancée, Kasey to be married in 2026. I formally nominate Eddie Broughton for Senate Sergeant-at-Arms.”

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The President recognizes Senator Ford, who seconds the nomination and offers the following remarks:

“Members, I’m honored to second the nomination of my friend Eddie Broughton to serve as our Sergeant-at-Arms. I also move that the nominations be closed and that Eddie Broughton’s nomination be accepted by acclamation.”

The motion offered by Senator Ford that the nominations be closed and that Mr. Eddie Broughton be elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the 2025 Senate by acclamation prevails.

The President declares Mr. Eddie Broughton duly elected and directs the Sergeant-at-Arms-elect to enter the well of the Senate. The President directs an assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Mrs. Christy Broughton to the well of the Senate, where she joins Sergeant-at-Arms-elect as he receives the prescribed oath of office. The Honorable Paul Newby, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, administers the prescribed oath of office, and the President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to assume his seat.

RECOGNITION OF PARTY OFFICERS

The President directs the clerk to read as follows:

North Carolina General Assembly

January 7, 2025

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
President of the Senate
310 N Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear President Hunt:

This is to advise you that the Senate Republican Caucus met on November 20, 2024, with 29 members present and elected the following officers for the 2025 Session of the General Assembly:

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

In addition, the following officers were nominated for the 2025 Session of the General Assembly:

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

Sincerely,
S/ Senator Paul Newton
Majority Leader of the Republican Caucus

cc: The Honorable Philip Berger
Ms. Sarah Lang Holland

North Carolina General Assembly

January 8, 2025

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
State of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

The Senate Democratic Caucus met on December 2, 2024, and elected the following officers for the 2025-2026 Legislative session:

Senator Sydney Batch (Wake) Caucus Minority Leader
Senator Jay Chaudhuri (Wake) Caucus Minority Whip
Senator Julie Mayfield (Buncombe) Caucus Secretary

Respectfully,
S/ Senator Julie Mayfield
Senate Democratic Caucus Secretary

cc: The Honorable Philip E. Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
Ms. Sarah Holland, Principal Clerk

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Having voted with the majority, Senator Rabon offers a motion that the vote by which Senator Phil Berger was elected President *Pro Tempore* of the 2025 Senate be reconsidered. He further moves that the motion to reconsider do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (50-0).

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MOTION TO FILE A RESOLUTION

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the Senate Joint Resolution with the short title “Adjourn 2025 Organizational Session” be filed and brought to the floor for first reading and then immediate consideration on second reading. He further moves that, upon its passage, the resolution be sent to the House of Representatives by special message. The motions prevail without objection, and the Chair so orders.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

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

By Senator Rabon:

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

The Joint Resolution is placed on today’s calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR

A resolution on today’s calendar is taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.J.R. 2, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, AS PROVIDED BY LAW, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (50-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

REMARKS BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, offers the following remarks:

“As the new President of this dignified and honorable chamber, I would like to say a few words about my vision for our state and what brings us all together here today. North Carolina is the greatest state in the nation. Like many of you, I have spent most of my life in this beautiful state. I have seen how lives can be shaped and changed by good government and dedicated public officials, just like you and me. My dad, who is here today, one of North Carolina’s greatest governors, taught me many things about the importance of public service and how to give back to our community. From his time as Lieutenant Governor, before serving as Governor for four terms, he was steadfast in his commitment to

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bettering the lives of North Carolinians in everything, from public education to creating good paying jobs. It is the greatest honor to continue his work in the same position that he first served in fifty years ago. As my dad did, I believe in the great promise of North Carolina. From my years attending our strong public schools and universities, I believe in the chance for every student to succeed and get a high-quality education, no matter where they live. From growing up on a farm in Rock Ridge, I believe in the importance of good paying jobs for hard-working families and supporting our rural communities. And from my work fighting for women and children in the courtroom and in this very state legislature, I believe in strengthening childcare and defending women's healthcare. However, the promise of our great state does not come without work. My dad likes to say, 'creative thinking fuels innovation.' And that's exactly what we have to do in this chamber to unlock all North Carolina has to offer. While we might disagree on some things, everyone in this room has a deep love for North Carolina. We must be willing to hear each other out and listen to each other to find common ground for the sake of our people. We must reach our shared goals through civility, respect, and dignity to make sure we can deliver for North Carolina. We must also be willing to listen to those in our state who feel as though our government is no longer working for them. That will be a priority for me in this office. I plan to travel across our state to hear directly from people in their communities about how we can better serve them and their families. In that spirit, I want each and every person in this room to know, my door is always open for questions or discussions, even if we disagree. I believe we have more in common than we do not. It may just take a little work to find it. It is important that we never lose sight of the reason why we are here in the first place: to make the lives of North Carolinians better in any way possible. It is with great honor that I step into this role as Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate. I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the years to come to make our state a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Thank you."

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The President directs the Principal Clerk to send a message to the House of Representatives, informing that honorable body that the Senate of the 2025 General Assembly is organized and ready to proceed with public business.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 1:27 p.m., in accordance with S.J.R. 2, to reconvene Wednesday, January 29, at 12:00 p.m.

ENROLLED RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House of Representatives
January 8, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives is organized and is now ready to proceed with the public business of the State and has elected the following officers:

Speaker:	Representative Destin Hall
Speaker Pro Tempore:	Representative Mitchell S. Setzer
Principal Clerk:	James White

And pursuant to House Rule 45, the Speaker has appointed:

Sergeant-at-Arms:	Larry Elliott
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Further be advised that the House has been notified of the election of the following party officers:

Majority Leader:	Representative Brenden H. Jones
Deputy Majority Leader:	Representative Steve Tyson
Majority Whip:	Representative Karl E. Gillespie
Majority Conference Co-chairs:	Representative Matthew Winslow
	Representative Jeff Zenger
Majority Caucus Joint Liaison:	Representative Harry Warren
Majority Freshman Leader:	Representative Heather H. Rhyne
Majority Freshman Whip:	Representative Blair Eddins
Deputy Majority Whips:	Representative Celeste C. Cairns
	Representative Brian Biggs
	Representative Howard Penny, Jr.
	Representative Jake Johnson
	Representative Timothy Reeder, MD
Democratic Leader:	Representative Robert T. Reives, II
Deputy Democratic Leader:	Representative Cynthia Ball
Democratic Legislative Chair:	Representative Brandon Lofton
Democratic Joint Caucus Chair:	Representative Mary Belk

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Democratic Conference Chair:	Representative Vernetta Alston
Democratic Whips:	Representative Amos L. Quick, III
	Representative Terry M. Brown Jr.
	Representative Gloristine Brown
Democratic Freshman Co-chairs:	Representative Tracy Clark
	Representative Jordan Lopez

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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

SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, January 29, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us. And we thank you for your blessings of grace and mercy and life today. And we pray that you'll continue to bless us and guide and direct us today and in the coming days and weeks as we do your business, Father. We praise you in Jesus' name. Amen."

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

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, January 30, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

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

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

January 28, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt:

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, which runs through June 30, 2029. 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, which runs through June 30, 2025.

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

cc: The Honorable Philip E. Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Destin Hall	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Sydney Batch	Mr. James White

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House of Representatives
January 29, 2025

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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Josh Stein on January 29, 2025, Phil Rubin has been administered the oath of office as a Member of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2025-2026 General Assembly. Representative Rubin has been seated to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Joe John from the 40th District.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House of Representatives
January 29, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives has reorganized:

Representative Ya Liu has been elected as Democratic Whip.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

January 6, 2025

The Hon. Phil Berger
President *Pro Tempore*
North Carolina Senate
16 W. Jones St., Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601

January 29, 2025

Dear Senator Berger:

Consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-9(a), this letter serves as formal notice of the following cabinet secretary appointments, as announced December 16 and 17, 2024. All appointees are prepared for confirmation hearings. I sincerely appreciate your due consideration of their qualifications in the Senate.

- **Gabriel Esparza has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Administration.** Esparza has over 25 years of experience leading both public and private entities. He was previously the Associate Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration and has served as a Commissioner on the Civil Service Commission. He was Vice President of Global Business Development at American Express and a senior executive at an innovative tech start-up. He is currently a Trustee at Central Piedmont Community College. He is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Business School. Esparza lives in Charlotte with his wife and two teenage children. He will be North Carolina's first Latino cabinet member.
- **Leslie Cooley Dismukes has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Adult Correction.** Dismukes was the Criminal Bureau Chief at the North Carolina Department of Justice. She previously served as Chief of the Criminal Division at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina and an Assistant District Attorney at the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office in Charlotte. Leslie is a graduate of Duke University School of Law and UNC Chapel Hill. She lives in Raleigh with her husband and daughter.
- **Lee Lilley has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Commerce.** Lilley has served Governor Roy Cooper as Director of Economic and Pandemic Recovery and as Director of Legislative Affairs. Lee also advised a variety of corporate clients at an international public affairs firm and was legislative director for Rep. G.K. Butterfield. Lee is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, is a native of Williamston, North Carolina, and lives in Raleigh with his wife and daughter.
- **D. Reid Wilson has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.** Wilson has served as Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources since 2021. He previously served as the Department's Chief Deputy Secretary, as Executive Director of the Conservation Trust for North Carolina, as a public affairs consultant to national environmental groups, in leadership roles at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and as National Political Director of the Sierra Club. Wilson earned his undergraduate degree at Grinnell College in Iowa. He and his wife live in Raleigh and are the parents of two adult children.

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- **Devdutta Sangvai has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.** Sangvai, MD, JD, MBA is professor of family medicine, pediatrics, and psychiatry at the Duke University School of Medicine. He recently served as president at Duke Regional Hospital and vice president for Population Health Management at Duke University Health System. Dr. Sangvai has served as president of the North Carolina Medical Society and has been a member of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission. He is currently president of the North Carolina Medical Board. Dr. Sangvai is a graduate of the Ohio State University and earned his M.D. at the Medical College of Ohio, his J.D. from North Carolina Central University, and M.B.A. from the Fuqua School of Business. Dr. Sangvai lives in Durham with his wife and two children, both studying at Duke. He will be North Carolina's first Indian American cabinet member.
- **Teena Piccione has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Information Technology.** Piccione has worked at Google as the Managing Director for Cloud and Customer Engineering over Telecommunications, Media, Entertainment and Gaming, at RTI International as Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, at Fidelity Investments as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and at AT&T as Vice President and leader of the Big Data Center of Excellence. She and her husband have two daughters and live in Wake County.
- **Jocelyn Mitnaul Mallette has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.** She is an attorney and Air Force veteran. A third-generation service member, Mallette served on active duty in the United States Air Force for ten years. She served as an intelligence officer and a prosecutor in the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps. Following her military service, Mallette clerked for the Honorable Barbara A. Jackson of the North Carolina Supreme Court and was a partner at an international law firm. She is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and UNC School of Law. Mallette currently serves on the North Carolina Real Estate Commission and as the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Southeast Raleigh YMCA. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the Junior League of Raleigh. She lives in Raleigh with her husband and two children.
- **Pamela Cashwell has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.** Cashwell has served as secretary at the North Carolina Department of Administration since 2021. Cashwell previously served as Senior Policy Advisory and Chief Deputy Secretary for Professional Standards, Policy and Planning at the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, as Assistant Director at the North Carolina State Ethics Commission, and as a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division and the Office of Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice

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and the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Virginia. Hailing from the Coharie and Lumbee tribes of North Carolina, Cashwell is the first American Indian woman to head a cabinet department in North Carolina. Cashwell earned her undergraduate and law degrees from UNC Chapel Hill. She lives in Wake County with her husband and two sons.

- **Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr. has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.** Buffaloe has served as secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety since 2021. He previously served as a law enforcement officer for 30 years, most recently in a dual role as Elizabeth City's interim city manager and director of the Elizabeth City Department of Public Safety. He also has worked in a sheriff's office, as a correctional officer, and as a law enforcement instructor. He was a member of the North Carolina National Guard for 10 years. He also served as President of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police. Buffaloe has earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Mount Olive and a master's degree from Grand Canyon University.
- **McKinley Wooten, Jr. has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Revenue.** Wooten is the Assistant Secretary for Tax Processing, Research & Equity at the North Carolina Department of Revenue. He has over 30 years of public service, including serving as a Civil Magistrate in Wake County, Inspector General at the North Carolina Department of Justice, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Administration, and Director and Deputy Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. A native of Kinston, Wooten earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College and his law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law. He is married to Laura H. Wooten, who served 30 years in North Carolina state government. They are parents of a young adult son and daughter.
- **Joey Hopkins has been appointed to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Transportation.** Hopkins has served as Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Transportation since 2023. He has worked at the Department of Transportation for more than 30 years, including as chief operating officer, deputy chief engineer, and division engineer. Hopkins is a graduate of North Carolina State University and lives in Garner with his wife and their two sons.

Sincerely,
S/ Josh Stein

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

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THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, January 30, 2025

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

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

“Father, we love you this morning and thank you for this day. We lift you up. You said if we lift you up, you will draw all men unto you, and we pray that you’ll do that. Pray that more will come to you and the saving knowledge of Jesus. We thank you for all that you do. Help us and guide us and direct us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Bradley, the Senate adjourns at 9:37 a.m. to reconvene Monday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator B. Newton:

S.B. 3, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 4, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Craven (Primary Sponsor) and Britt:

S.B. 5, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 29TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Jones:

S.B. 6, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 31ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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By Senator P. Newton:

S.B. 7, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 34TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Brinson:

S.B. 8, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 3RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Hanig:

S.B. 9, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 1ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Hanig, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Bradley, Lowe, Mayfield and Sanderson:

S.B. 10, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PROVIDE MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSES UPON REQUEST, EXTENDING RECIPROCITY TO MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSES ISSUED BY OTHER STATES, REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO UNDERGO TRAINING TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE INTERACTIONS WITH MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSE HOLDERS, AND CLARIFYING THAT A MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSE SATISFIES THE IN-PERSON VOTING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 12, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 35TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 13, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS.

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

By Senators Hanig, Hise, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Hollo, Lee, Lowe, Robinson, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 14, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL THE LITERACY TEST REQUIREMENT.

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

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By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Bradley and Sanderson:

S.B. 15, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN AS THE STATE MARINE MAMMAL.

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

By Senator Galey:

S.B. 16, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 25TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Jackson:

S.B. 17, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 9TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Daniel:

S.B. 18, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 46TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.B. 19, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE JOCKEY'S RIDGE AS AN AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSULT WITH THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS PRIOR TO GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENTS ON STATE PROPERTY; AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY BUILT-UPON AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT STORMWATER PROGRAMS AND SPECIFY THAT CERTAIN ARTIFICIAL TURF IS NOT BUILT-UPON AREA.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Adcock and Bradley:

S.B. 20, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN MASS BALLOON RELEASES.

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

By Senator Mayfield:

S.B. 21, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 49TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Ford:

S.B. 22, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 33RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 23, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 12TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Burgin, Galey, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Blue, Brinson, Britt, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jarvis, Jones, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Rabon and Settle:

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.

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

By Senator Hollo:

S.B. 25, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 45TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Hise:

S.B. 26, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 47TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Brinson, Hollo and Lowe:

S.B. 27, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES.

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

BILL HELD AS FILED

S.B. 11 is ordered held as filed in the Office of the Senate Principal Clerk.

SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2025-2026

Pursuant to Senate Rule 31, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, made the following appointments of committee chairs and committee members for the 2025-2026 Session on January 9, 2025:

Agriculture, Energy, and Environment

Co-Chair: Senator Barnes

Co-Chair: Senator Jackson

Co-Chair: Senator Sanderson

Members: Senators Brinson, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Jarvis, Mayfield, McInnis, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Rabon, Salvador, Settle, Smith

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Appropriations/Base Budget

Co-Chair: Senator Hise

Co-Chair: Senator Jackson

Co-Chair: Senator Lee

Members: Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Jarvis, Lowe, Meyer, Murdock, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Waddell

Commerce and Insurance

Co-Chair: Senator Britt

Co-Chair: Senator Johnson

Co-Chair: Senator Settle

Members: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Batch, Blue, Chaudhuri, Craven, Garrett, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Overcash, Salvador, Sawyer

Education/Higher Education

Co-Chair: Senator Corbin

Co-Chair: Senator Lee

Co-Chair: Senator Overcash

Members: Senators Barnes, Bradley, Brinson, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hollo, Jones, McInnis, B. Newton, Robinson, Sanderson, Smith, Theodros

Elections

Co-Chair: Senator Daniel

Co-Chair: Senator Hise

Co-Chair: Senator Overcash

Members: Senators Alexander, Batch, Ford, Galey, Jackson, Johnson, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, P. Newton, Rabon, Robinson, Sawrey, Smith

Finance

Co-Chair: Senator Craven

Co-Chair: Senator McInnis

Co-Chair: Senator P. Newton

Members: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Burgin, Daniel, Ford, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara, Lowe, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Salvador, Sawyer, Waddell

Health Care

Co-Chair: Senator Burgin

Co-Chair: Senator Galey

Co-Chair: Senator Sawrey

Members: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Britt, Corbin, Garrett, Hise, Johnson, Lee, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, P. Newton, Settle, Waddell

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Judiciary

Co-Chair: Senator Britt

Co-Chair: Senator Daniel

Co-Chair: Senator B. Newton

Members: Senators Batch, Blue, Chitlik, Craven, Everitt, Galey, Grafstein, Lazzara, Lee, Mohammed, P. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson, Sawrey

Pensions and Retirement and Aging

Co-Chair: Senator Alexander

Co-Chair: Senator Ford

Co-Chair: Senator P. Newton

Members: Senators Applewhite, Bradley, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Hise, Meyer, Moffitt, Robinson, Waddell

Regulatory Reform

Co-Chair: Senator Jarvis

Co-Chair: Senator McInnis

Co-Chair: Senator Moffitt

Members: Senators Bradley, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Everitt, Ford, Grafstein, Hanig, Jones, Lazzara, Meyer, Sanderson, Sawyer, Theodros

Rules and Operations of the Senate

Chair: Senator Rabon

Vice Chair: Senator Daniel

Members: Senators Adcock, Barnes, Blue, Britt, Chaudhuri, Galey, Garrett, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, P. Newton, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Waddell

State and Local Government

Co-Chair: Senator Alexander

Co-Chair: Senator Ford

Co-Chair: Senator Hanig

Members: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Brinson, Burgin, Corbin, Grafstein, Hollo, Jarvis, Jones, Lazzara, Meyer, Robinson, Settle, Smith

Transportation

Co-Chair: Senator Lazzara

Co-Chair: Senator Rabon

Co-Chair: Senator Sawyer

Members: Senators Barnes, Brinson, Chaudhuri, Hanig, Hollo, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Mayfield, McInnis, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Salvador, Settle, Smith, Theodros

Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations

Co-Chair: Senator Berger

Members: Senators Hise (Ex Officio), P. Newton (Ex Officio), Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, B. Newton, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawyer, Waddell

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Select Committee on Nominations

Chair: Senator Rabon

Members: Senators Batch, Blue, Daniel, Galey, Hise, Jackson, Mohammed, P. Newton, Robinson, Sanderson

Appropriations on Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources

Co-Chair: Senator Barnes

Co-Chair: Senator Johnson

Co-Chair: Senator Sanderson

Members: Senators Brinson, Lowe, Mayfield, Moffitt, Salvador, Settle, Smith

Appropriations on Department of Transportation

Co-Chair: Senator Lazzara

Co-Chair: Senator Rabon

Co-Chair: Senator Sawyer

Members: Senators Garrett, Hollo, Murdock, Theodros

Appropriations on Education/Higher Education

Co-Chair: Senator Corbin

Co-Chair: Senator P. Newton

Co-Chair: Senator Overcash

Members: Senators Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Craven, Jones, Waddell

Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology

Co-Chair: Senator Alexander

Co-Chair: Senator Ford

Co-Chair: Senator Hanig

Members: Senators Bradley, Everitt, Jarvis, Meyer

Appropriations on Health and Human Services

Co-Chair: Senator Burgin

Co-Chair: Senator Galey

Co-Chair: Senator Sawrey

Members: Senators Adcock, Blue, Corbin, Robinson

Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety

Co-Chair: Senator Britt

Co-Chair: Senator Daniel

Co-Chair: Senator B. Newton

Members: Senators Batch, Grafstein, Mohammed, Sanderson

MODIFICATION OF 2025-2026 SENATE COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Senate Rule 31, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, made the following standing committee membership changes on January 28, 2025:

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Senator Corbin is removed from the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and appointed to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**.

Senator Moffitt is removed from the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and appointed to the **Transportation Committee**.

Senator Lazzara is removed from the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and appointed to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Senator Barnes is removed from the **Transportation Committee** and appointed to the **Regulatory Reform Committee**.

Senator Jackson is appointed to the **Regulatory Reform Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 30.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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

FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, February 3, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

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“Father, we thank you for another day and another week here. We pray that you’ll help us, and guide and direct us to do things to bring honor and glory to you this week as we start this legislative agenda. We pray that you’ll help us in every aspect of it, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, January 30, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 2:02 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, February 4, at 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Salvador:

S.B. 28, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 39TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Lazzara:

S.B. 29, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Rabon:

S.B. 30, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Burgin, Brinson, Jones (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Hanig, McInnis, Moffitt, P. Newton, Sawrey and Sawyer:

S.B. 31, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE ELIMINATION OF NONRESPONSIVE BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS.

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

By Senator Barnes:

S.B. 32, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 11TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Berger:

S.B. 33, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 26TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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By Senator Lee:

S.B. 34, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.B. 35, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DUTIES OF THE NORTHEASTERN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

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

By Senator Ford:

S.B. 36, 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.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.B. 37, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.B. 38, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO HERTFORD COUNTY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

By Senators Galey and Jones (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 39, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD A MEMBER FROM THE HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW TO THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 13, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 30.

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

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S.B. 36, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 3.

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

S.B. 37, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 3.

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

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

FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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

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

"Father, we thank you for this another legislative week, and we thank you for your continuing graces and mercies that you give to us fresh every morning. We praise you for it, and we thank you for it. Help us here today and this week. Thank you for everything. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, February 3, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Brinson, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:04 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, February 5, at 9:45 a.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Adcock:

S.B. 40, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Settle:

S.B. 41, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator McInnis:

S.B. 42, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 21ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Johnson, Craven (Primary Sponsors) and Hanig:

S.B. 43, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE SAFETY INSPECTION OF TINTED WINDOWS AND TO REQUIRE A DRIVER TO LOWER A TINTED WINDOW UPON THE APPROACH OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

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

By Senator Murdock:

S.B. 44, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 20TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Corbin:

S.B. 45, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 50TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 13, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35029, is adopted and engrossed.

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

By Senator Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 37, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, with a favorable report.

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

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

SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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

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

"Father, we thank you for this another day and your grace and love and mercy every day. We pray that you'll continue to be with the folks in Western North Carolina as they continue to come out of this tragedy. Be with them and everyone that's there and all across our state, Father. We thank you for all that you do for us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 4, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 9:51 a.m. to reconvene Thursday, February 6, at 9:45 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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By Senator Alexander:

S.B. 46, 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.

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

By Senators Hise, Johnson, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Ford and Moffitt:

S.B. 47, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR PAYMENTS TO EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATIONS.

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

By Senators Hise, Ford, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Burgin, Hanig, Jones, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 48, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL WITHOUT AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS PROGRAM IN A GIVEN SPORT OR PARTICULAR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT ACTIVITY AT A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

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

By Senator Theodros:

S.B. 49, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 41ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Britt, Daniel, Settle (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Berger, Brinson, Burgin, Craven, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, Overcash, Sawrey and Sawyer:

S.B. 50, 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.

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

By Senators Johnson, Britt, Settle (Primary Sponsors) and Burgin:

S.B. 51, 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.

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

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By Senator Britt:

S.B. 52, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**.

By Senator Ford for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

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

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

SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, February 6, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

"Father, we thank you for this day, and we thank you for this time together. We pray for our President today, we pray for our Governor, we pray for our Lieutenant Governor and those in leadership. We pray that you'll guide and direct all of us that we will do things to bring honor and glory to you. We thank you for everything in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 5, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Settle, the Senate adjourns at 9:46 a.m. to reconvene Monday, February 10, at 3:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Jarvis:

S.B. 53, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 30TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 54, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 5TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Lee, Burgin, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Brinson, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Galey, Hanig, Jones, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Overcash and Robinson:

S.B. 55, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.

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

By Senators Hise, Daniel, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Brinson, Burgin, Corbin, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hollo, Lazzara, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Overcash and Settle:

S.B. 56, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2025 – PART I.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Alexander, Lowe and Mohammed:

S.B. 57, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT DEFINITION OF "INJURY AND PERSONAL INJURY" REGARDING BREAKAGE OR DAMAGE TO EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AIDS.

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

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By Senators Settle, Hanig, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Hise and Sawrey:

S.B. 58, 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.

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

By Senators Galey, Jackson, Jones (Primary Sponsors); Moffitt and Sawrey:

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.

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

By Senator Galey:

S.B. 60, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY HOW A CREDITOR MAY ENFORCE AN OBLIGATION TO PAY ATTORNEYS' FEES IN A DEBT INSTRUMENT AND TO AMEND THE DEFAULT RATE FOR THESE FEES.

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

By Senators B. Newton, Barnes, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Burgin and Moffitt:

S.B. 61, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE IMPOSITION OF TOLLS ON INTERSTATE 95 FOR TEN YEARS AND TO REQUIRE THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR TOLLING INTERSTATE 95 THEREAFTER.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 55, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 6.

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

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S.B. 56, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DISASTER RECOVERY ACT OF 2025 – PART I, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 6.

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

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

EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, February 10, 2025

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

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us and another week. Thank you for your redemptive power through the blood of Jesus. We thank you for your blessings. Thank you for your good gifts every day that you've given to us. We pray that you'll help us and guide and direct us this week, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Jones announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, February 6, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jones, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Lowe, Mohammed, Robinson and Theodros:

S.B. 62, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT ENTITIES AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN FUNDRAISING EVENTS BY NONPROFITS FROM SALES TAX.

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

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By Senators Rabon, Sawyer, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Burgin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Jackson, Jarvis, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, Overcash, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 63, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO STUDY THE CREATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORITY.

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

By Senator Blue:

S.B. 64, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Mayfield (Primary Sponsor) and Lowe:

S.B. 65, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY.

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

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

NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

"Father, we love you and praise you for another day and another day of life. We pray for our friends in Israel; continue to protect them. Thank you for our freedoms in this country. We pray for our military around the world. And we thank you for all that you do for us. Guide and direct us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Jones announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, February 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Jones, the Senate adjourns at 9:33 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator McInnis:

S.B. 66, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN ITS CALENDAR WITH FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CALENDAR.

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

By Senator Sanderson:

S.B. 67, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 2ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 68, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS AND EDGEcombe COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 69, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE.

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

By Senator Blue:

S.B. 70, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF WENDELL TO STABILIZE THE OLD CARVER SCHOOL.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

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, with a favorable report.

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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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 37, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 31, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE ELIMINATION OF NONRESPONSIVE BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 3.

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

S.B. 39, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD A MEMBER FROM THE HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW TO THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 3.

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

S.B. 51, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 5.

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 6.

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

S.B. 60, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY HOW A CREDITOR MAY ENFORCE AN OBLIGATION TO PAY ATTORNEYS' FEES IN A DEBT INSTRUMENT AND TO AMEND THE DEFAULT RATE FOR THESE FEES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 6.

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

S.B. 70, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF WENDELL TO STABILIZE THE OLD CARVER SCHOOL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 11.

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

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

TENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Moffitt, Settle, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Ford, Hanig, Hise, McInnis, Overcash and Sawrey:

S.B. 71, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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

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By Senator Overcash:

S.B. 72, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 43RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Lazzara:

S.B. 73, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF RICHLANDS TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.

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

By Senator Waddell:

S.B. 74, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 40TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Grafstein:

S.B. 75, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GARNER TO ALLOW THE TOWN COUNCIL TO DELEGATE TO THE TOWN MANAGER THE POWER TO SETTLE CERTAIN CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 76, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FRANKLINTON CENTER AT BRICKS, INC.

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

By Senators Sawyer, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Burgin, Mohammed, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 77, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor) and Moffitt:

S.B. 78, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING SPARTA'S FRIED APPLE PIE FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL FRIED APPLE PIE FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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

By Senator Alexander:

S.B. 79, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 44TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor) and Everitt:

S.B. 80, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT BROADENING THE AUTHORITY TO USE ELECTRONIC MEANS TO PROVIDE REQUIRED NOTICES.

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

By Senators Hise, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Burgin, Chitlik, McInnis, Moffitt and Sawrey:

S.B. 81, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE TIME ZONE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO ADOPT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME YEAR-ROUND IF AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS.

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); McInnis and Moffitt:

S.B. 82, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING A COMPACT TO AWARD PRIZES FOR CURING DISEASES.

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

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Burgin, Lowe, Mayfield and Mohammed:

S.B. 83, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND AND CLARIFY THE PRIMARY CARE PAYMENT REFORM TASK FORCE.

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

By Senator Grafstein:

S.B. 84, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 13TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

S.B. 77, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 12.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Almighty God, bless those of us who hold office in the government of this state that we may do their work with a spirit of wisdom, kindness, and justice. Under your love we live, God, and by your will we will govern ourselves. Help us as good citizens to respect views of others different from that of ourselves. May we as leaders be led by your wisdom. May we search your will and see it clearly. Give us your light and your truth to guide us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the Lord of the world and our Savior. And all the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 11, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Garrett, Senator B. Newton, Senator Salvador, and Senator Sanderson.

SENATE PAGES

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

Dalton Hunt, Warne; Sadie Mecham, Winston-Salem; Kennzie Pugh, Burlington; and Holly Thomas, Winterville.

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 37, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HERTFORD COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, upon second reading.

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

S.B. 13 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.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, upon second reading.

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

Senator Burgin offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 2, which fails (18-27).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (30-15) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Robinson submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR. ELEANOR LEE WALKER GWYNN.”**

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Burgin, the Senate adjourns at 4:42 p.m., in honor and in memory of Dr. Eleanor Lee Walker Gwynn, to reconvene Thursday, February 13, at 10:30 a.m.

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

ELEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, February 13, 2025

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

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

“Father, we lift you up today and thank you for another day you've given us. We have so many of our friends in these buildings that have health issues and problems. We pray that you will touch those bodies and heal them. And we'll thank you for that in advance. And we pray that you'll bless us here today. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 12, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 10:35 a.m. to reconvene Monday, February 17, at 4:00 p.m.

February 13, 2025

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Hanig:

S.B. 85, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR BODY PIERCING AND REQUIRING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING INITIAL AND RENEWAL BODY PIERCING PERMITS.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Daniel, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Hanig, Hise, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Overcash, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 86, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS.

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

By Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 87, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 37TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Batch:

S.B. 88, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 17TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Applewhite, Bradley, Chitlik, Hise, Hollo, Lowe, Moffitt, Mohammed, Robinson, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 89, 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.

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

By Senator Applewhite:

S.B. 90, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 19TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Hanig, Ford, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Hise, Jones and Theodros:

S.B. 91, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE INSTALLATION IN QUALIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS.

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

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By Senators Hanig, Alexander, Ford (Primary Sponsors); Burgin and Moffitt:

S.B. 92, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BE RELEASED DURING THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY TO ATTEND COURSES IN RELIGIOUS MORAL INSTRUCTION.

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

By Senators Hanig and Ford (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 93, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SICK LEAVE AND VACATION LEAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED BETWEEN A CHARTER SCHOOL AND A LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

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

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

TWELFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, February 17, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

"Father, we thank you for this day, another day and week you've given us. Thank you for your Spirit that refreshes us, blesses us, protects us, and leads us and holds us up and guides and directs us every day. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do, and we praise you, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 4:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, February 18, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

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

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By Senators Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 94, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE DEATH PENALTY AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CURRENT PRISONERS SENTENCED TO DEATH SHALL BE RESENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.

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

By Senators Hanig, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Burgin and Chaudhuri:

S.B. 95, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

By Senators Mayfield, Moffitt, Daniel (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 96, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY TO THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS THE PENALTY FOR A TAX PAYMENT THAT IS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS OR NONEXISTENCE OF AN ACCOUNT.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Daniel, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Bradley, Brinson, Chaudhuri, Galey, Hanig, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Overcash, Salvador, Sawrey, Settle and Waddell:

S.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.

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

By Senators Hise, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri and Lowe:

S.B. 98, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY.

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

By Senators Meyer, Robinson, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Lowe, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 99, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENDED-YEAR CONTRACTS FOR INITIALLY LICENSED TEACHERS, MENTOR TEACHERS, TEACHERS IN LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS, AND CERTAIN VETERAN TEACHERS.

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

By Senator McInnis:

S.B. 100, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN ITS CALENDAR WITH SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CALENDAR.

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

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By Senators Jones, P. Newton, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Daniel, Galey, McInnis, Moffitt and Sawrey:

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.

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

By Senator Everitt:

S.B. 102, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Everitt (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Bradley, Mayfield, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 103, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

By Senator Rabon:

S.R. 104, A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 73, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF RICHLANDS TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 12.

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

S.B. 98, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 17.

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 17.

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

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

THIRTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor) and Hise:

S.B. 105, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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

By Senator Lazzara:

S.B. 106, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ONSLOW WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TOWER.

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

By Senators Grafstein, Batch, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Chitlik, Lowe, Mayfield, Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 107, 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.

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

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By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 108, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 10TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Lazzara, Lee, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Daniel, Galey, Hise, Jarvis, Jones, Lowe, Moffitt and Settle:

S.B. 109, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION AMOUNT FOR DISABLED VETERANS TO ALLOW FOR THE EXCLUSION OF APPRECIATION OF THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE PERMANENT RESIDENCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOUSING GRANT FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERANS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION.

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

By Senators Hanig, Moffitt, Adcock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Blue, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Jones, Lowe, Mayfield, Salvador and Theodros:

S.B. 110, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

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

By Senator Chaudhuri:

S.B. 111, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 15TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 112, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW MORE FINANCIAL AND HIRING FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

By Senators Settle, Sawyer, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Ford, Hise, Jarvis, McInnis and Moffitt:

S.B. 113, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 114, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE COASTAL PLAIN.

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

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By Senator Rabon:

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.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

S.R. 104, A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

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.

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

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

“Lord, let us never forget that in our role as legislators that without trust in your divine assistance we cannot succeed. But with a firm reliance on your Son, Jesus Christ, we cannot fail. So, in all that we do, Lord, let us commit, both individually and as a body, to both seek, trust in, and follow your assistance so that we not fail the people of the great state of North Carolina. In the Holy name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, February 17, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Johnson, Senator Lazzara, Senator Mayfield, Senator Moffitt, Senator Mohammed, Senator B. Newton, Senator Robinson, Senator Sanderson, and Senator Smith.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE 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, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the bill is placed on today’s calendar.

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S.R. 104, A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the resolution is placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

A bill and a resolution on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (41-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (40-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

S.R. 104, A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATING AND ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution is adopted (41-0).

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator P. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 12:33 p.m. to reconvene Friday, February 21, at 12:00 p.m.

FOURTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, February 21, 2025

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

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Lord, we praise you and lift you up for another day you've given us, another safe day; and thank you for keeping everyone safe. We praise you for the snow and all the weather you send our way, Lord. We thank you and praise you in Jesus' name. Amen."

February 21, 2025

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

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 12:01 p.m. to reconvene Monday, February 24, at 3:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 116, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN PITT COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN PITT COUNTY.

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

By Senators Galey, B. Newton, and Britt (Primary Sponsors):

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.

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

By Senators Lazzara, Sawyer, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Johnson, Jones, Lee, Lowe, P. Newton, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 118, 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.

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

By Senator Everitt:

S.B. 119, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR.

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

By Senators Grafstein, Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Everitt and Theodros:

S.B. 120, 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.

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

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 106, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ONSLOW WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TOWER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 18.

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

S.B. 114, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE COASTAL PLAIN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 18.

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 21.

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

S.B. 58, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 6.

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

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

FIFTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, February 24, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

February 24, 2025

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

“Father, we love you, and we thank you for another day; and we just praise you today. We cannot forget all the benefits that you name for us in the book of Psalms and all throughout the Word of God. We praise you and thank you for it. Guide and direct us this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, February 21, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, February 25, at 10:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Galey:

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.

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

By Senators Galey (Primary Sponsor) and Ford:

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.

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

By Senators Settle, Alexander, Ford (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Burgin, Hanig, Hise, Johnson, Moffitt and Sanderson:

S.B. 123, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AND FUND THE DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA FLAGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS AND IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM.

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

By Senators Corbin, Lee, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chitlik, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jones, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Mohammed, Overcash, Salvador, Settle and Waddell:

S.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.

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

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By Senators Lee, Corbin, Jones (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 125, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

By Senators Burgin, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Hise, Johnson, Overcash, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 126, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF ZERO-BASED BUDGETING FOR STATE AGENCIES ON A ROTATING BASIS.

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

By Senator Britt:

S.B. 127, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM TO BE EVALUATED BY THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INSTEAD OF A MANDATORY BUDGET REQUEST, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Lazzara, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Britt, Ford, Hanig, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 128, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION AMOUNT FOR DISABLED VETERANS.

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

By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor); Hanig, Lowe and McInnis:

S.B. 129, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF BOOKING PHOTOGRAPHS.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 130, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Mayfield, and Daniel (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 131, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO USE ARTICLE 39 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE.

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

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By Senators Daniel, Mayfield, and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 132, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE SWANNANOA VALLEY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

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

By Senators Lee, Overcash, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Galey and McInnis:

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.

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

By Senators Everitt, Bradley, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mayfield and Salvador:

S.B. 134, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPLEMENT THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR INCLUSIONARY ZONING AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR THE WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 125, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

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

S.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

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

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S.B. 134, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPLEMENT THE AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR INCLUSIONARY ZONING AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR THE WORKFORCE HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

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

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

SIXTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

"Father, thank you for another day you've given us. We pray for those in authority. We pray for our governor and lieutenant governor, and we pray for our president, we pray for our congress. We pray for those in these bodies here. We pray that you'll guide and direct us. Continue to bless our friends, and keep them safe in Israel. We thank you for all that you do, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Brinson, the Senate adjourns at 10:31 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, February 26, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

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

By Senators Ford, Hanig, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Blue, Brinson, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

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S.B. 135, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT OF THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 136, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 137, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN HENDERSON COUNTY.

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

By Senators Bradley (Primary Sponsor); Mohammed, Salvador and Theodros:

S.B. 138, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

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

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Garrett, Mohammed, Salvador and Theodros:

S.B. 139, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE ELIMINATION OF RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS FIRST EARNING SERVICE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021, UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OR THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAMS.

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

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Mohammed and Theodros:

S.B. 140, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MY BROTHER'S KEEPER OF CHARLOTTE.

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

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor) and Mohammed:

S.B. 141, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE MALES PLACE, INC., IN CHARLOTTE.

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

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Mohammed and Theodros:

S.B. 142, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MECKLENBURG COUNCIL OF ELDERS.

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

February 25, 2025

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Alexander, Applewhite, Jones, Lowe and Mohammed:

S.B. 143, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION.

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

By Senator Hanig:

S.B. 144, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE SCOPE OF PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL LAWS TO EXEMPT PUBLIC COLD BATHS THAT MEET SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS; AND MAKING OTHER TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO G.S. 130A-280.

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

By Senators Rabon, Craven, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Blue, Mayfield, Mohammed, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 145, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FINANCING.

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

By Senator Corbin:

S.B. 146, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WAKE SURFING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WATERS OF LAKE GLENVILLE IN JACKSON COUNTY.

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

By Senators Hanig, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Brinson, Burgin, Hise, Jones, McInnis and Waddell:

S.B. 147, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REQUIRING AN OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANT FOR A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TEACHING LICENSE TO COMPLETE AN EXAMINATION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE.

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

By Senator Chitlik:

S.B. 148, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 22ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

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.

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

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By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Burgin, Garrett, Hise, Lazzara, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed, Theodros and Waddell:

S.R. 150, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

By Senator Garrett:

S.B. 151, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 27TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Mohammed:

S.B. 152, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 38TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Berger, Daniel, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

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.

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

By Senators Murdock, Smith, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 154, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT TO CREATE A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

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

S.B. 140, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MY BROTHER'S KEEPER OF CHARLOTTE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 25.

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

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S.B. 141, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE MALES PLACE, INC., IN CHARLOTTE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 25.

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

S.B. 142, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MECKLENBURG COUNCIL OF ELDERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 25.

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

S.R. 150, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 25.

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 25.

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

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

SEVENTEENTH DAY

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:32 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Corbin, Hise, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Daniel, Hanig, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Mohammed, P. Newton, Sanderson, Sawrey and Theodros:

S.B. 155, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK.

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

By Senators Adcock, Chaudhuri, and Blue (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 156, 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.

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

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Salvador and Theodros:

S.B. 157, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT ITS INCLUSIVE TECH-INNOVATION PILOT PROJECT.

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

By Senator Waddell:

S.B. 158, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE MCCROREY YMCA OF CHARLOTTE FOR ITS FLYING CLASSROOM PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Waddell, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors) and Theodros:

S.B. 159, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS WHO ARE SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Brinson and Sanderson:

S.B. 160, 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.

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

By Senators Applewhite, Bradley, and Theodros (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 161, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF A LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM; TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM ACCESSING FIREARMS; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT A LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM.

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

By Senators Hanig, Jones (Primary Sponsors) and Sanderson:

S.B. 162, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRESUMPTION OF JOINT CUSTODY AND SHARED PARENTING.

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

By Senator Murdock:

S.B. 163, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO CHATHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

By Senators Alexander, Moffitt, Settle (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Hanig, Hise, McInnis and Sanderson:

S.B. 164, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPECIFY THE PUNISHMENT FOR ENTERING THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT LEGAL JUSTIFICATION IN A COUNTY LOCATED IN AN EMERGENCY AREA DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND TAKING OR DAMAGING THE PERSON'S TEMPORARY HOUSING.

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

By Senators Johnson and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 165, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN UNION AND IREDELL COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN UNION AND IREDELL COUNTIES.

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

By Senators Mayfield, Murdock, and Chitlik (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 166, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL LIMITATIONS ON AUXILIARY CONTAINERS.

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

By Senators Meyer, Murdock, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite and Theodros:

S.B. 167, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ALLOTMENT, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE

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STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ALLOTMENT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ALLOTMENT.

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

By Senators Murdock and Chitlik (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 168, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMITS TO TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS IN DURHAM EXPERIENCING CONGESTION, AS DETERMINED BY THE CITY OF DURHAM'S TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

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

By Senators Grafstein, Murdock, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Everitt, Mohammed, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 169, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TAX DEDUCTION FOR LABOR ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP DUES.

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); McInnis and Sanderson:

S.B. 170, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE FOSTER PARENTS RECEIVE NOTICE PRIOR TO A JUVENILE BEING PLACED WITH A PARENT.

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Corbin, McInnis and Sawrey:

S.B. 171, 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.

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

By Senators Sawyer, Lazzara, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Hanig, Johnson, Moffitt, Mohammed, Salvador, Sanderson and Theodros:

S.B. 172, 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).

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

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the Democratic Caucus of the House of Representatives has reorganized:

Representative Terry M. Brown Jr. has been appointed as Chief Democratic Whip.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

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

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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

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.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

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S.B. 130, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

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

S.B. 155, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 26.

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

S.B. 157, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT ITS INCLUSIVE TECH-INNOVATION PILOT PROJECT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 26.

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

S.B. 158, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE MCCROREY YMCA OF CHARLOTTE FOR ITS FLYING CLASSROOM PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 26.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Corbin for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 55, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, with a favorable report.

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

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.

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

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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.

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

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

S.R. 150, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

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

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

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.

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

S.B. 58, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35090, which changes the title to read **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, is adopted and engrossed.

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

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Prepare our hearts for what lies ahead, and grant unto us the gift of peace. Through your grace and strength may we be a light unto the world and a sample of your mercy and love while we face trying circumstances. Thank you for drawing us and leading us into blessings, for your ways bring life, peace, and joy. We also ask that the Holy Spirit guide us and help us to navigate through a window that seems dimly dark right now. But, God, you are always with us. And all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 25, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt and Senator Lowe.

SENATE PAGES

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

Richard Anthony, Concord; Phoenix Bilodeau, Willow Spring; and Maggie Holly, Lillington.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Joint Resolution is placed on today’s calendar.

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, received from the House of Representatives earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is placed on today’s calendar.

CALENDAR

A bill and a resolution on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute Joint Resolution passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (46-2) and the bill is ordered enrolled.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Robinson submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF REV. NELSON N. JOHNSON.”**

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING J. MYRICK HOWARD.”**

Senator Murdock submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR. LAVONIA ALLISON.”**

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, without objection, the Senatorial Statements submitted by Senator Robinson, Senator Alexander, and Senator Murdock will be spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Robinson, the Senate adjourns at 4:36 p.m., in memory of Dr. Lavonia Allison, to reconvene Thursday, February 27, at 10:00 a.m.

EIGHTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, February 27, 2025

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

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

“Father, we love you and praise you for today. Your Word says that when we please you and you are pleased with us that you’ll make our enemies be at peace with us. We pray that we will go by that all day and every day. Thank you for your grace and love today. We praise you in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 26, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILL AND RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented 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 Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented 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. (Res. 2025-2)

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:06 a.m. to reconvene Monday, March 3, at 3:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Meyer:

S.B. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 23RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

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.

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

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By Senators Murdock and Chitlik (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 175, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF DURHAM.

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

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor) and Daniel:

S.B. 176, 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 ACROSS STATE LINES.

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

By Senators Hise, Burgin, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Galey and Waddell:

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.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 178, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE UNIFORM ASSESSMENT STANDARD FOR SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES.

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

By Senators Corbin, Hanig, and P. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 179, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING PROVIDED BY THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION VOICES TOGETHER.

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor) and Britt:

S.B. 180, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Applewhite and Waddell:

S.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MOBILE CRISIS UNITS.

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

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By Senator Hollo:

S.B. 182, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF CONOVER FOR A WATER AND SEWER PROJECT.

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

By Senators Jackson, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Brinson:

S.B. 183, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PART-TIME VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER IN JONES COUNTY.

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

By Senators Lowe (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 184, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT GRANTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS THE AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT PROPERTY BEING DEVELOPED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FROM SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES.

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

By Senator Lowe:

S.B. 185, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN FORSYTH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES IN FORSYTH COUNTY.

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

By Senator Lowe:

S.B. 186, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A LADDER TRUCK FOR FIRE STATION 19 IN WINSTON-SALEM.

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

By Senator Lowe:

S.B. 187, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Lazzara (Primary Sponsor); Brinson and Lee:

S.B. 188, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO NORTH CAROLINA FOR MILITARY EMPLOYMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND VETERAN EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTS.

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

By Senator Lowe:

S.B. 189, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO PROVIDE THAT FORMER EMPLOYEES APPOINTED TO THE CITY'S CIVIL SERVICE

BOARD MUST HAVE SEPARATED IN GOOD STANDING WITHOUT A SUSTAINED CONDUCT VIOLATION OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

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

By Senators Hise, Hollo, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Adcock and Brinson:

S.B. 190, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

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

By Senators Burgin and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 191, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A PRESENTATION ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF GUN USE AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PROVIDE THE PRESENTATION TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADE SEVEN AND GRADE NINE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

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

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 192, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE FEE FOR PERFORMING A VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION.

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

By Senators Hanig and Ford (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 193, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION PROVIDED TO REGISTERS OF DEEDS BY PROVIDING A FLAT RATE MONTHLY SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION AMOUNT TO ALL ELIGIBLE RETIRED REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE RELATED STATUTES.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

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

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

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MAXIMUM BENEFIT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS A TAX CREDIT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ON WAGES PAID IN 2025.

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

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.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 179, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING PROVIDED BY THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION VOICES TOGETHER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 180, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 182, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF CONOVER FOR A WATER AND SEWER PROJECT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 183, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PART-TIME VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER IN JONES COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 186, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A LADDER TRUCK FOR FIRE STATION 19 IN WINSTON-SALEM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 188, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO NORTH CAROLINA FOR MILITARY EMPLOYMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND VETERAN EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 191, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A PRESENTATION ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF GUN USE AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PROVIDE THE PRESENTATION TO ALL STUDENTS IN GRADE SEVEN AND GRADE NINE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

February 27, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

February 27, 2025

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-77 (al), 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

cc: The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 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. (Became law upon ratification, February 27, 2025 - S.L. 2025-1)

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

NINETEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 3, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

“Father, we thank you and praise you for another day. You said in your Word that you’d go with us all the way to the end of the world and beyond; and we thank you for that, Father. We praise you and lift you up today. Bless us in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, February 27, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, March 4, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

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

By Senators Salvador, Waddell, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Bradley and Theodros:

S.B. 194, 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.

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

By Senators Lee, Galey, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Craven, Hise, McInnis and Moffitt:

S.B. 195, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE STUDENT DISCIPLINARY RECORDS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT.

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

By Senator Lowe:

S.B. 196, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ENABLING LAWS RELATING TO THE CITY-COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING IN FORSYTH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

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

By Senator Lowe:

S.B. 197, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT MAINTENANCE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL (MRO) HANGAR.

Referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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By Senators Adcock (Primary Sponsor) and Grafstein:

S.B. 198, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN CHATHAM, DURHAM, AND WAKE COUNTIES.

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

By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Grafstein, McInnis, Mohammed and Theodros:

S.B. 199, 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.

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

By Senators Daniel, Moffitt, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite and Theodros:

S.B. 200, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF.

Referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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

S.B. 201, 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.

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

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

S.B. 202, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONTRACTED BY THE PARK SOUTH STATION COMMUNITY TO ENFORCE MOTOR VEHICLE LAW VIOLATIONS OCCURRING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

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

By Senators Lee and Rabon (Primary Sponsors):

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.

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

By Senators McInnis, Johnson, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 204, 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

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ADOPTING RULES OR POLICIES IMPLEMENTING A STANDARDIZED TESTING REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHER LICENSURE.

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

By Senator Jarvis:

S.B. 205, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 206, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PINETOPS.

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

By Senators McInnis, Jarvis, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Moffitt and Overcash:

S.B. 207, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT A PERSON COMMITTED THE OFFENSE OF LITTERING IF THE LITTER INCLUDES DOCUMENTS OR OBJECTS THAT CLEARLY BEAR THE NAME OF THE PERSON.

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

By Senators Chitlik and Murdock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 208, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO DURHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

By Senators Chitlik, Murdock (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 209, 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.

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

By Senators Murdock and Chitlik (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 210, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO DURHAM COUNTY TO ENHANCE AND UPGRADE COUNTY WASTEWATER UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE RTP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH.

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

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By Senators Mohammed, Lowe, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Chitlik, Grafstein, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 211, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.

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

By Senators Everitt (Primary Sponsor) and Grafstein:

S.B. 212, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING IN GRANVILLE AND WAKE COUNTIES.

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

By Senator Bradley:

S.B. 213, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 42ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 214, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS.

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

By Senator Robinson:

S.B. 215, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 28TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 216, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF SHARPSBURG.

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

By Senators Chitlik and Murdock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 217, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ORPHAN ROADS IN DURHAM COUNTY.

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

By Senators Johnson, Galey, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors) and Adcock:

S.B. 218, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE.

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

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By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 219, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF MARVIN.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Mohammed:

S.R. 221, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF PAMELA BREWINGTON CASHWELL AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

Referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 26.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 55, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, with a favorable report.

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.

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.

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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.

BILL HELD AS FILED

S.B. 220 is ordered held as filed in the Office of the Senate Principal Clerk.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 25.

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

S.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

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

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TWENTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor) and McInnis:

S.B. 222, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM SELECTION PROVISIONS SHALL NOT APPLY TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

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

By Senators McInnis, Lee, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Britt and Overcash:

S.B. 223, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Bradley, Mohammed, Sanderson and Theodros:

S.R. 224, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF GABRIEL J. ESPARZA AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Hanig, Mohammed and Sanderson:

S.R. 225, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF EDDIE M. BUFFALOE, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

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By Senators Johnson, Barnes, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Craven, Galey, Hanig, Mayfield, McInnis, Overcash, Salvador, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 226, 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.

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

By Senators Berger, Lee, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

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.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

S.B. 223, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 4.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

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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, with a favorable report.

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

S.R. 221, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF PAMELA BREWINGTON CASHWELL AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, with a favorable report.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 4.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A select committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.R. 150, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

March 4, 2025

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

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

March 4, 2025

Mr. James White, Principal Clerk
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2330
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Ms. Sarah Holland, Principal Clerk
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2020
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Mr. White and Ms. Holland:

This is written to comply with Section 1 and Section 2 of Executive Order No. 107 signed by Governor Hunt February 20, 1997.

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 Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul Newton, Senator from Cabarrus County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we thank you so much for who you are. Thank you that we’re able to serve you another day. Thank you that we can come to you when things seem chaotic in the world, whether you’re a recipient of NIH funding, whether you’re concerned about immigration law, whether you’re concerned about the bills that we are examining in the state of North Carolina and beyond. It seems like the world is always changing. Father, therefore, we really thank you for what you shared with us in Hebrews 13:8, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Thank you, Lord, that in the storm we can always rely on you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, March 3, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Bradley, Senator Brinson, Senator Britt, Senator Garrett, Senator Lowe, Senator Meyer, and Senator Smith.

SENATE PAGES

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

Audrey Nam, Holly Springs; Kinsley Wilson, Lake Waccamaw; and Lakyn Wilson, Lake Waccamaw.

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 55, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, upon second reading.

Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Lee moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Overcash, which motion prevails (28-15).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Lee moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Overcash, which motion prevails (28-14).

The bill passes its second reading (41-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 125, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (43-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (43-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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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, upon second reading.

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-15), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (30-13).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (28-15) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator McInnis submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“COMMEMORATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE LAFAYETTE FAREWELL TOUR.”**

Senator McInnis submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY.”**

Senator Grafstein submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“RECOGNIZING RAMADAN, THE MONTH OF FASTING FOR MUSLIMS.”**

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:52 p.m., in honor and in memory of those who served in the American Revolution and the Vietnam War, to reconvene Wednesday, March 5, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40191, is adopted and engrossed.

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

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Brinson, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Burgin, Daniel, Hanig, Johnson, Lowe and Sanderson:

S.B. 228, 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.

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

By Senators Galey, Brinson, and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 229, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 34 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL.

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

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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.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

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, with a favorable report.

By Senator Overcash for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

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.

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

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.

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

S.B. 223, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, with a favorable report.

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

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

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THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 77, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45127, is adopted and engrossed.

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

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, praying continually doesn’t mean just constantly repeating prayers over and over, but it means being in a constant state of prayer. Lord, you put things in our lives every day that we need to not only give thanks to you for, but also people and situations that we need to lift up daily. Lord, I know there’s people in this body right now that are dealing with sickness and sickness in their family, dealing with family members and friends that are suffering from addiction and mental health issues, Lord, people that are having financial difficulty—all the cares of life that affect all of us. Show us how to be people of prayer and how to lift each other up continually. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 4, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Brinson, Senator Britt, Senator Lowe, and Senator Smith.

CALENDAR

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

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, upon second reading.

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Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Corbin offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (34-11).

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 4, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 5, which is adopted (45-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

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, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

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, upon second reading.

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

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (28-17).

Senator Grafstein objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Committee Substitute bill placed on the calendar of Tuesday, March 11, upon third reading.

S.R. 150, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 150**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOEY R. HOPKINS AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (45-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

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SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Berger submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING SGT. DAVID EUGENE HARDY FOR HIS SERVICE AND SACRIFICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND TO COMMEMORATE THE IDENTIFICATION AND RETURN OF HIS REMAINS.”**

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

SENATOR BERGER: “Members of the Senate, I’ve sent forward a Senatorial Statement. There’s a copy on your desk. At the age of twenty, David Eugene Hardy left the farm in Rockingham County and joined the United States Army. He was sent to Korea in 1950, and during the war he was captured and interned in a POW camp. While there, he died. And his remains, as an unknown, were returned in 1954, and those remains were buried in a military graveyard in Hawaii. Because of the efforts that our nation makes to identify our service members when they die, his remains were subject to further examination and testing, and these remains were identified as David Eugene Hardy in the fall of last year. He is being returned to Rockingham County today, and there will be a burial for him on Saturday in Rockingham County. I offer this Senatorial Statement to honor the memory and the service of David Eugene Hardy, and I appreciate your attention to it. Thank you.”

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:52 p.m., in memory of Sergeant David Eugene Hardy, to reconvene Thursday, March 6, at 10:00 a.m.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, March 6, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

“Father, we thank you and love you, and we praise you for another day. We’re so glad that in our state constitution we are ‘grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of our country, of our state;’ and we thank you for that still being there. We pray that we’ll lift you up and honor you every day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 5, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m. to reconvene Monday, March 10, at 2:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Ford:

S.B. 230, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT OF THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION.

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

By Senators McInnis, Sawyer, Settle (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Hanig, Lowe and Moffitt:

S.B. 231, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR STATE AGENCIES TO UTILIZE THIRD-PARTY AUCTION SITES FOR THE SALE OR DISPOSITION OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY.

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

By Senators Burgin and Murdock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 232, 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.

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

By Senators Grafstein, Applewhite, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mayfield, Meyer, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 233, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX PHASEOUT.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 234, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GREENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACQUIRE A NEW FIRE TRUCK.

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

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By Senator Smith:

S.B. 235, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF MACCLESFIELD TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 236, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND SKILLED TRADES FACILITY.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 237, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAREE TO SUPPORT ITS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING EFFORTS IN PITT COUNTY.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 238, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND A SCHOOL NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN EDGECOMBE AND PITT COUNTIES.

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

By Senators Grafstein, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chitlik, Mohammed and Theodros:

S.B. 239, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A WAGE INCREASE TO DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS THAT SERVE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOVATIONS WAIVER.

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

By Senators Settle, Craven, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Chaudhuri, Ford, Jarvis, Lowe, Mohammed, Sawrey and Smith:

S.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA STRATEGIC TRAINING AND RELIABLE SKILLS GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT IN APPRENTICESHIP AND PREAPPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

By Senators Lowe and Jones (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 241, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT MAINTENANCE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL (MRO) HANGAR.

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

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By Senators Everitt, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Bradley and Chitlik:

S.B. 242, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REDISTRICTING DOCUMENTS PUBLIC RECORDS BY ENACTING THE HOLD ALL LEGISLATORS LIABLE (H.A.L.L.) ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

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

By Senators Garrett, Robinson, Lowe (Primary Sponsors) and Mohammed:

S.B. 243, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF A COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE LINKING DENSE POPULATION CENTERS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA PIEDMONT TRIAD.

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

By Senators Everitt, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite and Bradley:

S.B. 244, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE IT A CLASS F FELONY TO ENGAGE IN A RIOT OR INCITE A RIOT IN WHICH AN ATTEMPT OCCURS TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF.

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

By Senators B. Newton, Lazzara, Brinson (Primary Sponsors) and Britt:

S.B. 245, 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.

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

By Senators Grafstein, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Chitlik and Mayfield:

S.B. 246, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAID INNOVATIONS WAIVER SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM.

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

By Senators Chitlik, Murdock, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Grafstein, Mayfield, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 247, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REDIRECTING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS TO INSTEAD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF EVIDENCE-BASED MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS; REQUIRING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF CAROLINA PREGNANCY CARE FELLOWSHIP; AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS.

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

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

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S.R. 224, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF GABRIEL J. ESPARZA AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 3.

The resolution is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.R. 225, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF EDDIE M. BUFFALOE, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 3.

The resolution is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.B. 229, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 5.

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

S.B. 167, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ALLOTMENT, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ALLOTMENT, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STUDENTS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ALLOTMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 26.

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

S.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MOBILE CRISIS UNITS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 234, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GREENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ACQUIRE A NEW FIRE TRUCK, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

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S.B. 235, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF MACCLESFIELD TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 236, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND SKILLED TRADES FACILITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 237, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CAREE TO SUPPORT ITS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING EFFORTS IN PITT COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 238, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND A SCHOOL NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN EDGECOMBE AND PITT COUNTIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 239, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A WAGE INCREASE TO DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS THAT SERVE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOVATIONS WAIVER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA STRATEGIC TRAINING AND RELIABLE SKILLS GRANT PROGRAM TO INCREASE ENGAGEMENT IN APPRENTICESHIP AND PREAPPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 241, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT MAINTENANCE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL (MRO) HANGAR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 243, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE COST AND FEASIBILITY OF A COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE LINKING DENSE POPULATION CENTERS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA PIEDMONT TRIAD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

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S.B. 246, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAID INNOVATIONS WAIVER SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 247, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REDIRECTING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS TO INSTEAD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF EVIDENCE-BASED MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS; REQUIRING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF CAROLINA PREGNANCY CARE FELLOWSHIP; AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

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

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Johnson requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.B. 63, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO STUDY THE CREATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORITY.

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

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TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 10, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

“Father, we love you and praise you for another day. We know it says in your Word, in Psalm 110, that if we don’t do what’s righteous and right, another will take our office. It’s plain and simple in your Word. Help us to be righteous and right. Help us to live for you. Guide and direct us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 2:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Johnson, Lazzara, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Craven, Hise, Jarvis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 248, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED.

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

By Senators Alexander, Daniel, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Jarvis, Lowe and Moffitt:

S.B. 249, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT OTHER POLITICAL PARTY GROUPS IN THIS STATE FROM CAMPAIGN SALES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF GOODS OR SERVICES UNDER THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS.

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

By Senators Galey, Britt, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Hise, B. Newton, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 250, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND USE OF CERTAIN CONSUMER FIREWORKS AND TO LEVY AN EXCISE TAX ON THE SALES OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS.

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

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By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 251, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATED TO BAIL BONDSMEN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 252, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINETOPS TO SUPPORT THE STAFFING NEEDS OF THE TOWN'S FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 248, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 10.

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

S.B. 249, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT OTHER POLITICAL PARTY GROUPS IN THIS STATE FROM CAMPAIGN SALES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF GOODS

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OR SERVICES UNDER THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 10.

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

S.B. 252, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINETOPS TO SUPPORT THE STAFFING NEEDS OF THE TOWN'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 10.

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

REMOVAL OF A BILL SPONSOR

Senator Johnson requests to be removed as a co-sponsor of **S.B. 220**, a bill previously ordered held as filed on Monday, March 3.

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

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 253, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE PITT-GREENVILLE AIRPORT FOR BUILDING A NEW GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL.

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

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By Senators Daniel, Britt, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Craven and Sanderson:

S.B. 254, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING ANY EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICE OR MATERIAL IF CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE THE DEVICE OR MATERIAL WILL BE USED TO COMMIT A CRIME.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 255, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF GREENVILLE FOR A REPLACEMENT BULKHEAD.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 256, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION PROTECTION AGREEMENTS PROVIDED BY CERTAIN FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.

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

By Senators Jackson, Hise, Lee (Primary Sponsors) and Sanderson:

S.B. 257, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

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

By Senators Lee, Hise, Jackson (Primary Sponsors) and Sanderson:

S.B. 258, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

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

By Senators Corbin (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Alexander, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Jones, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, P. Newton, Overcash, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey and Waddell:

S.B. 259, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT PROVISIONS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Hise, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.R. 260, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF DR. DEVDUTTA SANGVAI AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

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By Senators Berger, P. Newton, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Brinson, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson and Sawrey:

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.

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

By Senator Hise:

S.B. 262, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RESCINDING ALL EXTANT APPLICATIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONGRESS HERETOFORE RATIFIED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2024, CALLING FOR A CONVENTION PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR PROPOSING ONE OR MORE AMENDMENTS TO THAT CONSTITUTION.

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

By Senators Hise, Jackson, and Lee (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 263, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 253, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE PITT-GREENVILLE AIRPORT FOR BUILDING A NEW GENERAL AVIATION TERMINAL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 11.

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

S.B. 255, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF GREENVILLE FOR A REPLACEMENT BULKHEAD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 11.

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

S.B. 257, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 11.

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

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S.B. 258, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 11.

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

S.B. 259, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT PROVISIONS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 11.

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

S.B. 263, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 11.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

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, with a favorable report.

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.

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.

S.B. 223, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, with a favorable report.

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

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, with a favorable report.

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

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.R. 225, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF EDDIE M. BUFFALOE, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, with a favorable report.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 127, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM TO BE EVALUATED BY THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INSTEAD OF A MANDATORY BUDGET REQUEST, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

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

S.B. 190, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

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, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 214, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 219, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF MARVIN, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45143, which changes the title to read **S.B. 219** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF STALLINGS AND THE VILLAGE OF MARVIN, is adopted and engrossed.

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

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Our dear blessed heavenly Father, we want to thank you for the beautiful day that you have given us. You give us life’s breath to breathe, and you give us beautiful weather, and we appreciate that. You’ve given us rain that the farmers need, and you protect us each and every day. We pray that you would help us to serve you in this body as you would have us to, that we might do what’s best for the citizens of North Carolina. We pray for the victims of Hurricane Helene. It’s been a number of months, but, dear Lord, we need to ask that you would somehow pour out your blessings upon them and help them. We pray that you would somehow deal with the people in Washington, that they will move at an expedited rate to try to get the funding down that we need so that these people can get back in their homes and have some sense of normalcy. We pray all these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, March 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Garrett and Senator Sawrey.

SENATE PAGES

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

Spencer Bluth, Hillsborough; Sonnet Carter, Durham; Dominic Ewing, Concord; Arden Guenther, Concord; Jack Jones, Statesville; Ava Lubsen, Raleigh; and Kat Manolakis, Concord.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **S.B. 58** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the beginning of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

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

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, upon third reading.

Senator Everitt offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-19), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading (29-19) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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

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THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Meyer is excused from voting on the bill due to a professional conflict of interest.

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Overcash offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-18), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

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

Senator Overcash offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (46-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (28-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 5:10 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

S.B. 205, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 3.

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

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House of Representatives
March 11, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 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, and requests conferees. Speaker Hall has appointed:

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Representative Greene, Co-Chair
Representative Bell, Co-Chair
Representative Gillespie
Representative Balkcom
Representative Pickett
Representative Johnson
Representative Pless
Representative Clampitt
Representative Arp
Representative Lambeth
Representative Dixon and
Representative B. Jones

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

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Johnson requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.B. 91, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE INSTALLATION IN QUALIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS.

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

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Settle (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Moffitt, Overcash and Sanderson:

S.B. 264, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AND FUND THE DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA FLAGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS AND IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM.

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

By Senators Johnson, Britt, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Mayfield and Moffitt:

S.B. 265, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Daniel, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Burgin, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 266, 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.

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

By Senators Galey, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 267, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

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

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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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports and a select committee report are submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 203, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.R. 221, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF PAMELA BREWINGTON CASHWELL AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, with a favorable report.

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S.R. 225, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF EDDIE M. BUFFALOE, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 155, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45153, is adopted and engrossed.

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

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

“Almighty Father of the Universe, we come to thee conscious of our own shortcomings, but with confidence and composure, knowing that having put our trust in thee, our faith is well founded. May we tolerate nothing in our personal living, which, if multiplied, would weaken our nation. Teach us that our country is no better than its citizens and no stronger than those in whom it puts its trust. So, may we see ourselves as thou dost see us. That being ashamed, we may seek forgiveness, and knowing our weaknesses, may accept thy strength. With thy blessing upon us, we need not fear decisions nor hesitate to act. So, use us, guide us, and act through us. We ask in Jesus’ name and for his sake. Amen.”

Prayer before U.S. Senate, March 12, 1948
Peter Marshall, U.S. Senate Chaplain

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 11, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Adcock, Senator Batch, Senator Garrett, Senator Salvador, Senator Sanderson, and Senator Sawrey.

CALENDAR

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

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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, upon second reading.

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

S.B. 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, upon second reading.

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

S.B. 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, upon second reading.

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

S.B. 223, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ACADEMIC TRANSITION PATHWAYS FOR SOPHOMORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, upon second reading.

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

APPOINTMENT OF AN ESCORT COMMITTEE

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces the President *Pro Tempore*'s appointment of Senator P. Newton, Chair; Senator Blue, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Hise, and Senator Rabon to serve with a like committee of the House of Representatives to escort The Honorable Josh Stein, Governor of North Carolina, to the Joint Session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, March 12. The House of Representatives is so notified.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Waddell submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **"HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BISHOP GEORGE EDWARD BATTLE, JR. FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY."**

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POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

SENATOR WADDELL: “Ladies and Gentlemen of this General Assembly, I want to speak to Bishop George Battle. ‘Whereas, Bishop George Edward Battle, Jr. was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina; and, whereas, Bishop Battle served as the head of the African Methodist Zion Church for nine years; and, whereas, Bishop Battle served as a school board member for seventeen years, including four as chair; and, whereas, Bishop Battle founded the Greater Enrichment Program, Inc., which provided out-of-school support for students and parents; and, whereas, Bishop Battle’s unwavering commitment to his faith, his community, and his congregation has touched countless lives and his legacy will inspire future generations; now, therefore, it is fitting to honor Bishop George Edward Battle, Jr., for his outstanding service and leadership. In witness whereof, the undersigned certifies that this foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the twelfth day of March, 2025.’ Thank you.”

The Senate recesses at 4:20 p.m., to reconvene at 6:35 p.m.

RECESS**SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body 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 Speaker has appointed the following members of the House of Representatives to serve with a like committee of the Senate to escort the Governor Josh Stein to the Joint Session:

Representative B. Jones, Chair
Representative Reives
Representative Cotham
Representative Dixon
Representative Paré
Representative Willingham

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Lieutenant Governor orders a message sent to the House of Representatives notifying that honorable body that the Senate stands ready to repair to The Hall of the House of Representatives, there to sit in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving the State of the State address from the Honorable Josh Stein, Governor of North Carolina.

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Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Senator Berger offers a motion that the Senate stand in recess to repair to the Hall of the House of Representatives, there to sit in Joint Session for the purpose of receiving the State of the State address, and to adjourn upon the dissolution thereof, to reconvene Thursday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m.

The President declares the Senate in recess at 6:42 p.m. The Senate, preceded by its officers, repairs to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

JOINT SESSION

With members of the House of Representatives standing, the Senate is received in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Honorable Destin Hall, Speaker of the House of Representatives, presides.

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The Speaker recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, who announces the presence of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the North Carolina Supreme Court and the Chief Judge and Judges of the North Carolina Court of Appeals at the doors of the chamber. The Speaker directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the doors and to escort the members of the judiciary to their seats.

The Speaker recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, who announces the presence of the Council of State and the Governor's Cabinet at the doors of the chamber. The Speaker directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the doors and to escort the members of the Council of State and the members of the Governor's Cabinet to their seats.

The Speaker extends courtesies of the House of Representatives to Mrs. Anna Stein, First Lady of North Carolina; and to all elected officials and public servants on the floor and guests in the gallery.

The Speaker relinquishes the gavel to The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, who presides.

The President calls the Joint Session of the General Assembly to order.

The President recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, who announces the presence of His Excellency, The Honorable Josh Stein, Governor of North Carolina, at the doors of the chamber. The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, and the appointed committee to escort the Governor to the well of the chamber.

Representative Bell is recognized and presents the Governor to the President. The President presents His Excellency, The Honorable Josh Stein, Governor of North Carolina, who delivers the State of the State Address to the 2025 General Assembly.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. President *Pro Tem*, Lieutenant Governor, other members of the Council of State, members of the General Assembly, Mr. Chief Justice and members of the Supreme Court, Chief Judge, members of the Court of Appeals, Cabinet Secretaries, and to all of the North Carolinians watching from your home, good evening. With me tonight are my parents, Adam and Jane; my sister, Gerda; brother-in-law, Lee; my brother, Eric; and my incredible wife, our First Lady, Anna Stein; and, as a special treat to Anna and me, our wonderful daughter, Leah, is here as well. 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 ten weeks ago today. Assuming this office's responsibility has lead to prayer and reflection. When any of us faces an important challenge, we search for strength.

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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 moments. 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 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 have all seen, that the state of our state is strong. North Carolina strong. And that's because our people are strong. Ashley Cook is a lifelong resident of Avery County. Her life completely changed on September 27, 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, Freddie, Freddie Carpenter, first went to work clearing roads, and then spent weeks hauling propane, food, tanks, heaters, anything that people needed. In the months since, Ashley has used her Facebook page to connect people with whatever they needed: gravel for driveways, roof repairs, notary services, even a sludge pump. You ask me if our state is strong? I point to Ashley and Freddie and the thousands of 'Ashleys' and 'Freddies' who stared devastation down and went to work helping others. The spirit of the people of North Carolina has never been stronger. Ashley and Freddie were due to join us tonight. I wanted to give them a big shoutout, but, unfortunately, Ashley is under the weather, but let us still thank them and all of those heroes, citizen heroes, in Western North Carolina, so that they hear us in Avery County and all the way out West. Let's do that please. By the way, the people who have been aiding folks out West do not 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 the first day in office, 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 thirteen hundred roads so far, and as of March 1, I-40 is open. Thank you, Joey. 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 today. So many people and organizations, public and private, have worked so incredibly hard. I saw firsthand the remarkable efforts of the 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 a 6-million-dollar grant 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 their doors. Within two years, 60% have permanently closed shop. Folks, we cannot let that be our story here in North Carolina. Small business is the beating heart of the economy of Western North Carolina. So, we have partnered with the Dogwood

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Health Trust and the Duke Endowment to offer 35 million dollars in grants to impacted small businesses. They can use these grants for paying their staff, restoring inventory, fixing up their property, whatever they need. So far, we've been able to award more than one thousand grants to small businesses. One of those is in Chimney Rock—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 incredibly hard to rebuild so that 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, they are here today, would you please stand. We all thank you for not giving up on Chimney Rock. We will not give up on you. Western North Carolina's businesses are not looking for a hand-out. They just need a hand-up to get back on their feet. And as many small businesses as we have been able to support, many, many more are still waiting for help. So, let's support small businesses with grants, just like we do with our farmers. Folks, we're talking about 60 billion dollars in overall damages—by far the costliest storm to ever hit our state. That is 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 employees hired. Our communities need clean drinking water. That's why I am working with President Trump and 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-dollar Western North Carolina recovery bill. We need that money now. Heck, we needed it yesterday. Ashley and Freddy, Matt and Michelle, all of Western North Carolina need us to do our jobs, so let's do it. Let's pass that bill, and when you do, I am ready to sign it. And once we get that done—and I know that we will—once we get it done, let's get right back to work. We want the people of Western North Carolina to know that we will not forget you. By the way, when we're talking about rebuilding, we don't mean only out west. A number of folks down east still need help, folks who lost everything to Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, folks who just want their homes back. The bill that we're waiting on also includes funding to help them move forward as well. And no matter where you live, if disaster strikes, we will be there for you here in North Carolina. 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. 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 thousands, tens of thousands, of jobs in this 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 fifteen hundred new jobs, most of which are in rural North Carolina. But we cannot rest on our laurels. Other states want what we have. It is a very competitive world. We can't afford to leave anyone's talents on the

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sidelines. So, we must be a state that is welcoming to all people. We must continue to grow our economy and ensure that 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 I know this. Look, when it comes to being the Governor of this state, when it comes to developing the workforce of this state, no state will outwork North Carolina while I am Governor. 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 of North Carolinians to get the credentials that they need to secure a good-paying job. So, I'm proposing that for students getting certified in high-demand sectors, like advanced manufacturing or healthcare or I.T., that we provide them free community college. We've also got to support Propel NC, which rewards community colleges when students earn credentials for these high-wage jobs. I'm creating a Council on Workforce and Apprenticeships to unite 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, it is happening in many corners of this state today. Northern Regional Hospital in Mount Airy had a nursing shortage. They had to pay very expensive traveling nurses just 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 that she wanted to be a nurse, but she didn't know where to start. This apprenticeship program helped connect Emily to Northern Regional when she was in high school. She earned her certified nursing assistant credential in high school. 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, Emily, would y'all please stand up 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 healthcare workers, homegrown. It has completely eliminated its dependence on traveling nurses. It's about turning apprenticeships into careers, which is good for both the workers and the 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 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 childcare. North Carolina is the third fastest growing state in this country, 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, apartments, condominiums, special needs housing. We can find bipartisan solutions to high housing costs if we work together. So, let's do it, and let's get more homes for our people. It's not just housing that's in short supply; we also need more childcare options. You want to hear something crazy? You want to hear something crazy? Too many parents can't afford to work. That's because they can't find childcare they can afford, if they can find it at all.

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At the same time, we don't have enough childcare workers, because they don't get paid enough. Currently, there is only one childcare slot for every five families that want 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 this childcare crisis. So, earlier this week, I announced a bipartisan Taskforce on Childcare and Early Education to find innovative solutions to this challenge, and when we do, it will be a win for our children, it will be a win for our parents, it will be a win for our businesses and economy. Let's work together to expand access to quality, affordable childcare here in North Carolina. To make North Carolina a state where people 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 childcare more affordable. 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, healthcare, 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 that we face in a couple of years, especially given today's economic uncertainties. We're at a fork in the road when it comes to our budget. We can go ahead with the nearly 10 billion dollars in tax giveaways over the next four years, mainly to the wealthy and to corporate shareholders, and, by the way, very few of those shareholders are North Carolinians. Heck, most of them 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 is it going to be? Are we going to 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. Of course, we have to be fiscally prudent, to be smart about how we invest our taxpayers' dollars. That's why I'm directing my budget office to set up the Impact Center to ensure that our government is run effectively and efficiently. Because people should know that their taxpayer dollars are being well spent. But let's get it 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 take a second. Remember your favorite teacher from elementary school, middle school, high school. 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. Second lowest. 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 to move to other states because our salaries simply are not competitive. It's an embarrassment. We can and must do better. Here's a goal that I think we can all get behind. Let's make starting teachers' salaries in North Carolina, the highest in the southeast. And let's reward experienced teachers, who

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stay in the classroom. I know that there is bipartisan support for these efforts. I know there was a bill just introduced in the House. This is an area where we can work together. So, let's do it. Let's invest in our kids. Let's pay our teachers a salary that shows them how much we value them. We're 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—and I'm giving her a special shoutout because she teaches at my alma mater, Chapel Hill High. She did not teach me, however. Will all of our remarkable educators please stand up? You all are shaping our next generation, and we are all so grateful. Yes, we have to pay teachers more, but raising pay alone is not 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 our middle schools to improve learning there. And we need to put public dollars toward our public schools. North Carolina is 48th in the nation in per-pupil investment. Let that sink in. 48th. We should not be taking money from our public-school kids to pay wealthy parents sending their kids to unaccountable private schools, to the tune of \$7 and a half billion dollars over the next decade. We also need our kids to be fed because when they're hungry, they don't learn. 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, please stand so we can thank you. I 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 is 2025, we should not 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-dollar public school bond. And if you're not sure about it, let's let the voters decide. We also need upgrades for safety, like cameras, fences around playgrounds, exterior locks, fewer access points to secure our school buildings from people who mean harm. Nothing is more important than keeping our kids safe. It also means that we've got to protect their mental health. North Carolina has underinvested in school social workers, counselors, and psychologists for far too long. Let's make sure that our schools have the support staff they need to improve our children's mental health and help them thrive. And when we talk about youth mental health, we've got to talk about cell phones and social media. Cell phones are a major source of distraction for our students and disruption for our 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. And I'm gratified 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 8 years, as you know, as

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Attorney General, working to keep the people of this state safe. And as Governor, I am still at it. So, I'm standing up for the people who protect our communities. We ask law enforcement officers to make tremendous sacrifices on our behalf. We ask them to run towards danger when the rest of us may flee. Time and time again, they say 'yes' to protect and to serve. There are a number of law enforcement officers with us here tonight. Will you all please stand? Every one of them is a hero, but I know I'm running long, so, for the sake of brevity, I'm going to give one a shoutout. And that's my buddy, Forsyth County Sheriff Bobby Kimbrough, who has dedicated four decades to public safety. Sheriff, we appreciate you, we appreciate all the law enforcement who are here tonight, and the more than thirty thousand certified law enforcement officers across this state. We thank you all. As I travel the state, I regularly hear about law enforcement staffing shortages. Vacancies make it harder for law enforcement to do their jobs to keep us safe. That's why I am proposing salary increases for state law enforcement and correctional officers and signing bonuses for new officers, whether they're state or local. 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, that we invest in them the way that they invest in us. And let's improve public safety by tackling the scourges of opioid and fentanyl addiction. I first met Debbie Dalton after she experienced one of the most terrible tragedies that a parent can face. Her son Hunter was one of those larger-than-life personalities who made every person he met feel special. He loved golf and travel, and he beat Steph Curry in a free-throw shooting competition at Davidson Basketball Camp. Three days ago, Hunter should have turned 32. But at 23 years old, fentanyl tragically ended his life. There are thousands and thousands of stories like Hunter's. Young people whose lives were taken too soon because of one of the deadliest drugs to ever poison this country. And too many North Carolinians are like Debbie. Parents, siblings, children, friends, people who will never get their loved one back. During my time as Attorney General, we made real progress combating the fentanyl crisis on a bipartisan basis, and we helped to reduce overdose deaths in the last couple of years. 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 of the North Carolinians we have lost too soon. Debbie, would you please stand so we can thank you for your willingness to turn your personal pain into purpose for other people. Thank you, Debbie Dalton. What we've been talking about tonight, they're 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 where we want to go. That's fine. That is the democratic process. But I am certain that if we come together across our differences, we can find common ground and make progress. 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,

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Republicans and Democrats worked together to expand Medicaid here in North Carolina. Today more than 640 thousand of our neighbors have access to newfound, high-quality healthcare. 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 that Congress is considering would be absolutely devastating to the health of our people and our entire healthcare system. I have 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 healthcare. When we, as Republicans and Democrats, come together, that's when we make a 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 that our workforce needs meet 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, farmers, vets, childcare workers, community college students make us strong. You, the people of North Carolina, make us strong. So, let's come together and keep North Carolina strong. Thank you. May God bless you. May God bless the state of North Carolina.”

The Chairs of the escort committee are recognized to escort Governor Josh Stein from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore* of the Senate, seconded by Representative Destin Hall, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Joint Session is dissolved at 7:50 p.m., and pursuant to the motion prevailing earlier in the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned, to reconvene on Thursday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, March 13, 2025

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 11:30 a.m.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Johnson, Britt, Settle (Primary Sponsors); Corbin and Moffitt:

S.B. 268, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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

By Senators Johnson, Britt, and Settle (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 269, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING REVISIONS TO THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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

By Senators Johnson, Britt, and Settle (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 270, 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.

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

By Senators Johnson, Britt, Settle (Primary Sponsors) and Corbin:

S.B. 271, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES WITH RESPECT TO INSURANCE REBATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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

By Senators Corbin and Johnson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 272, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE LAWS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS BETWEEN INSURANCE PRODUCERS.

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

By Senators Johnson, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Meyer and Mohammed:

S.B. 273, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTIFIED LIFEGUARDS AT DAY CAMPS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN WHEN PROVIDING AQUATIC ACTIVITIES.

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

By Senator Grafstein:

S.B. 274, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF CRIME AGAINST NATURE AND ESTABLISH A SEPARATE OFFENSE OF BESTIALITY.

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

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By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor) and Chaudhuri:

S.B. 275, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEREGULATE SMALL BOARDING KENNELS BY LIMITING PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS TO BOARDING KENNELS PROVIDING SERVICES TO SIX OR MORE ANIMALS.

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

By Senators Johnson, Hanig, and Brinson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 276, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STATE'S RESIDUAL PROPERTY MARKET MECHANISMS.

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

By Senator Grafstein:

S.B. 277, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND RETENTION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN RURAL AREAS.

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

By Senators Corbin, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Moffitt and Mohammed:

S.B. 278, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS AND TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF ONE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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

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

S.B. 279, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BABY BOND TRUST FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THAT FUND.

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

By Senators Jarvis, B. Newton, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Brinson, Britt, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Hise, Johnson, Moffitt, P. Newton, Sanderson, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 280, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT PRIVATE 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

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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.

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

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on March 11 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 47 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Jackson, Co-Chair; Senator Hise, Co-Chair; Senator Lee, Senator Rabon, Senator Daniel, Senator Moffitt, Senator Corbin and Senator Settle as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul Newton, Senator from Cabarrus County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we just come to you with such deep thanks. We’re so thankful to be able to serve you in this body. We know that but for you, we would not be here and we could not serve the people of North Carolina or you. So, we thank you for the gift of life. We thank you that we’ve been given this honor, this responsibility, to serve well. And we just pray that you would help us to do the right thing today and every day to bring you honor and glory, and for that, we give thanks. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 12, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Applewhite, Senator Batch, Senator Garrett, Senator Murdock, Senator Salvador, and Senator Settle.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **S.B. 261** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the beginning of today’s calendar.

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Senator Rabon further moves that the Senate proceed with both second and third readings of **S.B. 261** today. Senator Meyer objects to third reading of the measure. Senator Rabon's motion prevails by a three-fifths majority vote of the members present and voting (29-15).

CALENDAR

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

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, upon second reading.

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

The bill passes its second reading (31-12) and is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.R. 221, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF PAMELA BREWINGTON CASHWELL AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, for adoption.

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

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 221**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PAMELA BREWINGTON CASHWELL AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (42-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

S.R. 225, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF EDDIE M. BUFFALOE, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 225**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING EDDIE M. BUFFALOE, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (42-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

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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, upon second reading.

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

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 12:37 p.m. to reconvene Monday, March 17, at 3:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 267, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 12.

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

S.B. 277, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM TO IMPROVE RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, AND RETENTION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN RURAL AREAS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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

S.B. 278, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS AND TO REQUIRE THE PLACEMENT OF ONE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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

S.B. 279, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BABY BOND TRUST FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH THAT FUND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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

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

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TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 17, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

“Father, we love you and thank you for yet another day you’ve given us. We thank you for your grace and mercy; and we thank you for blotting out all of our transgressions. We thank you that you died on the cross of Calvary for us, Father, and we praise you for that today and so much. Help us this week as we do the work of the state of North Carolina. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following bill, ordered held as filed in the Office of the Senate Principal Clerk on Monday, March 3, is hereby withdrawn from that office, presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Rabon, McInnis, Britt (Primary Sponsors) and Jarvis:

S.B. 220, 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.

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

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

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

S.B. 281, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANTS.

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

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By Senators Murdock, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mohammed and Theodros:

S.B. 282, 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.

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

By Senators Robinson, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Mohammed, Murdock and Theodros:

S.B. 283, 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.

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

By Senators Robinson and Garrett (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 284, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONTINUE PROGRAMS IN GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR TUTORING AND LEARNING HUBS.

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

By Senators Robinson and Garrett (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 285, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR TEACHER COMPENSATION FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO INCLUDE GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS AS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS.

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

By Senators Adcock, Hanig, and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 286, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE VARIOUS FEES FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING.

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

By Senator Adcock:

S.B. 287, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN DETERMINATIONS OF THE MEDICAL NECESSITY OR APPROPRIATENESS OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES CONTINUE TO BE MADE BY LICENSED AND QUALIFIED HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

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

By Senators Murdock and Chitlik (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 288, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PAULI MURRAY CENTER IN DURHAM.

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

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By Senators Murdock and Chitlik (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 289, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STAGVILLE MEMORIAL PROJECT.

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

By Senators Jarvis, Moffitt, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Brinson, Britt, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, B. Newton, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 290, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE REGULATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN NEED OF SCRUTINY ACT.

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

By Senators Moffitt, McInnis, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Britt and Sawyer:

S.B. 291, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS BY CITIES TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 292, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF GRIFTON FOR DESIGN OF FLOOD RESILIENCY PROJECTS.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 293, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINETOPS FOR EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

By Senators Meyer, Applewhite, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 294, 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.

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

By Senators Jackson, Lazzara, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Britt, Daniel, Galey, Hanig, Johnson, Moffitt, B. Newton and Overcash:

S.B. 295, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

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.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 50, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 5.

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

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

S.B. 226, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 4.

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

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S.B. 281, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONTINUE FUNDING FOR CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

S.B. 282, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

S.B. 283, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

S.B. 284, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONTINUE PROGRAMS IN GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR TUTORING AND LEARNING HUBS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

S.B. 285, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR TEACHER COMPENSATION FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO INCLUDE GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS AS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

S.B. 288, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE PAULI MURRAY CENTER IN DURHAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

S.B. 289, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STAGVILLE MEMORIAL PROJECT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

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

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TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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

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

“Father, we love you and praise you for this beautiful day you’ve given us. We know that you’re in charge of everything ultimately; we thank you for that, and we pray that you’ll continue to watch after and keep those safe in Israel. We thank you for all that you do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 9:34 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Craven, Overcash, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Britt, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 296, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SHALL USE AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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

By Senators Lowe, Blue, Adcock (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Theodros:

S.B. 297, 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.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 298, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING DRIVERS SUBJECT TO THE INEXPERIENCED DRIVER PREMIUM SURCHARGE TO MAINTAIN OR BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS LIABILITY COVERAGE.

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

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By Senators Sanderson, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Hise:

S.B. 299, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT BY INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY TO CERTAIN PUBLIC PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE AND DISMISSAL RECORDS.

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

By Senators Sanderson, Hanig, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Johnson, Moffitt, B. Newton and Settle:

S.B. 300, 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.

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

By Senators Lowe, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mohammed and Theodros:

S.B. 301, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT GRANT FUND.

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

By Senators Hanig, Jones, Hise (Primary Sponsors); Galey, Moffitt, B. Newton and Sanderson:

S.B. 302, 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.

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

By Senators Smith, Grafstein, Bradley (Primary Sponsors) and Theodros:

S.B. 303, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SERVICE TAX AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE REPEAL.

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

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By Senators Smith, Grafstein, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Murdock, Salvador and Theodros:

S.B. 304, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.

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

By Senators Smith, Bradley, and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 305, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FOR THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 306, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING LAWS CONCERNING THE NORTH CAROLINA SELF-INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

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

By Senators Sawrey (Primary Sponsor); Galey and B. Newton:

S.B. 307, 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.

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

By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 308, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PERMANENT PLATES FOR WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY.

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

By Senators Galey, Daniel, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 309, 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.

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

By Senators Britt, B. Newton, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Moffitt and Sanderson:

S.B. 310, 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.

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

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By Senators Britt, Craven, Blue (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Moffitt, Mohammed, Salvador, Sanderson and Theodros:

S.B. 311, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER.

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

By Senators Craven, Jones, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jarvis, Johnson, Lazzara, Moffitt, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 312, 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.

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

By Senators Smith, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Lowe and Murdock:

S.B. 313, 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.

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

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

S.B. 314, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS OF CITIES IN COUNTIES WITH ZONING REGULATIONS TO PREVENT REGULATORY OVERLAP AND STREAMLINE LAND USE DECISIONS.

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

By Senators Burgin, Galey, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Brinson, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jones, Lee, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 315, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND EFFICIENCY IN UTILIZATION REVIEWS.

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

By Senators Burgin, Galey, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jones, Lee, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 316, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY.

Referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Sawrey, Lowe, Settle (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Jackson, Moffitt, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 317, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT.

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

By Senators Adcock (Primary Sponsor) and Hanig:

S.B. 318, 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.

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

By Senator Everitt:

S.B. 319, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO ACADEMICALLY OR INTELLECTUALLY GIFTED STUDENTS IF THE STUDENT IS PLACED INTO AN ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM OR SCHOOL.

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

By Senators Berger, Sawyer, Ford (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hollo, Jarvis, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 320, 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.

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

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Principal Clerk Sarah Holland; Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator Bill Rabon, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Nominations

DATE: March 17, 2025

Re: The University of North Carolina Board of Governors Nominees

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Pursuant to Senate Resolution 104, “*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 Select Committee on Nominations has met and voted on the following slate of candidates to be submitted to the Senate. The Senate will elect six (6) individuals from this slate to serve on the University of North Carolina’s Board of Governors.

Nominee

Kirk J. Bradley
Jimmy D. Clark
Kathryn C. Greeley
Sonja Phillips Nichols
James Arthur Pope
Randall Clark Ramsey

Sponsor(s)

Sen. Jim Burgin
Sen. Dave Craven
Sen. Kevin Corbin
Sen. Vickie Sawyer
Sen. Bill Rabon
Sen. Brent Jackson

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

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

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, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 50, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15149, is adopted and engrossed.

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

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

S.B. 219 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF STALLINGS AND THE VILLAGE OF MARVIN, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 127, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM TO BE EVALUATED BY THE SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS INSTEAD OF A MANDATORY BUDGET REQUEST, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45191, which changes the title to read **S.B. 127** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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 adopted and engrossed.

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

S.B. 214, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45190, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

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

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

S.B. 36, 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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15152, is adopted and engrossed.

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

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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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40277, which changes the title to read **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; AND TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1, is adopted and engrossed.

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

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Hise and Senator Jackson, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives 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, submit a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H47-PCCS30207-NB-1.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on the calendar of Wednesday, March 19, for adoption.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 254, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING ANY EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICE OR MATERIAL IF CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE THE DEVICE OR MATERIAL WILL BE USED TO COMMIT A CRIME, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 11.

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

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S.B. 297, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 18.

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

S.B. 307, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 18.

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

S.B. 311, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 18.

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

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

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:32 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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By Senators Britt, Overcash, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.

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

By Senators Britt (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Daniel, Hanig, Moffitt, B. Newton, Salvador and Sanderson:

S.B. 322, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER.

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

By Senators Applewhite, Robinson (Primary Sponsors) and Salvador:

S.B. 323, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH THE SAFER SEX SUPPLIES GRANT PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Everitt, Applewhite, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 324, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FROM HARMFUL TOXINS IN DRINKING WATER BY REQUIRING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS FOR CHEMICALS THAT ARE PROBABLE OR KNOWN CARCINOGENS OR ARE OTHERWISE TOXIC.

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

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

S.B. 325, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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

By Senators Murdock, Mayfield, and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 326, 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;

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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.

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

By Senators Johnson, Overcash (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 327, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA BITCOIN RESERVE AND INVESTMENT ACT.

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

By Senators Lazzara, Sawrey, Jones (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 328, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT.

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

By Senators Overcash, Hollo, and Alexander (Primary Sponsors):

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.

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

By Senator Grafstein:

S.B. 330, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTING BY LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES/MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIFIC MINIMALLY ADEQUATE SERVICES REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET BY LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES/MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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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.

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

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.

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

H.B. 35, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH.

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

H.B. 37, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE BENEFITS AND REPRESENTATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS.

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

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.

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

H.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE.

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

H.B. 125, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR.

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

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.

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

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 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.

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

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

S.R. 260, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF DR. DEVDUTTA SANGVAI AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 316, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45195, is adopted and engrossed.

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

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

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

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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; AND TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 127 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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 a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 219 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF STALLINGS AND THE VILLAGE OF MARVIN, with a favorable report.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Our God and our Father, we thank thee and we love thee. As the creator of all good and beautiful gifts, we thank thee for this day, we thank thee for this time, we thank thee for all of the things that you do for our lives. Now we ask that you continue to bless and keep us and wrap your arms of loving protection around each and every one of us as we do the great work of the Old North State. These things we pray in your Son, Christ Jesus’, name. And all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 18, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

SENATE PAGES

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

Bennett Church, Matthews; Ashlynn Fohrman, Mooresville; Elle Golding, Summerfield; Will Harryman IV, Mooresville; Miles Johnson, Monroe; Sawyer Lee, Wrightsville Beach; Jazmin Palma, Asheboro; Divija Rao, Charlotte; Shaya Sharma, Apex; and Lydia Smith, Washington.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Berger submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING MICHAEL ‘MIKE’ HORAN, FALLEN POLICE OFFICER,**” with Senator Garrett and Senator Robinson as additional signatories.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

SENATOR GARRETT: “Colleagues of the Senate, on your desk you will find a Senatorial Statement honoring the life of Officer Mike Horan of the Greensboro Police Department. And I hope you’ll take a moment to read it. I’m not going to read it to you, because I wanted to talk a little bit more about the loss of Officer Horan and what it has meant to our community, to the law enforcement community, and his family. So, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and service of Officer Michael T. Horan of the Greensboro Police Department, who made the ultimate sacrifice just days before Christmas. While responding to a call of a man

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with a gun in our local grocery store, Officer Horan embodied the very best of what it means to wear the badge. His journey of service began at just sixteen years old as a lifeguard and a first-aid instructor in New Jersey. This early calling to protect others led him to join the United States Coast Guard, where he served with distinction, earning multiple accolades before joining the Greensboro Police Department in 2017. In his time with the Greensboro Police Department, Officer Horan served in numerous capacities: as a detective, a patrol officer, member of a violent crime reduction team as an instructor for active shooter trainings. His colleagues described him as someone who thrived at everything he did, a true jack-of-all-trades, who approached each new challenge with resilience and enthusiasm. But, Madam President, while Michael Horan was an exceptional officer, those who knew him best will tell you that his greatest pride and joy was his family. His daughter was the center of his world, and in the words of his fellow officer, I quote, 'I truly believe that he woke up every day for her.' Recently married, he leaves behind not only his beloved daughter, but also his wife, stepson, parents, and siblings. The tragic circumstances of Officer Horan's death have left an indelible mark on the Greensboro community. During what should have been a season of celebration, his family faced unimaginable grief. A mother buried her son. A wife and children faced Christmas without their husband and father. The thin blue line of his brothers and sisters in law enforcement grew thinner still. In the days following his passing, the community's response spoke volumes about the impact Officer Horan had on those around him. Memorial items appeared. Christmas decorations that should symbolize joy, instead became tokens of remembrance and gratitude for his sacrifice. Madam President, when an officer falls in the line of duty, it is not just a loss for their immediate family, it is a loss for our community, for our state, and for our nation. Today I ask my colleagues in the Senate to join me in honoring Officer Michael T. Horan, a resilient man, a devoted family man, and in the words of those who served alongside him, 'a true American hero.' I yield back."

CALENDAR

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

H.B. 47 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senators Hise, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (50-0).

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

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

The President announces that the Senate will now begin the election of members to the UNC Board of Governors.

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The President recognizes Senator Rabon, who announces that the **Select Committee on Nominations** met and voted on a slate of six candidates for the UNC Board of Governors, to be submitted to the full Senate for consideration. The candidates are as follows: Kirk J. Bradley, Jimmy D. Clark, Kathryn C. Greeley, Sonja Phillips Nichols, James Arthur Pope, and Randall Clark Ramsey. Senator Rabon explains the voting procedures for today's election.

The Sergeant-at-Arms distributes ballots to the 50 members present. Each member proceeds to vote by selecting six candidates and signing his or her ballot. When all members have completed their ballots, the ballots are collected, and Senator Rabon, Senator Robinson, the Senate Principal Clerk, and staff members from the Senate Principal Clerk's Office repair outside the chamber to tally the votes.

The Senate recesses at 4:46 p.m., to reconvene at 5:00 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA *(continued)*

Senator Rabon announces that the winners of the official ballot are as follows: Kirk J. Bradley, Jimmy D. Clark, Kathryn C. Greeley, Sonja Phillips Nichols, James Arthur Pope, and Randall Clark Ramsey.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the winners of the official ballot are confirmed first by electronic vote (42-7) and then a second time, whereby they are confirmed *viva voce*.

The President declares the aforementioned individuals duly elected to the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina. She directs the Chair of the **Select Committee on Nominations** to send a letter of notification to the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, indicating those persons elected by the Senate. A special message is sent to the House of Representatives, notifying that honorable body of such action.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Smith submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. HAZEL DUKES, A CIVIL RIGHTS TRAILBLAZER.**"

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Senator Blue submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025,**” with Senator Burgin as an additional signatory.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 5:15 p.m., in memory of Michael “Mike” Horan, to reconvene Thursday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m.

ENROLLED BILL

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

H.B. 47, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE.

REMOVAL OF A BILL SPONSOR

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

S.B. 250, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND USE OF CERTAIN CONSUMER FIREWORKS AND TO LEVY AN EXCISE TAX ON THE SALES OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS.

Pursuant to Senator Berger’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

THIRTIETH DAY

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

“Father, we love you and thank you for this day; and we thank you for all that you do for us all day and every day. Thank you for your many blessings. We pray for our president, we pray for our governor, our lieutenant governor, and all those

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that are in authority over us. We pray that you'll guide and direct them in all that they say and do, all day and every day. Be with our friends in Israel, Father, and keep them safe. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 19, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Applewhite, Senator Barnes, Senator Chaudhuri, and Senator Sawyer.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **S.B. 50** and **H.B. 58** are withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the beginning of today's calendar.

Senator Rabon further moves that the Senate proceed with both second and third readings of **S.B. 50** and **H.B. 58** today, which motion prevails without objection.

CALENDAR

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

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, upon second reading.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0) and changes the title to read, **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.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (46-0) and changes the title to read, **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.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 3.

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Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 4 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (46-0) and changes the title to read, **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 Amendment No. 3 subsequently fails.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 6 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (46-0) and changes the title to read, **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 Amendment No. 5 subsequently fails.

Senator Bradley offers Amendment No. 7.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 8 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (46-0) and changes the title to read, **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, and Amendment No. 7 subsequently fails.

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Senator Bradley offers Amendment No. 9.

Senator Britt moves that Amendment No. 9 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Bradley offers Amendment No. 10.

Senator Britt moves that Amendment No. 10 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 11.

Senator Britt moves that Amendment No. 11 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 12.

Senator Britt moves that Amendment No. 12 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-18).

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 13.

Senator Britt moves that Amendment No. 13 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 14.

Senator Britt moves that Amendment No. 14 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 15.

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

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 15 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (27-18).

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 16, which is ruled out of order.

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

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (26-18) and is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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; AND TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES ON THE CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ARE FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH G.S. 153A-27.1, upon second reading.

Senator Craven offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (39-5).

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (26-17) and changes the title to read, **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

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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.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading and is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee, bills are re-referred as follows:

S.B. 127 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, March 26.

S.B. 219 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF STALLINGS AND THE VILLAGE OF MARVIN.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, March 26.

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.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, March 26.

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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.

The bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, March 26.

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.

The bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, March 26.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Lee, the Senate adjourns at 1:56 p.m. to reconvene Monday, March 24, at 3:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Everitt (Primary Sponsor); Bradley and Murdock:

S.B. 331, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE LEGISLATORS' DOCUMENTS PUBLIC RECORDS.

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

By Senators Galey, Burgin, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 332, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

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

By Senators Galey, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Moffitt and Overcash:

S.B. 333, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM VIOLATING STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BECAUSE OF A REQUIREMENT OF AN ACCREDITING AGENCY.

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

By Senators Mayfield and Meyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 334, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NORTH CAROLINA DRUG TAX.

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

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By Senators Sawrey, Galey, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Ford, Hise and Moffitt:

S.B. 335, 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.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Galey, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Moffitt, Mohammed and Overcash:

S.B. 336, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND TO CREATE A PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE.

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

By Senator Applewhite:

S.B. 337, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALLOCATE CERTAIN FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR & RECONSTRUCTION HISTORY CENTER FOR CRITICAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, EDUCATION, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

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

By Senators Everitt, Applewhite, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Mohammed and Salvador:

S.B. 338, 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 COMMERCE.

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

By Senators Everitt (Primary Sponsor) and Smith:

S.B. 339, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REINSTATE STATE BAR COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION AND TO REINSTATE FORMER PROVISIONS REGARDING DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR JUSTICES AND JUDGES.

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

By Senator Murdock:

S.B. 340, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY FIRE SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO.

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

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By Senator Murdock:

S.B. 341, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SILER CITY'S DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT.

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

By Senator Murdock:

S.B. 342, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A NEW FIRE STATION IN SILER CITY.

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

By Senators Theodros, Robinson, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Murdock and Smith:

S.B. 343, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE SECURE HOME AND FUTURE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF BENEFIT.

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

By Senators Galey, Ford, and Alexander (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 344, 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.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Galey, Hollo (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Britt, Burgin, Jones, Lee and Moffitt:

S.B. 345, 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.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Lazzara, Jones (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Burgin, Hanig, Moffitt, Mohammed and Sanderson:

S.B. 346, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY PERSONS SEEKING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DRUG- AND ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSES AND TO BROADEN LIMITED IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN COVERED OFFENSES.

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

By Senators Chitlik, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Salvador and Theodros:

S.B. 347, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT AND VOTING, AS CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED, THROUGH THE USE OF PROXY VOTING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

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By Senators Theodros, Robinson, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 348, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING, TO ESTABLISH A HOME MODIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXPAND STATE-FUNDED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO HELP SENIORS SAFELY AGE IN PLACE WITH COMFORT AND DIGNITY.

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

By Senators Overcash, Johnson, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Moffitt and Mohammed:

S.B. 349, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, AND TO ELIMINATE THE DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY UNDER THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THAT CHANGE.

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

By Senators Meyer, Chaudhuri, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Salvador, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 350, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LEGALIZE AND REGULATE THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND USE OF CANNABIS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Bradley, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 351, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CORPORATIONS LESS THAN FIVE YEARS OLD AND HAVING A NET INCOME OF LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO DEFER INCOME TAXES FOR ONE YEAR AND TO PROVIDE THAT STATE AGENCIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE IN-STATE CONTRACTORS WHO HAVE BEEN IN OPERATION FOR LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL COLLECT AND REPORT DATA ON THE USE OF THOSE CONTRACTORS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

By Senators Chitlik, Murdock, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Grafstein, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 352, 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.

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

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By Senators Theodros, Blue, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 353, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE DELINQUENT JUVENILES COMMITTED TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP CODING, PROGRAMMING, AND OTHER COMPUTER-RELATED SKILLS.

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

By Senators Theodros, Blue (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 354, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT AND MODIFY THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 184, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 91, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE INSTALLATION IN QUALIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 13.

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

S.B. 118, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 21.

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

S.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

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

S.B. 220, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

S.B. 292, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF GRIFTON FOR DESIGN OF FLOOD RESILIENCY PROJECTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

S.B. 293, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINETOPS FOR EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

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

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S.B. 299, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT BY INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY TO CERTAIN PUBLIC PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE AND DISMISSAL RECORDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 18.

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

S.B. 305, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FOR THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 18.

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

S.B. 335, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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

S.B. 336, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND TO CREATE A PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 47, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, March 19, 2025 - S.L. 2025-2)

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

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 24, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

"Father, we love you, and we thank you for another day. Thank you for the rain you've sent our way, and help the firefighters that continue to fight some wildfires out west and out in the eastern part of our state. Help them, protect them; and hopefully this rain helps them all out. Father, we pray that you'll bless us and guide and direct us this week. Be with our friends in Israel. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, March 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Hollo, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

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

By Senators Daniel, Britt, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Hanig, Moffitt and Sanderson:

S.B. 355, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION.

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

By Senators Brinson (Primary Sponsor); Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 356, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFUND CERTAIN LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA GLOBAL TRANSPARK AUTHORITY.

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

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By Senators Sawrey, Hise, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Britt, Burgin, Ford, Hanig and Moffitt:

S.B. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri, Mohammed, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Grafstein, Lowe, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 358, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SCOPE AND PUNISHMENT OF HATE CRIMES; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A HATE CRIMES STATISTICS DATABASE; TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE ACADEMY TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH TRAINING ON IDENTIFYING, RESPONDING TO, AND REPORTING HATE CRIMES; AND TO REQUIRE THE CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF NORTH CAROLINA TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE TRAINING TO PROSECUTORS ON HOW TO PROSECUTE HATE CRIMES.

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

By Senators Alexander, Ford, Hanig (Primary Sponsors) and Burgin:

S.B. 359, 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.

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

By Senators Adcock, Hise, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Batch, Bradley, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Grafstein, Lowe, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 360, 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.

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

By Senators Alexander, Britt, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Bradley, Brinson, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Hanig, Lowe, Moffitt, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

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S.B. 361, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT OR AFFRAY AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND TO CRIMINALIZE EXPOSING CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO FENTANYL OR OTHER HARMFUL DRUG OR CHEMICAL AGENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE NONRECURRING FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO DISTRIBUTE AS GRANTS TO USE FOR EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS.

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

By Senators Alexander (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Grafstein, Lowe, Mohammed, Robinson, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 362, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING, TO STRENGTHEN THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM BY FUNDING ADDITIONAL REGIONAL OMBUDSMAN POSITIONS AND DIRECTING A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON STATUTORY CHANGES NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM AND THE SYSTEM OF VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Alexander, Ford, and Hanig (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 363, 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.

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

By Senators Alexander, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Daniel, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 364, 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.

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

By Senators Alexander (Primary Sponsor); Hanig, Moffitt, Sanderson and Waddell:

S.B. 365, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPECIFY THE PUNISHMENT FOR ENTERING THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT LEGAL JUSTIFICATION IN A COUNTY LOCATED IN AN EMERGENCY AREA DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND TAKING OR DAMAGING THE PERSON'S TEMPORARY HOUSING.

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

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By Senators Burgin, Moffitt, Adcock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Grafstein, Lowe, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 366, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES AND PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES.

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

By Senators Robinson, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 367, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE STATE'S HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO FUND NEW AND ONGOING CAMPUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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

By Senators Johnson, Barnes, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Hanig and Moffitt:

S.B. 368, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MANDATING ALL OTHER PERIL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES FOR ITS RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION, MANDATING PARTICIPATION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BOARDS IN THE STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROPERTY INSURANCE FUND, AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO CHARGE AND WAIVE REGISTRATION FEES FOR ADVANCED FIRE AND RESCUE COURSES, PROVIDING STATE FUNDS FOR THE WAIVER OF REGISTRATION FEES FOR COURSES OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, AUTHORIZING THE STATE FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, CLARIFYING THE POWERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOME INSPECTOR LICENSURE BOARD, EXTENDING EXEMPTION FROM DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OF PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, EXEMPTING MANUFACTURED HOME MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS FROM SHOWROOM REQUIREMENTS, MODERNIZING TERMINOLOGY FOR THE CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD, ESTABLISHING FEES AND PROCEDURES FOR CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD APPROVAL OF TRAINING COURSES, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A VOLUNTARY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, CLARIFYING ELECTRICAL CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENERGIZING BUILDINGS, ENHANCING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL OVER LOCAL INSPECTIONS AND EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS, REQUIRING REFUNDS AND REMITTANCE OF BUILDING INSPECTION FEES WHEN INSPECTIONS ARE PERFORMED BY STATE AND OTHER

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OFFICIALS, AND ESTABLISHING RECORDS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

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

By Senators Galey, Sawrey, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Britt, Lowe, Robinson, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 369, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL AS MEDICAID PROVIDERS.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Galey, Jarvis (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Britt, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 370, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS.

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

By Senators Chitlik, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 371, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CHARTER REVOCATION FOR SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN LOW-PERFORMING FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS, TO RESTRICT CHARTER SCHOOLS FROM EXPANDING IF THEY ARE LOW-PERFORMING, TO LIMIT CHARTERS FOR REMOTE ACADEMIES TO THREE YEARS, AND TO REQUIRE CHARTER SCHOOLS TO LIST THE SCHOOL'S PERFORMANCE GRADE ON ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Batch, Britt, Lowe, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.R. 372, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF MCKINLEY WOOTEN, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Sawrey, Overcash (Primary Sponsors) and Jarvis:

S.B. 373, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE MINORS ARE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST FOR VARIANCE IN RECOMMENDED VACCINATION SCHEDULES.

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

By Senators Lazzara, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Burgin and Moffitt:

S.B. 374, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE LICENSING AND PERMITTING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS THAT INSTALL AND SERVICE PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS.

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

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By Senators Galey, Barnes, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Lowe, Moffitt, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 375, 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.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Overcash, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Britt, Lazzara and Moffitt:

S.B. 376, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 377, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Johnson, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Galey, Jarvis, Lazzara, Lowe, Mayfield, Moffitt, Murdock, Robinson, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

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.

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

By Senators Theodros, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 379, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENHANCING AND EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS THROUGH IMPROVED CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT, PREVENTIVE SERVICES, AND HOME-BASED CARE; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Overcash, and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 380, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF STANDING UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT FOR TRADE AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

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

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By Senators Grafstein, Mayfield, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 381, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

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

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor); Chitlik, Murdock, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 382, 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.

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

By Senators Bradley, Grafstein, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 383, 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.

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

By Senators Meyer (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chitlik, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 384, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FROM HARMFUL TOXINS IN DRINKING WATER BY REQUIRING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS FOR CHEMICALS THAT ARE PROBABLE OR KNOWN CARCINOGENS OR ARE OTHERWISE TOXIC.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 337, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALLOCATE CERTAIN FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CIVIL WAR & RECONSTRUCTION HISTORY CENTER FOR CRITICAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE, EDUCATION, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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

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S.B. 340, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY FIRE SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF PITTSBORO, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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

S.B. 341, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SILER CITY'S DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE PROJECT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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

S.B. 342, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A NEW FIRE STATION IN SILER CITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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

S.B. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 19.

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

S.B. 344, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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

S.B. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

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

S.B. 362, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING, TO STRENGTHEN THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM BY FUNDING ADDITIONAL REGIONAL OMBUDSMAN POSITIONS AND DIRECTING A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON STATUTORY CHANGES NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM AND THE SYSTEM OF VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

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

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S.B. 366, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR PERSONAL CARE SERVICES AND PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

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

S.B. 367, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE STATE'S HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO FUND NEW AND ONGOING CAMPUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

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

S.B. 369, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL AS MEDICAID PROVIDERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

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

S.R. 372, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF MCKINLEY WOOTEN, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

The resolution is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.B. 376, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

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

S.B. 370, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

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

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

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THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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

“Father, we love you, and we thank you for another day. We thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way. Continue to help those firefighters who are fighting these fires across our state, and be with them. Thank you for everyone that’s here today. Give them traveling mercies. All the Chamber of Commerce here today, the school groups, we pray that you’ll bless them and give them a great day, and give them traveling mercies home. We praise you for all that you do, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Jones announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, March 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Jones, the Senate adjourns at 10:03 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, March 26, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Meyer and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 385, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR SETTING ASIDE A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG DESIGNATION.

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

By Senators Meyer, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Grafstein, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 386, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE PROCRASTINATORS THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE BY ESTABLISHING SAME-DAY REGISTRATION ON ELECTION DAY AND TO ENGAGE OVERACHIEVING TEENAGERS IN VOTING BY RECODIFYING THE PROGRAM TO PREREGISTER INDIVIDUALS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

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

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

S.B. 387, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT.

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

By Senators McInnis, Moffitt, Jarvis (Primary Sponsors); Burgin and Hanig:

S.B. 388, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC TIME PERIODS ON THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR CERTAIN PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 389, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOLS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

By Senators Burgin and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 390, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE COMPETITION AND LOWER COSTS FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICES BY UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

By Senators Rabon, Sawyer, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Hanig:

S.B. 391, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri, Murdock, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Garrett, Grafstein, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 392, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCREASED PROTECTIONS FOR VOTERS AND ELECTIONS OFFICIALS AGAINST VARIOUS FORMS OF INTERFERENCE WITH AN ELECTION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Hise, Mohammed, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 393, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ON GAMBLING AND ADDICTION IN FINANCIAL LITERACY INSTRUCTION.

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

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By Senators Brinson, Hanig, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Burgin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hise, Hollo, Jones, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson and Smith:

S.B. 394, 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.

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

By Senators Applewhite (Primary Sponsor); Garrett, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 395, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ENFORCING A RESIDENTIAL EVICTION MORATORIUM IN DECLARED STATES OF EMERGENCY.

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

By Senators Britt, Sawrey, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Burgin and Moffitt:

S.B. 396, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD.

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

By Senators Chitlik and Murdock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 397, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE INVESTING IN DURHAM'S EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC (IDEA) INFRASTRUCTURE ACT.

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

By Senators Mayfield (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 398, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR CARRYING OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON AT OR WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF A VOTING PLACE.

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

By Senators Galey (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.B. 399, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE JORDAN LAKE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY.

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

By Senators Galey and Daniel (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 400, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS.

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

By Senators Jackson, Lazzara, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Burgin, Craven and Moffitt:

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.

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

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Overcash, Salvador, Sawrey, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 402, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN LOTTERY WINNERS TO CHOOSE TO TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

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

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Burgin, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton and Sanderson:

S.B. 403, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri, Britt, and Hise (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 404, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMEMBER ICONIC COMBATANTS THROUGH FOSTERING LEARNING AWARENESS AND INTEREST IN RASSLING.

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

By Senators Hise, Sawrey, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 405, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC.

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

By Senators Mayfield, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Meyer, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 406, 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

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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.

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

By Senators Mayfield, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 407, 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.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig, Johnson (Primary Sponsors) and B. Newton:

S.B. 408, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES AND DURING PARTICIPATION IN STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 409, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS AND UNDETECTABLE FIREARMS.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Adcock (Primary Sponsors); Burgin and Waddell:

S.B. 410, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING HOSPITALS TO PETITION THE COURT FOR APPROVAL TO DISCHARGE INCAPACITATED ADULT PATIENTS IN CASES IN WHICH PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THESE PATIENTS ARE UNWILLING TO CONSENT TO DISCHARGE.

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

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Garrett, McInnis, Sanderson and Smith:

S.B. 411, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THAT CERTAIN SCHOOL BUS CAMERA RECORDED IMAGES ARE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE DEMONSTRATING A FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND EXTENDING THE MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR AUTOMATED SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERA SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE VENDORS.

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

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 412, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES AND TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO BUILD CHILD CARE CAPACITY IN AREAS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE.

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

By Senators Chitlik, Murdock, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 413, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DECLARING THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT PREGNANCY SHALL NOT BE LIMITED.

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

By Senators Jones, Ford, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Burgin, Hanig and Hise:

S.B. 414, 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.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Jones, Hanig (Primary Sponsors) and Burgin:

S.B. 415, 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.

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

By Senators Daniel, Hise, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, McInnis and B. Newton:

S.B. 416, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT.

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

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 417, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PAYMENTS MADE BY STATE ENTITIES BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

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

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By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 418, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A STATE-RUN HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE.

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Bradley, Chitlik, Garrett, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 419, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO INITIATE DOWN-ZONING.

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

By Senators Burgin, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Mohammed, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 420, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOTTERY COMMISSION TO EXPEND LOTTERY REVENUES ON ADVERTISING EXPENSES AND TO REDIRECT MONIES INTENDED FOR ADVERTISING TOWARD FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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

By Senators Applewhite (Primary Sponsor); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 421, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM PRISON LABOR LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA TO ENSURE FAIR COMPENSATION, MEANINGFUL REHABILITATION, EQUITABLE WORK OPPORTUNITIES, AND PROTECTIONS AGAINST LABOR EXPLOITATION.

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

By Senators Corbin (Primary Sponsor) and Burgin:

S.B. 422, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Daniel, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Britt, Burgin, Galey, Moffitt and Sanderson:

S.B. 423, 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.

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

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By Senator Smith:

S.B. 424, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BROADEN THE USES FOR MEGASITE FUNDING.

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

By Senators Burgin, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and B. Newton:

S.B. 425, 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 AND TO REQUIRE ACCURATE MINUTES FOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS.

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

By Senators Galey, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Britt, Garrett, Moffitt, Mohammed, Salvador, Sawrey and Waddell:

S.B. 426, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT A STUDENT BORROWERS' BILL OF RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKS SHALL LICENSE AND REGULATE STUDENT LOAN SERVICERS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF THE STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig, and B. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 427, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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

By Senators Daniel, Moffitt, Hollo (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Brinson, Galey, Hise, McInnis, B. Newton, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 428, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING TRANSFERS OF SURFACE WATER BETWEEN RIVER BASINS.

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

By Senators Britt, B. Newton, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Craven, Hanig and McInnis:

S.B. 429, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET LIMITS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN NONCAPITAL CASES; TO BAN HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS; TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY; TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR

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COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF SOLICITATION OF MINORS BY COMPUTER; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF IMMUNITY TO WITNESSES; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PETITIONS PERTAINING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION BE PLACED ON THE CRIMINAL DOCKET; TO CLARIFY THE STANDING OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN CASES; TO ALLOW PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE TO FILE FOR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER; TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION ACT THAT CRIMINALLY INJURIOUS CONDUCT BE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS OF ITS OCCURRENCE; TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF SECRETLY PEEPING INTO ROOM OCCUPIED BY ANOTHER PERSON; TO REVISE THE LAW PROHIBITING SEXUAL ACTIVITY BY A SUBSTITUTE PARENT OR CUSTODIAN TO INCLUDE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS; 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; TO REVISE THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT OFFENSE TO INCLUDE OFFENSES INVOLVING GIFT CARDS; TO ALLOW UNLICENSED LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES TO PRACTICE LAW UNDER SUPERVISION; TO CLARIFY THAT FELONY SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO CLASS A THROUGH CLASS E FELONIES; TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE BACK TO THE COLLECTING AGENCY FOR PRESERVATION; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE RECORDING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF FAILURE TO YIELD THAT RESULTS IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY; AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN.

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

By Senators Adcock, Hollo, Brinson (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Grafstein and Waddell:

S.B. 430, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAW REGARDING THE MANDATORY USE OF CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS.

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

By Senators Grafstein, Bradley, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Garrett, Mayfield, Mohammed, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 431, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING FROM RETALIATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT REPORT THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE OR OTHER IMPROPER OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Grafstein, Everitt, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Garrett, Mohammed, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 432, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Everitt, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Garrett, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 433, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE LONGEVITY PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Bradley, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Garrett, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 434, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE HOURLY RATE OF THE MINIMUM SALARY FOR NONCERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO BE AT LEAST SEVENTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Everitt, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Garrett, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 435, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Garrett, Mayfield, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 436, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE AGE WITH DIGNITY ACT TO CREATE A CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Everitt, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 437, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Mayfield, Murdock, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 438, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Mayfield, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 439, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE AWARD OF NEW OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, TO REDUCE FUNDS FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, AND TO REALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FROM OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jackson, Hise, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 440, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Corbin, Lee, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Britt, Burgin, Hise, Jones, Lowe, McInnis, Mohammed, Salvador, Sanderson and Waddell:

S.B. 441, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Galey, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Daniel, Hise, Jones, Moffitt, B. Newton and Sanderson:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Corbin, Burgin (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 443, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL REQUIRE BENEFIT PROVIDERS TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); McInnis and Moffitt:

S.B. 444, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis (Primary Sponsor); Galey, Hise, McInnis and Moffitt:

S.B. 445, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor); Garrett, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 446, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 447, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SEWER REPAIR TASK FORCE, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SOUTH GRANVILLE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Chitlik, Garrett, Jones, Moffitt, Mohammed, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 448, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BY REMOVING THE UNEARNED INCOME LIMIT AND THE RESOURCE LIMIT FROM THE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES ACT UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Corbin, Overcash (Primary Sponsors) and Jones:

S.B. 449, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE MINIMUM CONSIDERATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY COSTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators McInnis, Lazzara, and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 450, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Jarvis, and McInnis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 451, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt, Grafstein, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Chitlik, Garrett, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 452, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ONLY INDIVIDUALS EIGHTEEN YEARS OR OLDER MAY LAWFULLY MARRY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt, Bradley, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 453, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF DUE DILIGENCE FUNDS ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING COALITION TO BE USED TO SUPPORT HOMEBUYER EDUCATION SERVICES IN THIS STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt, Grafstein, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 454, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND STANDARDS SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt, Bradley, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 455, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCOME TAX RELIEF TO SMALL BUSINESSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Murdock, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 456, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE HEALTHY START NC PROGRAM TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CHILDHOOD POVERTY AND TO OFFSET COSTS BY MODIFYING

THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE SO AS TO KEEP THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR CORPORATE TAXPAYERS MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THAT WHICH IS REQUIRED OF INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS OF THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Meyer, Chitlik, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Garrett, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 457, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICES, PUBLIC AGENCIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN INFORMING CITIZENS ABOUT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Chitlik, Batch, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 458, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Garrett, Grafstein, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Murdock, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 459, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Murdock, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 460, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS PROGRAM; CREATING A FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 461, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TAXATION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF GAIN IN A 1031 EXCHANGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 462, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO MODIFY THE LENGTH OF TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE LENGTH OF THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Chitlik, Mayfield, Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 463, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE NC MEDICAID TO COVER DOULA SERVICES DURING PREGNANCY AND THE POSTPARTUM PERIOD AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE DOULA WORKFORCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Applewhite, Grafstein, Mayfield, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 464, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEAM-BASED CARE COORDINATION IN MEDICAID SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND MODIFY THE MEDICAID PROGRAM TO SUSPEND RATHER THAN TERMINATE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik and Waddell:

S.B. 465, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO ASSESS, CATALOG, REPORT, AND DISPOSE OF CERTAIN VACANT STATE PROPERTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Mohammed, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 466, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR BH IDD TAILORED PLAN PARTICIPANTS AND TO PROMOTE COMPETITION AMONG THE BH IDD TAILORED PLANS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Chitlik, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Garrett, Mayfield, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 467, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS AND GAIN ACCESS TO ABORTION AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT).

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Grafstein:

S.B. 468, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN ALTERNATIVE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt and Hanig (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 469, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AN ACTION FOR IMPROPER ACTIONS FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Burgin and Hanig:

S.B. 470, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO END BLOCK SCHEDULING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig, McInnis (Primary Sponsors) and Lowe:

S.B. 471, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING AND HORSE RACING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis, McInnis, and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 472, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Theodros (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Mohammed, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 473, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING THE CAPITAL FOR COMMUNITIES SPECIAL FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Berger, Moffitt, Jarvis (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, McInnis, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 474, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 475, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED WENDY WILLIAMS'S LAWS, CREATING MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR GUARDIANS AND GUARDIANS AD LITEM APPOINTED TO SERVE INCOMPETENT PERSONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Garrett, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 476, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A WIDOW OR WIDOWER TO HYPHENATE PRE-MARRIAGE AND MARRIED SURNAMES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 313, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 18.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 391, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 403, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 404, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMEMBER ICONIC COMBATANTS THROUGH FOSTERING LEARNING AWARENESS AND INTEREST IN RASSLING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 412, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES AND TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO BUILD CHILD CARE CAPACITY IN AREAS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 423, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 440, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 473, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING THE CAPITAL FOR COMMUNITIES SPECIAL FUND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 410, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING HOSPITALS TO PETITION THE COURT FOR APPROVAL TO DISCHARGE INCAPACITATED ADULT PATIENTS IN CASES IN WHICH PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THESE PATIENTS ARE UNWILLING TO CONSENT TO DISCHARGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 397, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE INVESTING IN DURHAM'S EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC (IDEA) INFRASTRUCTURE ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 311, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35231, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 316 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 35214, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER

Senator Paul Newton of Senate District 34 submitted his letter of resignation on March 25, 2025, to be effective March 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, March 26, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Sarah Holland, Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:33 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 477, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Barnes, Sanderson, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Moffitt and Settle:

S.B. 478, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE BANKS AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INTEREST, FEES, AND PENALTIES RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL LOANS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey, Britt, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Berger, Bradley, Brinson, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 479, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Meyer, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 480, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Sawrey, Craven, Settle (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 481, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ADVANCED RECYCLING DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 482, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE DON'T TREAD ON ME: AN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Grafstein, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Garrett, Mayfield, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 483, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PRIORITIZING 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Daniel, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Brinson and Burgin:

S.B. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Settle, Moffitt, and Hise (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 485, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Alexander, Chitlik, Hanig, Lowe, Mohammed, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 486, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Everitt (Primary Sponsor) and Grafstein:

S.B. 487, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE SPONSORS FOR APPROPRIATIONS ENACTED BY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey (Primary Sponsor); Mayfield, B. Newton and Overcash:

S.B. 488, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 489, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Sawrey, and Overcash (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 490, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR APPEAL FROM CERTAIN AGENCY DETERMINATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Johnson, Overcash, Jackson (Primary Sponsors) and Lowe:

S.B. 491, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LICENSE, EXAMINE, AND REGULATE DEBT SETTLEMENT SERVICES IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mayfield, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 492, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE TO AUTHORIZE SINGLE-EXIT STAIRWAYS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Moffitt, and Overcash (Primary Sponsors):

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Jarvis:

S.B. 494, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENCOURAGING THE EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS BY ELIMINATING CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS IN ALL COUNTIES EXCEPT THOSE THAT HAVE A POPULATION OF LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND AT LEAST ONE FUNCTIONING HOSPITAL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Chitlik, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 495, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ALLOWING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SITING OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sanderson (Primary Sponsor) and Hanig:

S.B. 496, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FEDERATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Bradley, Chitlik, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 497, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE SITING OF MIDDLE HOUSING STRUCTURES IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sanderson (Primary Sponsor) and Craven:

S.B. 498, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT FOR UPGRADES AND REPAIRS TO THE TOWN'S BOAT DOCKS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Chitlik, Smith and Theodros:

S.B. 499, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW BY RIGHT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND USE IN ALL AREAS ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL USE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sanderson:

S.B. 500, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A NEW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING IN PAMLICO COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sanderson:

S.B. 501, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF EDENTON FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sanderson:

S.B. 502, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF CAPE CARTERET FOR CAPITAL NEEDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators McInnis, Sawyer, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Johnson:

S.B. 503, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 504, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Hanig, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); McInnis and Sanderson:

S.B. 505, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Overcash, and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 506, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES SALARY SUPPLEMENTS AND GRANTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Corbin, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 507, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES IN K-12 SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Lee, McInnis, Jones (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Mohammed, Overcash, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FOR TEACHERS TEACHING UNDER A LIMITED LICENSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise, Burgin, and Adcock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 509, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT; AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF NEW CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT AND A NEW STATE HEALTH DATA ASSESSMENT FEE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Theodros (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Bradley, Chitlik, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 510, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS FROM SALES TAX.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Grafstein, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 511, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN INFORMATIONAL LITERACY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Smith, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri and Mohammed:

S.B. 512, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE SONG “RAISE UP” AS THE OFFICIAL HIP HOP SONG OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Brinson and Sanderson:

S.B. 513, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ENHANCED PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE WIND ENERGY FACILITIES TO INSTALL LIGHT-MITIGATING TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Burgin, Lowe and Sanderson:

S.B. 514, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Lazzara, Johnson (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 515, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SIGN MANUFACTURERS FROM GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH A VERIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR BUILDING PERMIT APPLICANTS CLAIMING THIS EXEMPTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Sawyer, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Brinson, Daniel, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis and Sanderson:

S.B. 516, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Galey, Burgin, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and Lowe:

S.B. 517, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING FAIR PRICING AND TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR 340B COVERED ENTITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Meyer, Smith, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 518, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE “MOBILE HOME PARK ACT” TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR MOBILE HOMEOWNERS AND MOBILE HOME PARK MANAGEMENT AND TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO REGULATE MOBILE HOME PARKS AND RESOLVE DISPUTES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 519, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Salvador:

S.B. 520, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE FOR A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Theodros, Salvador, Garrett (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 521, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE QUALIFIED INVESTMENT ENTITY TAX CREDIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros (Primary Sponsor); Bradley and Waddell:

S.B. 522, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE FOR WOMEN IN MIDLIFE THROUGH IMPROVED HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE; PROGRAMS TO EXPAND ACCESS TO ESSENTIAL MIDLIFE HEALTHCARE SERVICES; TAX CREDITS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES FOR MIDLIFE HEALTHCARE EXPENSES; EXPANDED ACCESS TO PROVIDERS TRAINED IN ESSENTIAL MIDLIFE HEALTHCARE SERVICES; PUBLIC AWARENESS AND OUTREACH; BETTER DATA COLLECTION AND OVERSIGHT; ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIDLIFE HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 523, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, TO EXPAND ACCESS TO CARE, AND TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF TARGETED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 524, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY BY INCENTIVIZING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING A STATE-MANDATED BONUS FOR POLICE OFFICERS ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros, Waddell, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Murdock, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 525, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE MINIMUM WAGE OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR, INCORPORATE AUTOMATIC INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS, AND ENSURE ECONOMIC STABILITY FOR WORKERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Mayfield, Robinson and Theodros:

S.B. 526, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC STREET, HIGHWAY, OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 527, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES/MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Galey, and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 528, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mayfield, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Grafstein, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 529, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE VARIOUS CRIMINAL JUSTICE FEES AND RESTRICT THE EXTENSION OF PROBATION WHEN FAILURE TO PAY THE PROBATION SUPERVISION FEE IS THE ONLY GROUNDS FOR EXTENSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 530, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TARGETED FOR AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 531, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REIMBURSE PRIVATE ENTITIES FOR INPATIENT TREATMENT SERVICES PERFORMED ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS UNDER A COMMITMENT ORDER AND EXTENDING BEYOND THIRTY DAYS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Mayfield, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Bradley and Grafstein:

S.B. 532, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PRESERVING COMPETITION IN HEALTHCARE BY REGULATING THE CONSOLIDATION AND CONVEYANCE OF HOSPITALS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 533, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE TO ACCESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS, INCLUDING SMART VAPES AND OTHER VAPOR PRODUCTS; BROADENING THE REQUIRED VAPOR PRODUCTS LICENSE REQUIREMENT; AND PROVIDING FUNDING FOR GAMBLING ADDICTION EDUCATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS THROUGH GAMING REVENUES COLLECTED BY THE LOTTERY COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Robinson, Lowe, Blue (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 534, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AND WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Johnson, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Brinson:

S.B. 535, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE NONALCOHOLIC HEMP-DERIVED BEVERAGES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 536, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE BIRTH FREEDOM ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise, Adcock, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Barnes, Blue, Bradley, Burgin, Chitlik, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Jackson, Jones, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Murdock, Sanderson, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 537, 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).

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 538, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE, ESTABLISH STATE-LEVEL FAMILY LEAVE INCENTIVES, STRENGTHEN PARENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES, AND PROMOTE WORK-FAMILY BALANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Everitt, Salvador (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 539, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY WORKER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig, Corbin, Sanderson (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Daniel, Hise and Moffitt:

S.B. 540, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Garrett, Grafstein and Waddell:

S.B. 541, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Blue, Robinson, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 542, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt (Primary Sponsor); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 543, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PERIODICALLY AUDIT PRIVATE SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Chitlik, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 544, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PERIODICALLY AUDIT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 545, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PERIODICALLY AUDIT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Theodros, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 546, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE AND INNOVATION ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Robinson, Garrett (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 547, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE REFERENDUM REQUIRED TO LEVY THE ONE-QUARTER PERCENT COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX TO CLARIFY THAT REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE TAX CAN BE USED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig, Alexander, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Brinson, Mayfield, Mohammed, Sanderson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 548, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING FROM RETALIATION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT REPORT THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE OR OTHER IMPROPER OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Batch, Bradley, Chitlik, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 549, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING STATE EMPLOYEES WITH PAID LEAVE DESIGNATED FOR BEREAVEMENT AND FOLLOWING A PREGNANCY LOSS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik and Waddell:

S.B. 550, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE YOUTH ATHLETICS COACHES TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Garrett and Waddell:

S.B. 551, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA BROADBAND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES TO HELP MAKE BROADBAND ACCESS MORE AFFORDABLE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Johnson, and Hanig (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 552, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Batch, Mayfield, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Chitlik, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 553, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING, MAKING TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING, APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT AVAILABILITY OF MAMMOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGISTS IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE, AND UPDATING MAMMOGRAPHIC BREAST DENSITY PATIENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators B. Newton, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Brinson, Hanig, Moffitt, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 554, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 555, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT AND RESTORE WETLANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 556, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS REGARDING THE DISTANCE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN ELECTION-RELATED ACTIVITY IN A BUFFER ZONE AROUND A VOTING PLACE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 557, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY HOW TO CATEGORIZE ECONOMIC DISTRESS DEPENDING ON THE FUNCTION FOR WHICH THE CATEGORIZATION IS TO BE USED.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Berger, Overcash, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Brinson, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Moffitt, B. Newton, Rabon, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 558, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Chitlik, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 559, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Smith, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Mohammed, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 560, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE ON MISSING WOMEN AND GIRLS WHO ARE BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC) TO DEVELOP POLICY CHANGES THAT WILL WORK TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF CARE AND CONCERN FOR MISSING AND MURDERED BIPOC WOMEN AND GIRLS WITH STATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 561, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INTEGRATING AND EXPANDING HEALTHCARE, CHILD CARE, NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTIVE CARE PROGRAMS TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES IN NORTH CAROLINA; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros, Salvador, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 562, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NORTH CAROLINA CYBERSECURITY AND QUANTUM RESILIENCE STUDY COMMISSION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Robinson, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 563, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS TO ENHANCE THE COMPETITIVENESS OF STUDENT-ATHLETES IN NORTH CAROLINA WITH REGARD TO NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS AND DIRECT COMPENSATION OF STUDENT-ATHLETES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Mayfield, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 564, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Smith:

S.B. 565, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINETOPS TO SUPPORT THE EQUIPMENT AND STAFFING NEEDS OF THE TOWN'S POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Meyer, Adcock, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mayfield, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 566, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Meyer, Adcock, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 567, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ADJUST MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 568, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHEDELIC MEDICINE TASK FORCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Smith, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield and Waddell:

S.B. 569, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEALING OF CERTAIN SUMMARY EJECTMENT RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS AND TO MAKE DENIAL OF A RENTAL APPLICATION BASED ON CERTAIN SEALED RECORDS A DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICE UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mayfield (Primary Sponsor); Grafstein and Waddell:

S.B. 570, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE SUPREMACY OF MEDICAL PROVIDERS' PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT AND TO PROHIBIT THE "CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE".

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Batch, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Chitlik, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 571, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA MOMNIBUS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Chitlik and Waddell:

S.B. 572, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FERTILITY MEDICATION UNDER CERTAIN HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS THAT OFFER FERTILITY TREATMENT COVERAGE AND UNDER THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 573, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM ANIMAL CRUELTY AND NEGLECT LAWS TO ADD STANDARDS FOR ADEQUATE SPACE AND SHELTER AND TO ADDRESS COMPANION ANIMAL HOARDING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 574, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHY SOILS TASK FORCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 575, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE A CLASS TWO MISDEMEANOR IF THE PEDESTRIAN IS SERIOUSLY INJURED, ADDING A PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MODULE TO THE DRIVER EDUCATION CURRICULUM, AND REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION STUDY METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE DRIVER EDUCATION CURRICULUM WITH RESPECT TO ITS INSTRUCTION ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 576, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE AND TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators B. Newton, Daniel, and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 577, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST KICKBACKS OR OTHER UNEARNED FEES IN TITLE INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Lowe (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 578, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CARDINAL CORPS ACT TO PLACE INDIVIDUALS IN JOB POSITIONS IN CRITICAL, HIGH-NEED SECTORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Lee, Sawyer, Settle (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Chaudhuri and Smith:

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH VARIOUS COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Jones (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri and Waddell:

S.B. 580, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION INNOVATION GRANT AND NETWORK PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Chaudhuri, Burgin (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 581, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF NEGLECTED JUVENILE TO EXEMPT CERTAIN INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 582, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SABBATICAL PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES IN NORTH CAROLINA, PROMOTING HEALTH, REJUVENATION, AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Chitlik, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 583, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE “LEADING INVESTMENTS IN FAMILIES AND FOSTER TEENS ACT” AND TO IMPLEMENT THE HEALTHY START NC PROGRAM TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CHILDHOOD POVERTY AND TO OFFSET COSTS BY MODIFYING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE SO AS TO KEEP THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR CORPORATE TAXPAYERS MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THAT WHICH IS REQUIRED OF INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS OF THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Rabon, Craven, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Blue, Mayfield, Mohammed, Salvador, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 584, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FINANCING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Mohammed, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 585, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS AND PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS IN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY EMS OR RESCUE AND LIFESAVING DEPARTMENTS MAY RECEIVE A WAIVER OF TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES WHEN ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 586, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO KEEP CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES SAFE AT CHILD CARE CENTERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lazzara, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Galey, Johnson, Jones and Sawyer:

S.B. 587, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY NONCONFORMITIES IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Bradley, Garrett, Grafstein, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 588, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT PREGNANT WOMEN FROM DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 589, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO TIER ONE COUNTIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 590, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lowe (Primary Sponsor); Mayfield and Waddell:

S.B. 591, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ATTENDANCE OF MINORS AT CERTAIN EXHIBITIONS OF ANIMAL FIGHTING, TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS WITH THE INTENT THAT THEY BE USED IN EXHIBITIONS OF ANIMAL FIGHTING, AND TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PARAPHERNALIA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Chaudhuri, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Mayfield, Mohammed, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 592, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MATCHING GRANTS FOR COUNTIES AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS TO ASSIST WITH CAPACITY BUILDING IN CHILD CARE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chaudhuri, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 593, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CHILD CARE EXPANSION ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL TIME BY A LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAM IN THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chaudhuri, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 594, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES TO THOSE IN THE 2023 MARKET RATE STUDY, TO ESTABLISH A FLOOR FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators McInnis and Craven (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 595, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Blue, Lee, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mohammed, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 596, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY FOR NEEDED CAMPUS REPAIRS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 597, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONSIDERATION OF THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF A PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING DECISION ON MINORITY OR LOW-

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INCOME COMMUNITIES AND TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERMITTING DECISIONS IMPACTING OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 598, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Galey, Sawrey, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 599, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Burgin, Galey, and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 600, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Hise:

S.B. 601, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Daniel, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 602, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 603, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS IN MECKLENBURG, IREDELL, AND DAVIDSON COUNTIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 604, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEFINE THE TERM “SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER” AND REQUIRE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL

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ADMINISTRATOR OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER TO SIGN A SCHOOL-BASED COMPLAINT INITIATED BY A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PRIOR TO BEING FILED IN JUVENILE COURT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Sawrey, P. Newton (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 605, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE SUBBASIN DESIGNATIONS AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN INTERBASIN TRANSFER CERTIFICATE FOR WATER TRANSFERS BETWEEN SUBBASINS WITHIN THE SAME MAJOR RIVER BASIN AND TO REVISE 2020 FARM ACT TMDL TRANSPORT FACTOR CALCULATION APPLICABILITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Chaudhuri, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Grafstein, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 606, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE NORTH CAROLINIANS CAN ACCESS ESSENTIAL STATE SERVICES IN THEIR PRIMARY LANGUAGE AND TO FORMALLY RECOGNIZE KEY CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS THAT REFLECT THE COMMUNITIES THAT CALL NORTH CAROLINA HOME.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Salvador, Garrett, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 607, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN THE PAYMENT OF WAGES ON THE BASIS OF THE GENDER OF THE EMPLOYEE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Salvador, Waddell, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik and Smith:

S.B. 608, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)/WORK FIRST PROGRAM ASSISTANCE BENEFITS TO INCLUDE A WOMAN WHO IS PREGNANT, INCREASE THE CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFIT AMOUNT, INCREASE RESOURCE AND INCOME LIMITS FOR CASH ASSISTANCE, AND REMOVE TIME LIMITATIONS ON CASH ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN THOSE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Salvador:

S.B. 609, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY'S STEELE CREEK COMMUNITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Salvador (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 610, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR UPGRADING ORPHAN ROADS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Murdock, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Bradley, Garrett, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 611, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CONSECUTIVE REMOTE LICENSE RENEWALS FOR NON-REAL ID COMPLIANT DRIVERS LICENSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Meyer, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 612, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVERT THE SCHOOL BUS FLEET TO ELECTRIC BUSES BY 2050 AND TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL COUNTIES IN CONVERTING ACTIVITY BUSES TO ELECTRIC.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 613, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST THE NUMBER OF MEDICAID STANDARD BENEFIT PLAN CONTRACTS AWARDED DURING FUTURE AWARD CYCLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lazzara, Sawyer, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Brinson and Moffitt:

S.B. 614, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN DAMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 616, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY-BASED CAPACITY RESTORATION PILOT PROGRAM AND THE DETENTION CENTER CAPACITY RESTORATION PILOT PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik and Waddell:

S.B. 617, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MIDWIVES LICENSING ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Lowe, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 618, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE LASTING ECONOMIC AND ACADEMIC PROSPERITY (LEAP) ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Lee, Overcash, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Craven and Moffitt:

S.B. 619, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AI ACADEMIC SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Smith, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Garrett and Waddell:

S.B. 620, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE “STOPPING TRAFFICKING AND REINFORCING OPIOID AND NARCOTICS GUARDRAILS (S.T.R.O.N.G.) ACT” TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE RESPONSE TO THE FENTANYL CRISIS BY INCREASING PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN DRUG TRAFFICKERS, CERTAIN DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION OFFENSES, AND FOR TRAFFICKING NEAR SCHOOLS AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES; ENHANCING LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND RESOURCES; UPGRADING AND EXPANDING THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REPORTING SYSTEM; EXPANDING OPIOID USE DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAMS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES; AND CREATING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT HIRE EMPLOYEES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TRAINING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lowe (Primary Sponsor); Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 621, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE SALES AND USE TAX HOLIDAY FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Chitlik, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 622, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 623, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE LABOR RIGHTS OF FIRST RESPONDERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 624, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGULATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CHATBOT LICENSING, SAFETY, AND PRIVACY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Bradley, Garrett, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 625, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE INITIATIVES TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA PROSPERITY AND HEALTH.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Grafstein, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mayfield, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 626, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SEPARATION LAWS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE AND TO ABOLISH THE COMMON LAW CIVIL ACTIONS OF ALIENATION OF AFFECTION AND CRIMINAL CONVERSATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Smith, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 627, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SMALL BUSINESSES TO ELIMINATE STATE INCOME TAXES ON A PORTION OF REVENUE IF USED FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Salvador, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 628, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL THREATS AND SAFETY PLANS, TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY PARENTS OF SCHOOL THREATS, TO REINSTATE THE TASK FORCE FOR SAFER SCHOOLS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL SAFETY FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Meyer, Garrett (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 629, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ON MOTOCROSS RACING FACILITIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Everitt, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Garrett, Grafstein, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 630, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Theodros, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Garrett and Waddell:

S.B. 631, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AWARDING A LEGISLATIVE SALARY INCREASE FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE STAFF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Grafstein, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Garrett, Mohammed, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 632, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A HOMEBUYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WHO WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS AND TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR UNREIMBURSED BUSINESS EXPENSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Grafstein, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 633, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A MISDEMEANOR CRIME OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM; TO REQUIRE A UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECK FOR THE SALE OF A FIREARM; TO REENACT THE PISTOL PURCHASE PERMIT LAW; AND TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS BY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 634, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Chitlik, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 635, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Everitt, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Mayfield, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

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S.B. 636, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT PROVISIONS RELATED TO IMPROVING THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 637, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock and Smith:

S.B. 638, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jackson, Sanderson, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Brinson, Britt, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Jarvis, Jones, Lee, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 639, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Theodros, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 640, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Bradley, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 641, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE CHILD TAX CREDIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lowe, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 642, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO RECEIVE EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING ON IDENTIFICATION OF WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE, VIOLENCE, AND SOCIAL ISOLATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Lowe, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Chaudhuri, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 643, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE NORTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Meyer, Garrett, Theodros (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 644, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN SCHOOLS IN LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS, TO POWER SCHOOLS WITH SOLAR ENERGY, AND TO REPLACE COMBUSTION-POWERED SCHOOL BUSES WITH ELECTRIC-POWERED SCHOOL BUSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Everitt, Bradley, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 645, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY SCHOOL WALK ZONES; SETTING LOWER SPEED LIMITS IN SCHOOL WALK ZONES; INCREASING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR INJURING A MINOR IN A CROSSWALK, SCHOOL ZONE, OR SCHOOL WALK ZONE; AND CREATING AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENT FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Everitt, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 646, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING PARTICIPANTS IN THE JANUARY SIXTH INSURRECTION INELIGIBLE FOR STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Everitt, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Chaudhuri, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 647, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FULFILL NORTH CAROLINA'S PROMISE TO ITS CHILDREN THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENT IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE INFRASTRUCTURE, TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD HAS ACCESS TO QUALITY EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES REGARDLESS OF GEOGRAPHY OR FAMILY INCOME, TO STRENGTHEN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE, AND TO SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES ACROSS THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators B. Newton, Britt, and Daniel (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 648, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Garrett, Lowe, Mayfield, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 649, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 650, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CIVIL RELIEF FROM COERCED DEBT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Batch, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 651, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT HELPING UNDERSERVED SMALL-BUSINESS TRIUMPH THROUGH LENDING ENHANCEMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Batch, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Mayfield, Murdock, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 652, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL ELECTION WHEN AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHANGES PARTY AFFILIATION DURING THE MEMBER'S TERM IN OFFICE WITH MORE THAN SIX MONTHS OF THE TERM REMAINING AND TO REQUIRE THE RETURN OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS UPON THE REQUEST OF THE CONTRIBUTOR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Meyer, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 653, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE PERSONS CAUSING OR CONTRIBUTING TO CONTAMINATION RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS OF CLEANUP AND PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLIES TO PERSONS WITH WATER SUPPLIES AFFECTED BY SUCH CONTAMINATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey (Primary Sponsor) and Moffitt:

S.B. 654, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AUDIOLOGY LICENSURE STATUTES BY ELIMINATING DUAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMERS WHEN PURCHASING LOCKED HEARING AIDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Alexander, Overcash, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Craven and Galey:

S.B. 655, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION AS THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Grafstein, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Murdock, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 656, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT NATURAL HAIR CARE SERVICES, BLOW-DRY STYLING, AND MAKEUP ARTISTRY FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COSMETIC ART EXAMINERS; TO CONVERT THE MANDATORY NATURAL HAIR CARE SPECIALIST LICENSE TO A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATE; AND TO EXPAND AUTHORIZED SETTINGS FOR CERTAIN COSMETIC ART SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Johnson, Settle, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Jones and Smith:

S.B. 657, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOCATE TAX PROCEEDS FROM SPORTS BETTING TO PROVIDE SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR ATHLETIC COACHES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Robinson (Primary Sponsor) and Garrett:

S.B. 658, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PRESERVATION GREENSBORO INCORPORATED FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND RENOVATION OF THE HISTORIC BLANDWOOD MANSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Applewhite, Grafstein, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 659, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RAISE SALARIES FOR TEACHERS, STATE EMPLOYEES, COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA; TO PROVIDE A COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR RETIREES; TO EXPAND THE WAGES PROGRAM STATEWIDE; AND TO CREATE A TAX CREDIT FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYERS EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF FIVE PERCENT OF WAGES PAID TO EMPLOYEES DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR OR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Applewhite, Smith, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Mohammed, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 660, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Applewhite, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Chitlik, Mohammed, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 661, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, TO STUDY HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 662, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Chitlik (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 663, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN NORTH CAROLINA DIAPER BANKS AND TO INCREASE FUNDS FOR THE FEMININE HYGIENE PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators B. Newton and McInnis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 664, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 665, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASINS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Lee (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite and Britt:

S.B. 666, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR PFAS MITIGATION AND RESEARCH, TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADOPT STANDARDS FOR PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT PFAS DISCHARGE LIMITS FOR SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USERS AND PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS DISCHARGING DIRECTLY TO SURFACE WATERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Theodros, Chaudhuri, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 667, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENTS, BLOCKCHAIN INTEGRATION, AND PUBLIC SERVICE DIGITIZATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 668, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSURE BOARD AND TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 669, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators B. Newton, Brinson, Daniel (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 670, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise, Moffitt, Daniel (Primary Sponsors) and Mayfield:

S.B. 671, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS AS REVENUE REPLACEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT EXPERIENCED REVENUE LOSS FROM PROPERTY TAXES, SALES AND USE TAXES, AND WATER AND SEWER RECEIPTS AS THE RESULT OF HURRICANE HELENE AND TO PROVIDE INTEREST RELIEF ON PROPERTY TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO SUSTAINED A CERTAIN LEVEL OF PROPERTY DAMAGE AS THE RESULT OF HURRICANE HELENE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 672, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE PRO-FAMILY, PRO-CONSUMER MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION ACT TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF LARGE MEDICAL FACILITIES TO CHARGE UNREASONABLE INTEREST RATES AND EMPLOY UNFAIR TACTICS IN DEBT COLLECTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Bradley and Grafstein:

S.B. 673, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE NONCLINICAL SERVICES SUBJECT TO CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS AND TO PROVIDE WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION AND EMPLOYMENT PROTECTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Bradley and Waddell:

S.B. 674, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR CITIZENS IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Craven, Overcash, Blue (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite and Waddell:

S.B. 675, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor); Bradley and Waddell:

S.B. 676, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR MITIGATED SENTENCING FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER FORMS OF ABUSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Chaudhuri, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Bradley and Waddell:

S.B. 677, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF CHILDCARE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, REQUIRE RENOVATIONS OR NEW BUILDS OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY TO INCLUDE A CHILDCARE CENTER OR ADULT CARE CENTER, CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR CHILDCARE FACILITIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COUNTY GRANTS

FOR THIRD-SHIFT CHILDCARE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, REQUIRE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ONSITE CHILDCARE AT EACH NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COLLEGE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM, ESTABLISH WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE STREAMLINING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL STRUCTURES FOR COMMERCIAL CHILDCARE FACILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Chitlik, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 678, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF CHILDCARE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, REQUIRE RENOVATIONS OR NEW BUILDS OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY TO INCLUDE A CHILDCARE CENTER OR ADULT CARE CENTER ONSITE, CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR CHILDCARE FACILITIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor); Chitlik, Garrett, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 679, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A COURT TO TEMPORARILY DEFER THE IMPRISONMENT OF A PREGNANT PERSON THAT IS FOUND NOT TO BE A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Chitlik, Chaudhuri, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 680, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE FINANCE AGENCY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 681, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Salvador, Bradley, and Waddell (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 682, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DISCOVERY PLACE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AT ITS CHARLOTTE NATURE MUSEUM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor); Chitlik, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 683, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY-BASED SENTENCING FOR NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS THAT ARE THE PRIMARY CARETAKER OF A DEPENDENT CHILD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chitlik, Lowe, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 684, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PUT MONEY TO WORK IN COMMUNITIES ACT TO INCREASE AND INCENTIVIZE PHILANTHROPIC INVESTMENT IN ALL 100 COUNTIES BY PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT FOR CHARITABLE GIFTS BY TAXPAYERS TO ENDOWED FUNDS OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 685, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT MAINTENANCE AND ACCEPTANCE GUARANTEES FOR SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENTS TO PREVENT THE CREATION OF UNMAINTAINED PUBLICLY DEDICATED ROADS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Murdock (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 686, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 687, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO INVEST IN INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND HABITATS OF THE STATE'S WILDLIFE POPULATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis (Primary Sponsor) and Moffitt:

S.B. 688, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Overcash, Corbin, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Jones and Sawrey:

S.B. 689, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Craven, Jarvis, Jones (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Lazzara and Moffitt:

S.B. 690, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Mohammed, Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 691, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PERSONS, INCLUDING CERTAIN PERSONS WHO DO NOT HAVE LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS, TO RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Mohammed, Batch, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 692, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Britt, Lee, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Lazzara and Moffitt:

S.B. 693, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RELATED TO VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Sawrey, Britt, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Bradley, Mayfield, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 694, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Lazzara and Johnson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 695, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GROW THE PROPERTY TAX BASE OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY FACILITATING PRIVATE DEVELOPER INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Theodros (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 696, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING A JUDICIAL FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE TO EXECUTE A NO-KNOCK SEARCH WARRANT AND CLARIFYING THAT AN OFFICER SERVING A SEARCH WARRANT MUST WAIT LONG ENOUGH AFTER NOTICE FOR EITHER AN OCCUPANT TO RESPOND OR THE OFFICER TO DETERMINE THAT FORCED ENTRY IS NECESSARY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawyer and Alexander (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 697, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Applewhite, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 698, 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 INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Craven, Jackson, and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 699, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis, Lazzara, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 700, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND CODES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRANSFER VARIOUS COUNCILS AND BOARDS TO THE OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND CODES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Britt, B. Newton, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Craven, Daniel, Hanig, Moffitt and Overcash:

S.B. 701, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Craven, Britt, Daniel (Primary Sponsors) and Galey:

S.B. 702, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS AFFECTING BAIL BONDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Britt, B. Newton, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Craven, Galey and Sawrey:

S.B. 703, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT TO INCREASE CERTAIN BENEFITS UNDER THE SCHEDULE OF INJURIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS BASED UPON INCREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Britt, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Batch, Chitlik, Mayfield, Murdock and Salvador:

S.B. 704, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT PERSONS ERRONEOUSLY CONVICTED OF FELONIES, TO BE KNOWN AS THE RONNIE LONG NO CAP ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 705, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Craven, Rabon, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Galey and Moffitt:

S.B. 706, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Garrett, Waddell (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Bradley, Grafstein and Mohammed:

S.B. 707, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL

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GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO RETIRE WITH UNREDUCED BENEFITS AFTER ACHIEVING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE AND MAKING CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE RELATED LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Applewhite, Grafstein, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell:

S.B. 708, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REDUCING PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE, REENACTING THE CHILD TAX CREDIT, INCREASING THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR ON LABOR DAY 2025 AND GRANTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FLEXIBILITY TO SET A HIGHER LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE, INCREASING THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT FOR THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER, CREATING A HOMEBUYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WHO WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES AND CREATING THE EMPLOYER GRANT FUND TO OFFSET COSTS INCURRED BY EMPLOYERS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Hise, Craven, Lee (Primary Sponsors); McInnis and Moffitt:

S.B. 709, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Daniel, Britt, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 710, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, REQUIRE SENATE CONFIRMATION FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Daniel, B. Newton, and Britt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 711, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A CODE OF ETHICS FOR REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND TO PROVIDE A PROCESS TO REMOVE A

REGISTER OF DEEDS FROM OFFICE FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND REQUIRING THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES THAT CAUSE SECURITY BREACHES TO PAY FOR OR REIMBURSE NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENTS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BREACH NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Chitlik, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 712, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CARING FOR OUR CAREGIVERS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Jarvis, Moffitt, and McInnis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 713, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO REGULATE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Robinson (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Bradley, Chitlik, Corbin, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 714, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chitlik, Mohammed, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 715, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT VOTER IDENTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 716, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REFORM FOR FAIR COMPETITION IN NORTH CAROLINA'S ENERGY MARKET.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Bradley, Mohammed, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 717, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING ASSAULT BY STRANGULATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 718, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING RENEWABLE ENERGY PROCUREMENT AND OWNERSHIP LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Mohammed, Theodros (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 719, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE ACT, FUND, AND COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 720, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 721, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DISALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT FOR ARREST WHEN A CRIMINAL CHARGE IS TAKEN OUT BY A NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, EXCEPT IN CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Batch, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 722, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT CHILDREN ONLINE, ESTABLISHING THE ONLINE SAFETY DIVISION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE CYBERBULLYING UNIT AT THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, CREATING THE ONLINE CHILD SAFETY COMMISSION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Alexander and Galey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 723, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXEMPTING DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION'S INVESTIGATIONS FROM STATE DEVICE CONTENT PROHIBITION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Alexander, Overcash, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 724, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SAFE PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 725, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FOSTER CARE AND EDUCATION COUNCIL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Mohammed:

S.B. 726, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE WESTMORELAND ROAD INTERCHANGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 727, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST THE NUMBER OF MEDICAID STANDARD BENEFIT PLAN CONTRACTS AWARDED DURING FUTURE AWARD CYCLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis (Primary Sponsor) and B. Newton:

S.B. 728, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR UTILITY-SCALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS, AND TO REQUIRE SUCH SYSTEMS TO RESPONSIBLY DECOMMISSION UPON CESSATION OF ACTIVITIES, MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND TO FILE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DECOMMISSIONING PLANS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Adcock, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Chitlik, Garrett, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 729, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH SCREENINGS IN SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis (Primary Sponsor) and B. Newton:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 731, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CHANGES TO THE LAWS RELATED TO RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION SERVICE DISTRICTS AND URBAN RESEARCH SERVICE DISTRICTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Robinson, Meyer, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Chaudhuri, Mayfield, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 732, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MEASURE THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING OF THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor) and Batch:

S.B. 733, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH JANUARY FOURTEENTH OF EACH YEAR AS TAMIL PONGAL DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sanderson, Lazzara, Hanig (Primary Sponsors) and Brinson:

S.B. 734, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador, Garrett, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 735, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INNOVATION TRUST FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Grafstein, Bradley (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 736, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO COMPREHENSIVELY ADDRESS HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES AND NEEDS IN THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Corbin, Barnes, and Adcock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID RATES PAID TO AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador, Theodros, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 738, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING THE DIGITAL CONTENT PROVENANCE INITIATIVE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sanderson (Primary Sponsor); Craven and Hanig:

S.B. 739, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OYSTER FARMING IN HYDE COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 740, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FOR THE COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor); Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 741, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MAIN LIBRARY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor); Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 742, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE C.W. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 743, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES NEEDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Meyer, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Blue, Bradley, Chitlik, Garrett, Mayfield, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 744, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING STANDARDS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVING OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chaudhuri, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Mohammed, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 745, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CHILD CARE SETTINGS BY ALLOWING AN INCREASE IN MAXIMUM GROUP SIZES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS AND ALIGNING THE LICENSING RULE REGARDING NAP TIME SUPERVISION FOR ONE-YEAR OLDS WITH THE RULE FOR TWO-YEAR OLDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador, Murdock, Theodros (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 746, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON AUTOMATION AND THE WORKFORCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Salvador (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Bradley, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 747, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY AND CREATING THE AI LEARNING LABORATORY PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sanderson (Primary Sponsor); Bradley, Moffitt and Salvador:

S.B. 748, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR INSTRUCTION IN CRITICAL THINKING IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor); Daniel, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 749, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR WORK OR WORK-RELATED ACTIVITIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO INCARCERATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO BE DELINQUENT ON CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Garrett and Waddell:

S.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Robinson (Primary Sponsors) and Smith:

S.B. 751, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTIONS FROM LEAKING SOLID WASTE TRANSPORT VEHICLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Adcock, Theodros (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 752, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF EPINEPHRINE NASAL SPRAY IN ADDITION TO AUTO-INJECTORS IN SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Bradley, Grafstein, Everitt (Primary Sponsors); Garrett and Waddell:

S.B. 753, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION INCREASES TO MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Galey, Berger, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 754, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Jarvis:

S.B. 755, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LICENSING BOARD FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS, TO CLARIFY THE COMPLAINT PROCESS, AND TO REQUIRE PAYMENT OF COURT AWARDS PRIOR TO EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis (Primary Sponsor) and McInnis:

S.B. 756, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador, Hanig, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Bradley, Garrett and Smith:

S.B. 757, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT CONSUMERS BY ENACTING THE CONSUMER PRIVACY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lazzara, P. Newton, Jarvis (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Craven, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton and Sanderson:

S.B. 758, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO FACILITATE THE ALLOCATION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Jones (Primary Sponsors) and Burgin:

S.B. 759, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 134 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE MISBRANDING OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 330 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

BILL HELD AS FILED

S.B. 615 is ordered held as filed in the Office of the Senate Principal Clerk.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

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

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HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND STABILIZATION PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THOSE PAYMENTS THROUGH INCREASED HOSPITAL ASSESSMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 190, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15310, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

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.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 316 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** on March 24, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

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S.B. 171, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 364, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 394, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 445, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 474, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

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The bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 479, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 486, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA SENIOR TAR HEEL LEGISLATURE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 496, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL FEDERATION FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 498, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF BEAUFORT FOR UPGRADES AND REPAIRS TO THE TOWN'S BOAT DOCKS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 500, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A NEW DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING IN PAMLICO COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 501, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF EDENTON FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 502, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF CAPE CARTERET FOR CAPITAL NEEDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 503, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 506, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES SALARY SUPPLEMENTS AND GRANTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 507, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES IN K-12 SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FOR TEACHERS TEACHING UNDER A LIMITED LICENSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 520, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINEVILLE FOR A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 528, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 533, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE TO ACCESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS, INCLUDING SMART VAPES AND OTHER VAPOR PRODUCTS; BROADENING THE REQUIRED VAPOR PRODUCTS LICENSE REQUIREMENT; AND PROVIDING FUNDING FOR GAMBLING ADDICTION EDUCATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS THROUGH GAMING REVENUES COLLECTED BY THE LOTTERY COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 534, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY AND WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 538, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE, ESTABLISH STATE-LEVEL FAMILY LEAVE INCENTIVES, STRENGTHEN PARENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES, AND PROMOTE WORK-FAMILY BALANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 540, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 541, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE

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CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 542, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 558, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 565, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF PINETOPS TO SUPPORT THE EQUIPMENT AND STAFFING NEEDS OF THE TOWN'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 578, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CARDINAL CORPS ACT TO PLACE INDIVIDUALS IN JOB POSITIONS IN CRITICAL, HIGH-NEED SECTORS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 582, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SABBATICAL PROGRAM FOR LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES IN NORTH CAROLINA, PROMOTING HEALTH, REJUVENATION, AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 583, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE "LEADING INVESTMENTS IN FAMILIES AND FOSTER TEENS ACT" AND TO IMPLEMENT THE HEALTHY START NC PROGRAM TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CHILDHOOD POVERTY AND

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TO OFFSET COSTS BY MODIFYING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE SO AS TO KEEP THE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR CORPORATE TAXPAYERS MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH THAT WHICH IS REQUIRED OF INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS OF THE STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 585, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS AND PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS IN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY EMS OR RESCUE AND LIFESAVING DEPARTMENTS MAY RECEIVE A WAIVER OF TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES WHEN ATTENDING COMMUNITY COLLEGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 589, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO TIER ONE COUNTIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 590, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 592, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR MATCHING GRANTS FOR COUNTIES AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS TO ASSIST WITH CAPACITY BUILDING IN CHILD CARE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 593, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CHILD CARE EXPANSION ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL TIME BY A LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAM IN THE STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 594, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES TO THOSE IN THE 2023 MARKET RATE STUDY, TO ESTABLISH A FLOOR FOR CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 596, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY FOR NEEDED CAMPUS REPAIRS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 599, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 603, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TRAILS AND GREENWAYS IN MECKLENBURG, IREDELL, AND DAVIDSON COUNTIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 610, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR UPGRADING ORPHAN ROADS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 619, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AI ACADEMIC SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 620, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE “STOPPING TRAFFICKING AND REINFORCING OPIOID AND NARCOTICS GUARDRAILS (S.T.R.O.N.G.) ACT” TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE RESPONSE TO THE FENTANYL CRISIS BY INCREASING PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN DRUG TRAFFICKERS, CERTAIN DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION OFFENSES, AND FOR TRAFFICKING NEAR SCHOOLS AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES; ENHANCING LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND RESOURCES; UPGRADING AND EXPANDING THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES REPORTING SYSTEM; EXPANDING OPIOID USE DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAMS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES; AND CREATING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT HIRE EMPLOYEES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TRAINING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 628, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL THREATS AND SAFETY PLANS, TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY PARENTS OF SCHOOL THREATS, TO REINSTATE THE TASK FORCE FOR SAFER SCHOOLS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE SCHOOL SAFETY FUND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 630, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH WORKER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 631, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AWARDED A LEGISLATIVE SALARY INCREASE FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE STAFF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 632, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A HOMEBUYERS' ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WHO WORK AS PUBLIC SERVANTS AND TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR UNREIMBURSED BUSINESS EXPENSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 658, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PRESERVATION GREENSBORO INCORPORATED FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND RENOVATION OF THE HISTORIC BLANDWOOD MANSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 663, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN NORTH CAROLINA DIAPER BANKS AND TO INCREASE FUNDS FOR THE FEMININE HYGIENE PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 677, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF CHILDCARE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, REQUIRE RENOVATIONS OR NEW BUILDS OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY TO INCLUDE A CHILDCARE CENTER OR ADULT

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CARE CENTER, CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR CHILDCARE FACILITIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR COUNTY GRANTS FOR THIRD-SHIFT CHILDCARE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, REQUIRE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR ONSITE CHILDCARE AT EACH NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COLLEGE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM, ESTABLISH WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE STREAMLINING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICAL STRUCTURES FOR COMMERCIAL CHILDCARE FACILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 678, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF CHILDCARE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, REQUIRE RENOVATIONS OR NEW BUILDS OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY TO INCLUDE A CHILDCARE CENTER OR ADULT CARE CENTER ONSITE, CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM FOR USE OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY FOR CHILDCARE FACILITIES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 680, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE FINANCE AGENCY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 682, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DISCOVERY PLACE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AT ITS CHARLOTTE NATURE MUSEUM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 687, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO INVEST IN INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND HABITATS OF THE STATE'S WILDLIFE POPULATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 691, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PERSONS, INCLUDING CERTAIN PERSONS WHO DO NOT HAVE LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS, TO RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 692, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 712, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CARING FOR OUR CAREGIVERS ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 715, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH THE STUDENT VOTER IDENTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM AND TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 716, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REFORM FOR FAIR COMPETITION IN NORTH CAROLINA'S ENERGY MARKET, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 722, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT CHILDREN ONLINE, ESTABLISHING THE ONLINE SAFETY DIVISION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE CYBERBULLYING UNIT AT THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, CREATING THE ONLINE CHILD SAFETY COMMISSION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 726, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE WESTMORELAND ROAD INTERCHANGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 732, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MEASURE THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING OF THE STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 735, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INNOVATION TRUST FUND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID RATES PAID TO AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 738, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING THE DIGITAL CONTENT PROVENANCE INITIATIVE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 739, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR OYSTER FARMING IN HYDE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 740, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FOR THE COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 741, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MAIN LIBRARY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 742, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE C.W. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 743, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES NEEDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND WORKFORCE HOUSING BY PROVIDING CURRENT AND ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 753, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION INCREASES TO MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 754, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 405, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Our dear God, our Father, we thank thee for this day, we thank thee for this hour, and we thank thee for this moment. We ask that you would continue to be with us. We ask that you would continue to lift each and every one of us up. Help us to do thy will; and as we do thy will help us to do what’s best for the Old North State. These things we pray in He that orders our steps and meets us with mercy. And all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 25, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Siena Lewis, Charlotte; Khloe Moye, Greenville; Garrett Murdock, Roxboro; Paisley Rigsbee, Rougemont; Allison Ruiz Medrano, Durham; Erica Smith, Trent Woods; Evan Wanner, Mooresville; and Hudson Winslow, Youngsville.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 219 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF STALLINGS AND THE VILLAGE OF MARVIN.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today’s calendar and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 49, noes 1, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---49.

Voting in the negative: Senator Everitt---1.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, March 27, upon third reading.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 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, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (50-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (50-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Johnson, the words spoken by Senator P. Newton are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR P. NEWTON: “So, members, what Senator Mohammed is obviously alluding to is that several weeks ago, a friend sent me a job description out of the blue. I’m sitting at my desk, doing Senate work, and I was not looking for a job. But I opened the job description, and as I read it, I concluded that really everything I had done in my career heretofore was exactly what they were looking for. And I’m like, ‘hmmm...I’m a perfect fit.’ So, I thought I would pursue it. I did, and it happened so quickly. And then last Monday, just a couple of days ago, Monday, I got a call saying that I was being offered this position. I said yes. I didn’t even know if they were going to pay me for the position or when I would start, but I said yes. So, shortly after getting this great news, Melanie and I were in the car, and I was so excited. I mean it’s just—I think it’s a God thing. He meant for me to move into this position. But I was so excited, and I turned to Melanie and said ‘But I feel this sense of loss at the same time. How can those two things be true simultaneously?’ And the reason it’s true, with regard to the Senate, is this is a special place filled with special people doing very special things for the state of North Carolina. So, I’m not sure anyone can leave this place without feeling some sense of loss, no matter how great the alternative opportunity may be. So, the duty to appoint a successor will be with my local governing board, obviously. I have made a recommendation. If they see fit to honor that recommendation, I promise you I am going to provide you, or help provide you, with a colleague you can be proud of. She’ll be a great colleague, and I think you’ll enjoy her here in the Senate. Because it’s important; you want to enjoy the people you’re working with. So, there are more people that I would love and want to thank than we have time, and if I did all of them, Senator Rabon would give me a second oxmeter somehow. I don’t know where he would find it, but he would try, and that’s not going to happen. In fact, he can’t give me the oxmeter because I’ve already got it. So, first, I want to thank my amazing wife. I have been a better Senator since she joined my team. No doubt about it. And those who have worked with the two of us understand that she is my much, much better half. And she has made me—to the extent I’ve been successful at all, it’s because of her. I’d like to thank my wonderful LA, Lorie Byrd. She has endured nearly impossible calendar gymnastics for way too long. She deserves a break. Lorie, thank you. I’d like to say to the office of the Principal Clerk, you are amazing. I think Madam President will agree that you make us all look good, and you work so hard that the rest of the world doesn’t know how hard you work behind the scenes to make things go easily here, and for that we thank you. Many of us know how hard you work, and for that we appreciate you very, very much. The Sergeant-at-Arms, thank you for keeping our proceedings in order. It’s very rare that we need your services, but you are ready in a moment’s notice, and we appreciate you for that. Even the General Assembly police keeping us safe, we know that you’ve always got our back. Non-partisan central staff, I want to thank them for applying their expertise

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to turn our concepts into law, Fiscal Research for revealing how much our ideas will really cost. In fact, Jonathan and Trina came by today, and I've worked so closely with them—I'll mention their names, but everybody deserves credit because they all work so well together. And a special thanks to Jennifer McGinnis for being tireless in helping us capture our policy intent in bill form as Jenny Kelvington and I continue to churn out ideas. I want to thank Paul Coble and his staff for these excellent facilities. And I want to—it may seem random—but I want to thank Kristie in the cafeteria, who is always there, always has a smile on her face and ready to help us. And I just—as I thought about people to thank, she's important. President *Pro Tem* staff, what can I say. Oh, my goodness. From day one, I think it was literally the first day I arrived here, it became apparent how incredibly talented you are and how committed you are to the success of North Carolina. And you've brought such a high talent level to this position, and a passion for doing the right thing, that, I mean, I'm just blown away that you would choose to take a portion, but hopefully all, but a portion of your important careers and come here and share your skills, talents, and passions with us. Thank you for that. I'd like to thank my colleagues in the Senate majority. We have a great team, and I am so proud of working with each and every one of you. And I thank you for—I know from our caucus meetings and what not that we're always asking the question: What's in the best interest of North Carolina? So, you always kept the majors on the majors, not on the minors, and for that I am so proud to have been a part. I'd like to thank my Democratic colleagues for bringing their sincere belief systems here to challenge the majority with your ideas. You've brought your intellect as well, and for that we are so appreciative. You make us better. You make this body better. And while we may disagree, as Senator Mohammed said, from time to time, how special it is when we get a bipartisan bill passed. That's when we're really doing great work for North Carolina. Senator Rabon—sorry to call you out—but you deserve special credit for North Carolina being where it is today. You've been with Phil Berger, I think, since day one. Y'all are amazing, and I want to thank you for keeping so many freshman legislators out of the ditch. I can't tell you how many times I've heard him say, 'You can file that if you want, but I wouldn't advise it.' That's all you need to hear. I want to especially thank President *Pro Tem* Phil Berger for his contribution to our state. And my words are wholly inadequate to thank you, but, members, every day that Senator Berger chooses to continue to serve, North Carolina is better off. I have told many people that every day, every year Senator Berger chooses to stay, we're a better place for it. And I will tell you, I have come across and worked with a number of CEOs in my career, and I promise you when I say that Senator Berger could be the CEO of any number of Fortune 500 companies. But instead of doing that, he's chosen to be here with us and to lead our majority caucus because he cares that much about North Carolina. So, thank you for that. Finally, I would like to thank the citizens of Cabarrus County for entrusting me with this duty for over eight years. And, before I go, I'm going to redeliver the oxmeter to Senator Rabon. I was tempted to deliver it to one of my colleagues. I was thinking about our colleagues and who might deserve it the most, but I'm going to leave that honor with Senator Rabon. So, I'm just going to take just a moment—I'm not quite done—I'm going

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to take a moment and redeliver this to you, Senator Rabon. So, I'd like to close by saying members, staff, Madam President, thank you for all your dedication to the state of North Carolina. All North Carolinians are better off because of you. And allow me to close with this prayer for you: 'May the Lord bless you and take good care of you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.' Thank you."

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator P. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 4:33 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, March 27, at 11:00 a.m.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we love you, and we thank you for another day you've given us. We thank you that you've provided protection for all of us. Protect our firefighters, and help them get those wildfires in the west under control. We pray that you'll send us some more rain, Lord. We need it. Thank you for all that you do. Continue to be with our friends in Israel. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 26, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Lowe, Senator Meyer, and Senator Rabon.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 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

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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.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 1, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---45.

Voting in the negative: Senator Everitt---1.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (45-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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S.B. 316 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (44-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Smith submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING THE LIFE AND ARTISTRY OF FREEMAN VINES.**”

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Lee, the Senate adjourns at 11:28 a.m. to reconvene Monday, March 31, at 3:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 359, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

The bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 363, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

The bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

March 27, 2025

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 187 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CREDIT UNION STATUTES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 247 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

March 27, 2025

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. (Became law upon ratification, March 27, 2025 - S.L. 2025-3)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 31, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we love you, and we thank you for another day. We pray that you'll send the rain that we're promised, and we need it. We need it to take care of those wildfires out west. Protect the firefighters that are there and across the state. God, help us and bless us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, March 27, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:06 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, April 1, at 9:30 a.m.

March 31, 2025

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

A resolution filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Lowe, Smith and Waddell:

S.R. 760, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF LEE LILLEY AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages are received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

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

cc: The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

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

cc: The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

March 31, 2025

March 28, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt:

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

cc: The Honorable Philip E. Berger The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Destin Hall Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Sydney Batch Mr. James White

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

March 31, 2025

S.B. 474, 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, referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** on March 26, with a sequential referral to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** is stricken, and a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** is added.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, April 1, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Lord, we love you and praise you for this another day. Thank you for the rain you've sent our way. We pray that you'll continue to be with our firefighters out west, and help them as they extinguish all those fires. Guide and direct us here today and help us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, March 31, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:34 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, April 2, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

April 1, 2025

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

March 31, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

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

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Sydney Batch Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk
The Honorable Robert Reives Mr. James White, House Principal Clerk

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 116 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 12.

April 1, 2025

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 38, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO HERTFORD COUNTY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 3.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 17.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 266, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 12.

The bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 361, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT OR AFFRAY AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND TO CRIMINALIZE EXPOSING CERTAIN EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO FENTANYL OR OTHER HARMFUL DRUG OR CHEMICAL AGENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE NONRECURRING FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO DISTRIBUTE AS GRANTS TO USE FOR EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 402, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN LOTTERY WINNERS TO CHOOSE TO TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 418, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A STATE-RUN HEALTH BENEFITS EXCHANGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 472, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 509, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT; AND AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF NEW CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT AND A NEW STATE HEALTH DATA ASSESSMENT FEE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 514, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 527, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES/MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 556, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS REGARDING THE DISTANCE PERMITTED TO ENGAGE IN ELECTION-RELATED ACTIVITY IN A BUFFER ZONE AROUND A VOTING PLACE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH VARIOUS COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 580, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION INNOVATION GRANT AND NETWORK PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 600, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 602, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 675, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

April 1, 2025

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

S.B. 359, 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, referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** on March 27, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Judiciary Committee** is added between the existing referrals.

S.B. 363, 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, referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** on March 27, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Judiciary Committee** is added between the existing referrals.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 118, 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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

April 1, 2025

S.B. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 307, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45369, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Hanig for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.R. 224, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF GABRIEL J. ESPARZA AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.B. 503, 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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee**.

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 254, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING ANY EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICE OR MATERIAL IF CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE THE DEVICE OR MATERIAL WILL BE USED TO COMMIT A CRIME, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

April 1, 2025

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35256, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

March 31, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

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

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

April 1, 2025

cc: The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 131, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO USE ARTICLE 39 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 24.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Jones requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.B. 516, 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.

CHANGE OF PARTY OFFICERS

The following message is received from the Senate Republican Caucus:

**North Carolina General Assembly
Senate**

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
President of the Senate
310 Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

April 1, 2025

Dear President Hunt,

This is to inform you of a change to our caucus officers. The Senate Republican Caucus met on April 1, 2025 with 28 members present to elect a new majority leader for the 2025 Session of the General Assembly:

Senate Majority Leader – Senator Michael V. Lee

Sincerely
S/ Senator Michael V. Lee
Majority Leader of the Republican Caucus

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger
Ms. Sarah Lang Holland

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 2, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you, and we come to you, thanking you for your grace and love and for another day you have given us. We pray that you'll continue to help us. Move on us to help the people of this great state. We ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen.”

Senator Brinson announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 1, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Brinson, the Senate adjourns at 9:33 a.m. to reconvene Thursday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports and a select committee report are submitted as follows:

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By Senator Galey for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 370, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 335, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35258, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 171, 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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45371, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 229, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

S.B. 506, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FUNDING FOR ADVANCED TEACHING ROLES SALARY SUPPLEMENTS AND GRANTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 507, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT IN ADVANCED COURSES IN K-12 SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35257, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 558, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35259, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Jarvis for the **Regulatory Reform Committee**:

S.B. 205, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 445, 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.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee**.

S.B. 474, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45370, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.R. 224, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF GABRIEL J. ESPARZA AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, with a favorable report.

S.R. 260, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF DR. DEVDUTTA SANGVAI AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, with a favorable report.

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 335 (Committee Substitute), 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 2.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 554, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 664, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 3, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

“Lord, everyone in this chamber has been through famines in their life. But, Lord, through them all, you have been there to hold our hands and to lead us and to deliver us and to bring us through—as Psalm 23 says—to bring us through the valley of the shadow of death and not to leave us there. So, Lord, as we come together today as leaders from across this state, God, we understand that in Proverbs the verse says, ‘the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.’ So, Lord, we pray for your wisdom today, not the wisdom of our age, not the wisdom of our experiences, not the wisdom of those who have come before us, but, Lord, the wisdom of God. That is what will deliver our state and deliver our nation. We thank you, Father, that you always have held our hand and that you love us unconditionally. So, Lord, we turn our lives over to you, and we say help us, Lord, and give us your wisdom as we proceed through this day and all the days to come. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 2, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Craven, Senator Meyer, and Senator Salvador.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Meyer Brod, Greensboro; Shivali Chutkay, Cary; Jamie Clarke, Raleigh; Taylor Davies, Chapel Hill; Drew Davis, Winston-Salem; David Fisher, Pleasant Garden; A.J. Fulton, Kings Mountain; Dhruti Gite, Summerfield; Maryn Hester, Candler; Aditya Kakade, Cary; Caleb Lofton, Charlotte; and Srinithya Pilla, Cary.

CALENDAR

Bills and resolutions on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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S.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.R. 224, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF GABRIEL J. ESPARZA AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 224**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING GABRIEL J. ESPARZA AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (44-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

S.R. 260, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF DR. DEVDUTTA SANGVAI AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, for adoption.

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Without objection, Senator Grafstein is excused from voting on the bill due to a conflict of interest.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 260**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING DR. DEVDUTTA SANGVAI AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (44-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 12:07 p.m. to reconvene Monday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 67, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT THE EXPANSION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WAKE COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 189, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RED LIGHT CAMERA DELAY INTERVAL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 382, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO ISSUE ELK PERMITS BY RAFFLE AND AUCTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 245, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 639, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 648, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 711, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A CODE OF ETHICS FOR REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND TO PROVIDE A PROCESS TO REMOVE A REGISTER OF DEEDS FROM OFFICE FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND REQUIRING THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES THAT CAUSE SECURITY BREACHES TO PAY FOR OR REIMBURSE NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENTS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BREACH NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 449, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE MINIMUM CONSIDERATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY COSTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, April 7, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day of life, another day of grace and mercy. We thank you for the rain you've sent our way, extinguishing the fires out west and taking care of the pollen. Lord, you just bless us every day, and we praise you for it. Guide and direct us today and this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Alexander announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 3, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Alexander, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 96 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL

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OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

S.B. 245, 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, referred to the **Health Care Committee** on April 3, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Health Care Committee** and re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FOR TEACHERS TEACHING UNDER A LIMITED LICENSE, referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** on March 26, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** is added between the existing referrals.

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 328, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 19.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 387, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 451, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 513, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ENHANCED PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE WIND ENERGY FACILITIES TO INSTALL LIGHT-MITIGATING TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 728, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR UTILITY-SCALE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS, AND TO REQUIRE SUCH SYSTEMS TO RESPONSIBLY DECOMMISSION UPON CESSATION OF ACTIVITIES, MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND TO FILE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DECOMMISSIONING PLANS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 63, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO STUDY THE CREATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE AUTHORITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 10.

The bill is re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 145, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FINANCING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 477, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 505, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 584, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FINANCING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 595, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

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The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 706, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

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.

S.B. 205, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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FORTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

MODIFICATION OF 2025-2026 SENATE COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Rule 31, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, makes the following standing committee membership changes:

Senator Hollo is removed from the **Transportation Committee** and appointed to the **Health Care Committee**.

Senator Robinson is appointed as an Advisory Member to the **Health Care Committee**.

Senator Ford is removed from the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and appointed to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Senator Lee is appointed to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

RECESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 220, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35262, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 394, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15313, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator Settle for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.R. 760, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF LEE LILLEY AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.B. 664, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15312, which changes the title to read **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, AND TO AMEND MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 675, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15314, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 335 (Committee Substitute), 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

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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, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 35261, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 295, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 17.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Kevin Corbin, Senator from Macon County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day. We thank you for this day you’ve made, and let us rejoice and be glad in it. Lord, I want to praise and pause just now and thank you for these colleagues in this room. Thank you for their lives, their service, and their love for our great state. God bless our efforts to faithfully serve the citizens of this great state. God, we ask for wisdom and your divine blessing. In Jesus’ name I pray, and all of God’s children said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, April 7, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Meyer, Senator Sawrey, and Senator Smith.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Jacob Billingsley, Fuquay-Varina; Danika Edleman, Raleigh; Carter Gardner, Charlotte; Noelani Green, Durham; Atticus Kenney, Durham; Aryn Lee, Greensboro; Warren Maybouer, Pinehurst; Adriaan Ruiter, Raleigh; Alea Ruiter, Raleigh; and Jalen Tabron, Louisburg.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 205, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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, upon second reading.

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Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0) and changes the title to read, **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.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Bradley offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (30-16), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Everitt offers Amendment No. 6.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 6 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (29-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 4:49 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m.

FORTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 528, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND PROVIDE FOR FLEXIBILITIES IN SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15316, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 344, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35263, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 369, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL AS MEDICAID PROVIDERS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35264, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator McInnis for the **Regulatory Reform Committee**:

S.B. 602, 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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**.

S.B. 472, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45373, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**.

By Senator Craven for the **Finance Committee**:

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.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 190 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.R. 372, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF MCKINLEY WOOTEN, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.B. 131, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO USE ARTICLE 39 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX PROCEEDS FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45375, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 429, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET LIMITS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN NONCAPITAL CASES; TO BAN HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS; TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY; TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF SOLICITATION OF MINORS BY COMPUTER; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF

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IMMUNITY TO WITNESSES; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PETITIONS PERTAINING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION BE PLACED ON THE CRIMINAL DOCKET; TO CLARIFY THE STANDING OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN CASES; TO ALLOW PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE TO FILE FOR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER; TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION ACT THAT CRIMINALLY INJURIOUS CONDUCT BE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS OF ITS OCCURRENCE; TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF SECRETLY PEEPING INTO ROOM OCCUPIED BY ANOTHER PERSON; TO REVISE THE LAW PROHIBITING SEXUAL ACTIVITY BY A SUBSTITUTE PARENT OR CUSTODIAN TO INCLUDE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS; 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; TO REVISE THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT OFFENSE TO INCLUDE OFFENSES INVOLVING GIFT CARDS; TO ALLOW UNLICENSED LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES TO PRACTICE LAW UNDER SUPERVISION; TO CLARIFY THAT FELONY SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO CLASS A THROUGH CLASS E FELONIES; TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE BACK TO THE COLLECTING AGENCY FOR PRESERVATION; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE RECORDING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF FAILURE TO YIELD THAT RESULTS IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY; AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 710, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, REQUIRE SENATE CONFIRMATION FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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By Senator Corbin for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 449, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REQUIRE MINIMUM CONSIDERATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY COSTS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15315, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FOR TEACHERS TEACHING UNDER A LIMITED LICENSE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45374, which changes the title to read **S.B. 508** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PATHWAY TO A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FOR TEACHERS TEACHING UNDER A LIMITED LICENSE, TO ESTABLISH THE TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, TO REPURPOSE FUNDS FROM THE TEACHER APPRENTICE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE TEACHER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DEVELOP AN EXPEDITED TEACHER PIPELINE PATHWAY, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 754, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35265, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, AND TO AMEND MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we love you and thank you for this day. We thank you for all that you do for us. Thank you for the rain you've sent our way; and the more rain you can send, the more we'll appreciate it, Lord, to knock out this pollen. We thank you for all of your beautiful creation. You are the Bread of Life. You are the True Vine. You are our Redeemer and our soon-coming King. Lord, we love you, praise you, and lift you up today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 8, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Adcock, Senator Sawrey, and Senator Smith.

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POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Garrett, the words spoken by Senator Applewhite are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR APPLEWHITE: “Today in the gallery we have the Dockery family, who are residents of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and I’ve had the occasion of visiting their home and their family several times. They are the parents of Jenesis Janie Dockery, and I’d like to share a little bit about their experiences. Fon Dockery is a father and a husband and community activist, and he is president of the Live Like Jenesis Project. Jenesis Janie Dockery was born July 31, 2014, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Her favorite color was purple. She loved butterflies and ladybugs. She loved dancing and making TikTok videos. Jenesis loved her little sister, Amara, with all of her heart. Jenesis loved McDonald’s and YouTube. Jenesis loved God. The way Jenesis loved others without condition and really took to her faith was extraordinarily special. On July 25, 2023, Jenesis was shot in the head by another child, who got hold of an unsecured firearm. That day would change their lives forever in so many ways. The catastrophic grief impacted their lives and the lives of many children in our community. Fon and his wife formed the Live Like Jenesis Project, on March 5, 2024, to advocate for safe gun storage and gun violence awareness. The Live Like Jenesis Project was founded to mitigate gun violence through safe gun storage, education, gun violence awareness, and to advocate for families to be more attentive to their children’s mental health. They are partnering with local law enforcement to bring this awareness in a swift and impactful way, hoping to prevent the deaths of children and prevent families from going through what they now have to live with. Ladies and gentlemen, if we could recognize them here today. They’re in the gallery.”

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

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Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (28-18).

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (28-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Theodros, the Senate adjourns at 4:50 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, April 10, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 207, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT A PERSON COMMITTED THE OFFENSE OF LITTERING IF THE LITTER INCLUDES DOCUMENTS OR OBJECTS THAT CLEARLY BEAR THE NAME OF THE PERSON, referred to the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee on March 3.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 10, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 11:30 a.m.

RECESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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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, COMMUNICATIONS, OR TRANSPORTATION WORKER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 266, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE FIRST DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 26, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 53, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE DAMAGE THRESHOLDS FOR ACCIDENTS DEFINED BY THE SAFE DRIVER INCENTIVE PLAN.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 63, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ANDREWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 143, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MAYSVILLE TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 389 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 355, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Lord, help us reach out to you for your guidance in all things. Please show us which way to turn when we’re confused. Today we give you our worries and concerns. We ask for your guidance. Lord, help us this month as we consider April—Easter, our precious holiday; Earth Day; Palm Sunday; Emancipation Day; Holy Sunday—all of these. Lord, we trust that you are with us no matter where we go this day. We choose to be attentive to your voice. And all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 9, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Adcock, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Everitt, Senator Hanig, Senator Johnson, Senator Robinson, and Senator Smith.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

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The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (40-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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, AND TO AMEND MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS, upon second reading.

Senator B. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0).

Senator Craven offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (42-0) and changes the title to read, **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.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Lee, the words spoken by Senator Corbin are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR CORBIN: “On April 10, 1992, Beth and I—Beth gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Maggie Joanne—named Maggie for my mother and Joanne after my grandmother—or vice versa. Three months later, about July of 1992, she was diagnosed with a very deadly cancer—bilateral retina blastoma—in both of her eyes. She wasn’t expected to live. She did. Successfully treated, we thank God, at Emory University in Atlanta. So, things rocked on very well for a long, long time. In April of 2022, she was diagnosed with a secondary cancer called radiation induced sarcoma. Ironically, the radiation that saved her life in 1992 created this cancer in 2022. We were treated successfully, she was at UNC Chapel Hill with surgery, and we went back to Atlanta for proton radiation treatment over the next several weeks. And we celebrate this month, her three years of being cancer free for the second time. And today she turns thirty-three years old.”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Craven, the Senate adjourns at 12:15 p.m. to reconvene Monday, April 14, at 11:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Sawrey for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 403, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 336, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND TO CREATE A PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45376, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

S.B. 479, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35266, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**.

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 345, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 375, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 257, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** on March 11.

Sequential referrals to the **Finance Committee** and the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** are added.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, April 14, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

April 14, 2025

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Lord, we thank you and praise you for this another day you’ve given us. We thank you for this Holy week, and we thank you for sending, Father, your Son to die for our sins. We thank you for that all day, every day. We pray that you’ll bless everyone in this building here today. Bless the children that are here with us, and give us all traveling mercies. We thank you and praise you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Hollo, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 11:31 a.m. to reconvene Tuesday, April 15, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

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, with a favorable report.

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.

S.B. 190 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 370, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS, with a favorable report.

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.

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, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 108, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 10TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 18.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 164, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPECIFY THE PUNISHMENT FOR ENTERING THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT LEGAL JUSTIFICATION IN A COUNTY LOCATED IN AN EMERGENCY AREA DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND TAKING OR DAMAGING THE PERSON'S TEMPORARY HOUSING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 19.

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The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 24.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 400, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 488, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 690, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 605, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE SUBBASIN DESIGNATIONS AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN INTERBASIN TRANSFER CERTIFICATE FOR WATER TRANSFERS BETWEEN SUBBASINS WITHIN THE SAME MAJOR RIVER BASIN AND TO REVISE 2020 FARM ACT TMDL TRANSPORT FACTOR CALCULATION APPLICABILITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

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The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hollo's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

S.B. 257, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill, as amended, with unengrossed amendments.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 25003, with unengrossed committee amendments No. 1 and No. 2, is adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

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 unengrossed **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** amendments No. 1 and No. 2, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**.

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By Senator Alexander for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, as amended, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 45377, is adopted and engrossed.

By Senator Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 602, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15318, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 479 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 35267, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, what are we doing here? I pray that you speak to us in silence. I encourage every member to take a time during every day—I like 35 minutes—and just sit and be away from any of our devices, away from the TV, away from anyone else, and be still and just listen. Lord, that’s when you speak to us. We ask this in your Son, Jesus’, name. Amen.”

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Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, April 14, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Ford and Senator Garrett.

SEATING OF THE HONORABLE CHRIS MEASMER

The Chair recognizes Senator Hise, who announces the appointment of Senator Berger, Senator Batch, Senator Craven, Senator Lee, and Senator Overcash as the escort committee for the seating of The Honorable Chris Measmer.

The Chair instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the chamber doors and directs the escort committee to lead The Honorable Chris Measmer to the well of the Senate.

The Chair instructs the clerk to read the Proclamation from the Governor, received on April 8, 2025, appointing Chris Measmer, as follows:

THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER ALLEN MEASMER

2025-2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Senator Paul Newton, elected Senator from State Senate District 34, 2025-2026 General Assembly, resigned effective March 26, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-11 require that the vacancy created by the resignation of Senator Paul Newton be filled by appointment of the person recommended by the executive committee of the Republican Party for State Senate District 34; and

WHEREAS, the State Senate District 34 Committee of the Republican Party has notified me that its members recommend Christopher Allen Measmer of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, to fill the unexpired term;

I do, by these presents, appoint

CHRISTOPHER ALLEN MEASMER

as a member of the

NORTH CAROLINA SENATE

2025-2026 General Assembly

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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 eighth day of April 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

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
S/ Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

Senator Measmer was administered the oath of office on April 15, 2025. He is escorted to seat number 30, and the House of Representatives is notified.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Naomi Anglin, Burnsville; Stefan Aragona, Jacksonville; Gina Byon, Oak Ridge; Asher Ermentrout, Greensboro; Sam Hollingshead, Raleigh; Jackson Kissiah, Wake Forest; Elijah Matthews, Clayton; Christopher Pedro, Morganton; Aida Saake, Mooresville; Reese Stephens, Raleigh; Kavya Subramanian, Charlotte; and Kate Taylor, Wake Forest.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

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The bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 48, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---48.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill remains on the calendar for Wednesday, April 16, upon third reading.

S.B. 190 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PA LICENSURE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 370, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING NORTH CAROLINA'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAWS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (31-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Sanderson.

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, upon second reading.

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The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Burgin submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“CONGRATULATING CATERPILLAR INC. ON ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.”**

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:47 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m.

2025-2026 SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 31, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, makes the following standing committee membership appointments:

Senator Measmer is appointed to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**, the **Judiciary Committee**, the **Regulatory Reform Committee**, the **State and Local Government Committee**, and the **Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Barnes for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 328, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 554, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Jarvis for the **Regulatory Reform Committee**:

S.B. 266, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35269, which changes the title to read **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

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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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**.

By Senator Galey for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 599, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45384, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 405, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35268, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 600, 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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45379, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 245, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45382, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 754 (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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Our dear God, we are so grateful for your incredible love, for Jesus, who gave everything for us. This week we are thinking about the cross, where he took our sins, and the empty tomb, where he beat death by giving us hope, promise, and eternal life. Dear God, as we kick off this session, we need your wisdom and your strength. We pray that you would help us to help the people of North Carolina. Help us to conduct ourselves with honesty, with kindness and unity, showing love and humility as Jesus did. Let our decisions reflect goodness and make a real difference in our community. We pray for peace across our state and our country. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 15, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Everitt, and Senator Ford.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon third reading.

The bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 47, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---47.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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FLOOR PRIVILEGES

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to allow Fiscal Research Division staff on the Senate chamber floor while S.B. 257 is being considered.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 257 (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, upon second reading.

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (44-3), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Blue offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (25-22).

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 6 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 5 subsequently fails.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 7.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 8 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 7 subsequently fails.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 9, which she subsequently withdraws.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 10.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 10 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 11.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 12 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 11 subsequently fails.

Senator Bradley offers Amendment No. 13.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 14 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (44-3), and Amendment No. 13 subsequently fails.

Senator Bradley offers Amendment No. 15.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 16 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 15 subsequently fails.

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 17.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 18 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 17 subsequently fails.

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 19.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 20 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 19 subsequently fails.

Senator Adcock offers Amendment No. 21, which is ruled out of order.

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 22.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 23 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 22 subsequently fails.

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Without objection, the Senate recesses at 5:10 p.m., with second reading of S.B. 257, as amended, pending, to reconvene at 5:20 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 257 (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, as amended, upon second reading.

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 24.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 25 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 24 subsequently fails.

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 26.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 26 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 27.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 27 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Salvador offers Amendment No. 28.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 28 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Salvador offers Amendment No. 29.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 29 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Salvador offers Amendment No. 30, which she subsequently withdraws.

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 31.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 32 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (45-2), and Amendment No. 31 subsequently fails.

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 33.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 33 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 34.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 34 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 35.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 35 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 36, which she subsequently withdraws.

Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 37.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 38 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 37 subsequently fails.

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Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 39.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 40 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 39 subsequently fails.

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 41.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 41 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 42, which she subsequently withdraws.

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 43.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 43 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 44, which she subsequently withdraws.

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 45.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 45 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 46.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 46 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 47.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 47 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 48.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 49 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 48 subsequently fails.

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 50.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 51 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 50 subsequently fails.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 31, noes 16, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Brinson, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Galey, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---31.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Theodros---16.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, remains on the calendar for Thursday, April 17, upon third reading.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 7:16 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, April 17, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports and a select committee report are submitted as follows:

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By Senator Alexander for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 706, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

S.B. 402, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN LOTTERY WINNERS TO CHOOSE TO TREAT AS CONFIDENTIAL THEIR IDENTIFYING INFORMATION, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45383, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.R. 372, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF MCKINLEY WOOTEN, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, with a favorable report.

S.R. 760, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF LEE LILLEY AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, with a favorable report.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 429, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET LIMITS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE RELIEF IN NONCAPITAL CASES; TO BAN HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS; TO CREATE A NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY; TO REVISE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DISCLOSURE AND RELEASE OF AUTOPSY INFORMATION COMPILED OR PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF SOLICITATION OF MINORS BY COMPUTER; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF IMMUNITY TO WITNESSES; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PETITIONS PERTAINING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION BE PLACED ON THE CRIMINAL DOCKET; TO CLARIFY THE STANDING OF DISTRICT

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ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN CASES; TO ALLOW PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE TO FILE FOR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDER; TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION ACT THAT CRIMINALLY INJURIOUS CONDUCT BE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS OF ITS OCCURRENCE; TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF SECRETLY PEEPING INTO ROOM OCCUPIED BY ANOTHER PERSON; TO REVISE THE LAW PROHIBITING SEXUAL ACTIVITY BY A SUBSTITUTE PARENT OR CUSTODIAN TO INCLUDE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS; 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; TO REVISE THE ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT OFFENSE TO INCLUDE OFFENSES INVOLVING GIFT CARDS; TO ALLOW UNLICENSED LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES TO PRACTICE LAW UNDER SUPERVISION; TO CLARIFY THAT FELONY SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS ARE LIMITED TO CLASS A THROUGH CLASS E FELONIES; TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE BACK TO THE COLLECTING AGENCY FOR PRESERVATION; TO REVISE THE LAW GOVERNING THE RECORDING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF FAILURE TO YIELD THAT RESULTS IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY; AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A BLIND OR PARTIALLY BLIND PEDESTRIAN, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15319, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 648, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35270, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 710, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, REQUIRE SENATE CONFIRMATION FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE

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NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15320, which changes the title to read **S.B. 710** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.J.R. 1007, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 17, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable W. Ted Alexander, Senator from Cleveland County, as follows:

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“Lord, you know each and every person and servant within the sound of my voice and under this roof. You know their happiness, their sorrows, their joys, their sadness, their ups, their downs, their highs, their lows. Without a doubt, Lord, there are those who, while others celebrate this Easter time of year, are even yet discouraged, estranged, heartbroken, sick in body or spirit, or unforgiven. Even then you say come unto me, all ye who are heavy laden and I will give you rest, and if you surrender your life and these things to me. Through your birth, life, crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension, you are faithful and just to forgive us and stamp on all of our hearts debt canceled, paid in full. Thank you, Jesus. May your blessings and favor rest upon each and every servant here assembled. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 16, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Bradley, Senator Britt, Senator Lazzara, and Senator Moffitt.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.J.R. 1007, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 16.

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the Joint Resolution be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the end of today’s calendar, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

A bill and resolutions on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 257 (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, as amended, upon third reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today’s session to Senator Salvador.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 30, noes 15, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Brinson, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Measmer, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---30.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Smith and Theodros---15.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

S.R. 372, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF MCKINLEY WOOTEN, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 372**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING MCKINLEY WOOTEN, JR., AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (45-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

S.R. 760, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF LEE LILLEY AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 760**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING LEE LILLEY AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (45-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

H.J.R. 1007, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 10:01 a.m., in accordance with H.J.R. 1007, to reconvene Monday, April 28, at 12:00 p.m.

ENROLLED RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.J.R. 1007, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN. (Res. 2025-3)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 445, 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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35271, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 527, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS APPLICABLE TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES/MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15321, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 697, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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FORTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, April 28, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Benton G. Sawrey, Senator from Johnston County, as follows:

“Oh, Spirit of God, warm our hearts with the love of God and of Christ, so that we might be awakened to our opportunity to give our best to worship and serve you today and every day. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 17, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Hollo, seconded by Senator Sawrey, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, April 29, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

April 23, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt:

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.

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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

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

April 21, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

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.

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- 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.
- 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

cc: The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 390, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION IN HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 559 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 574, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROJECT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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S.B. 79, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 44TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 12.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 280, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT PRIVATE 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 310, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 18.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 416, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 427, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 576, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE AND TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 671, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS AS REVENUE REPLACEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT EXPERIENCED REVENUE LOSS FROM PROPERTY TAXES, SALES AND USE TAXES, AND WATER AND SEWER RECEIPTS AS THE RESULT OF HURRICANE HELENE AND TO PROVIDE INTEREST RELIEF ON PROPERTY TAXES FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO SUSTAINED A CERTAIN LEVEL OF PROPERTY DAMAGE AS THE RESULT OF HURRICANE HELENE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 693, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RELATED TO VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 695, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GROW THE PROPERTY TAX BASE OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY FACILITATING PRIVATE DEVELOPER INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 408, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES AND DURING PARTICIPATION IN STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

S.B. 387, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT, referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** on April 7, with sequential referrals to the **Judiciary Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **Judiciary Committee** is stricken, and a sequential referral to the **Finance Committee** is added in its place.

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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, referred to the **Judiciary Committee** on March 26, with sequential referrals to the **Finance Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **Finance Committee** is stricken.

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH VARIOUS COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** on April 1.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hollo's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, April 29, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Jarvis, as follows:

"Our dear blessed heavenly Father, as we gather here today, I humbly ask for your guidance for our work today. You've blessed North Carolina with strength and spirit, and we ask for your wisdom to serve the people of this great state. Dear God, I pray that you would unite us in purpose, sharpen our minds, and help our decisions to be mindful of those that are around in our communities that may be hurting. May our actions reflect your call to build a future rooted in faith, fairness, and opportunity. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, April 28, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Hollo, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

A resolution filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Mohammed:

S.R. 761, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TEENA PICCIONE AS THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AND SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

Referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 176, 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 ACROSS STATE LINES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 403, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 405 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC, with a favorable report.

S.B. 429 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

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.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 599 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, with a favorable report.

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.

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, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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S.B. 29, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 3.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Sanderson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 387, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45387, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

S.B. 477, 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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35276, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Hanig for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

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.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 79, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 44TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35275, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 328, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 488, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 554, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 248, 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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45388, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 423, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45386, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 355, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35278, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**.

S.B. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35277, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 394 (Committee Substitute), 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, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 35279, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Britt for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

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.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 295, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45385, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator Hise for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

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, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10484, is adopted and engrossed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

April 29, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

April 29, 2025

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-15, I am pleased to nominate for reappointment Mr. Christopher 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

cc: The Honorable Philip E. Berger
The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

April 29, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

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:

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- 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.

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

cc: The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

Pursuant to Senator Hollo's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 30, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
April 29, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to **H.R. 904 (Adopted)**, 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 House of Representatives has elected the following persons to serve for a four-year term:

Wendy Floyd Murphy
Kellie Hunt Blue
John A. Fraley
Carolyn Coward
Reginald Ronald Holley
Dr. M. Lee Barnes

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 38 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 368 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REVISING THE LAW REGARDING THE MANDATORY USE OF CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 648 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISPOSITION PLACEMENT ANALYSIS AND REQUIRE WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 822 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS GOVERNING OPERATION OF MOPEDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Sanderson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 639, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35281, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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By Senator Sawrey for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 345, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35280, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 503, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15322, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 69, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 11.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

April 30, 2025

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

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, with a favorable report.

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.

S.B. 328, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report.

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.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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.

S.B. 488, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, with a favorable report.

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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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

By Senator Lazzara for the **Transportation Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Alexander for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

S.B. 355 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 15323, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Overcash for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 108, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 10TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15324, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH VARIOUS COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS,

AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45391, which changes the title to read **S.B. 579** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH VARIOUS COMPETENCY-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE INTENT AS TO AMOUNTS AND USES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THESE PURPOSES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Craven for the **Finance Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 118, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45390, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 310, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35283, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 479 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 3.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 3, 35285, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 295 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Buck Newton, Senator from Wilson County, as follows:

“Father, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, our Lord, our Strength, our Rock and our Redeemer. Father God, you are our Creator. You are our Redeemer. We praise and glorify your name. In this moment let us be still and hear your voice. Please guide us in our thoughts. Please guide us in our actions. We ask you to bless this body. Lord, we ask for a special prayer of healing for our fellow members, our members of the other chamber as they struggle with their health concerns. We ask you to touch them, heal them, and be close to them. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 29, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Adcock, Senator Ford, and Senator Robinson.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Julia Carter, Mebane; Nick Cheng, Chapel Hill; Julianne Collins, Washington; Beda DeBeck, Fayetteville; Chloe Galt, Fayetteville; Aidan Lazarus, Huntersville; Emily Loflin, High Point; Palina Matsiukevich, Monroe; Steve Murrell, Durham; Ishan Palikh, Cherryville; and Aadit Urhekar, Apex.

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **H.B. 74** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Mayfield.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 403, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDIENT IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (34-12) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 405 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (35-11) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 429 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

Senator Everitt offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-17).

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The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (31-15) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 599 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS, upon second reading.

Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (41-5).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (27-19) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (39-7) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

Senator Craven offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (43-3).

Senator Craven offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 29, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---29.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---17.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, remains on the calendar for Thursday, May 1, upon third reading.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 5:27 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 207, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT A PERSON COMMITTED THE OFFENSE OF LITTERING IF THE LITTER INCLUDES DOCUMENTS OR OBJECTS THAT CLEARLY BEAR THE NAME OF THE PERSON, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35286, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 229, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35284, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 280, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT PRIVATE 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35287, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 400, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35288, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 408, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES AND DURING PARTICIPATION IN STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45392, which changes the title to read **S.B. 408** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee**.

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S.B. 693, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RELATED TO VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTERS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35282, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 711, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT A CODE OF ETHICS FOR REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND TO PROVIDE A PROCESS TO REMOVE A REGISTER OF DEEDS FROM OFFICE FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND REQUIRING THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES THAT CAUSE SECURITY BREACHES TO PAY FOR OR REIMBURSE NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENTS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BREACH NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35273, which changes the title to read **S.B. 711** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A REMOVAL PROCESS FOR REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND TO REQUIRE THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES THAT CAUSE SECURITY BREACHES TO PAY FOR OR REIMBURSE NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENTS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BREACH NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 1, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

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RECESS**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 140 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GULLAH GEECHEE GREENWAY/BUEWAY HERITAGE TRAIL IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 146 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONSECUTIVE REMOTE DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND THEIR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 156, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING SMALL EMPLOYER ACCESS TO STOP LOSS, CATASTROPHIC, AND REINSURANCE COVERAGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 575 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING POST-RELEASE SUPERVISION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 605, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS ADVANCED RECYCLING DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 801, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY PAPER TOWNS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 89, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 13.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

S.B. 110, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 18.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for filling us with your hope. Lord, the hope that we put together for ourselves does not last very long, but, God, you are a God who fills us, and you are a God who has found favor with our nation. We thank you for America. We thank you for her plenty. We thank you for her people. We thank you for all of the favor that you have given her over the few years that we have been a nation. Lord, we thank you. God, we want to be like the one Samaritan who came back—who was healed from leprosy—who came back to Jesus and fell down at his feet and gave him praise. Lord, we say thank you for our nation. We say thank you for everything that she has become, and we thank you for her future; we give it all into your hands. So, Lord, help us to understand that all wisdom comes from you, and that if it’s not out of you, if it does not come from you, Lord, it is the wisdom that will not last. So, Lord, we love you and we honor you and we praise you; and, again, we join with people all across this nation today, who are giving thanks for America. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 30, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Applewhite, Senator Ford, Senator Johnson, Senator Mayfield, Senator Moffitt, Senator Murdock, Senator Robinson, and Senator Salvador.

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CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, as amended, upon third reading.

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 4, which is adopted (42-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 29, noes 13, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Measmer, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---29.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Meyer, Mohammed, Smith and Theodros---13.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate 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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 328, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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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, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Lazzara offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 42, noes 0, as follows:

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Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Mohammed, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---42.

Voting in the negative: None.

Without objection, The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is read a third time and passes its third reading by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 42, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Mohammed, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---42.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 488, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

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Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Lowe, the Senate adjourns at 12:50 p.m., in honor and in memory of all those who served in the Vietnam conflict, to reconvene Monday, May 5, at 3:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 442, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 25.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 587, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY NONCONFORMITIES IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 655, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION AS THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 5, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

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“Our dear blessed heavenly Father, we pray that you would be with us through this week. Thank you for the rain that we’re receiving today. We pray that you would help us to think clearly, to work together, and to move things that would serve the people of this great state. In thy name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Measmer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 1, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Measmer, the Senate adjourns at 3:03 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 97 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCLUDING DEATH DUE TO CERTAIN CANCERS IN THE LIST OF FIREFIGHTER DEATHS MEETING THE DEFINITION OF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES’ DEATH BENEFITS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 139 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICE INSTALLATION IN QUALIFIED ESTABLISHMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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H.B. 406 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 421, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 472 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 832, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS MAY BE USED.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 913 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT DECISIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 971, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR GRADUATION PLANS IN SELECT SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

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.

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.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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.

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S.B. 295 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 355 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 400 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 693 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RELATED TO VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTERS, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

S.B. 375, 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, referred to the **Judiciary Committee** on April 10, with sequential referrals to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** is stricken.

S.B. 554, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 29.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 6, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

RECESS

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

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By Senator Rabon:

S.R. 762, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOCELYN MITNAUL MALLETT AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 763, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DON VAN DER VAART TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 765, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill and resolutions as follows:

S.B. 513, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ENHANCED PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE WIND ENERGY FACILITIES TO INSTALL LIGHT-MITIGATING TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** on April 7, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Finance Committee** is added between the existing referrals.

S.R. 762, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOCELYN MITNAUL MALLETT AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The resolution is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

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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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The Joint Resolution is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Moffitt for the **Regulatory Reform Committee**:

S.B. 587, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY NONCONFORMITIES IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Barnes for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 605, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE SUBBASIN DESIGNATIONS AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN INTERBASIN TRANSFER CERTIFICATE FOR WATER TRANSFERS BETWEEN SUBBASINS WITHIN THE SAME MAJOR RIVER BASIN AND TO REVISE 2020 FARM ACT TMDL TRANSPORT FACTOR CALCULATION APPLICABILITY, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45394, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Settle for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 690, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45401, which changes the title to read **S.B. 690** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Alexander for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 408 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.R. 761, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TEENA PICCIONE AS THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AND SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 375, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45399, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 416, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35290, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 554, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35293, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 655, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION AS THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45396, which changes the title to read **S.B. 655** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 164, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SPECIFY THE PUNISHMENT FOR ENTERING THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT LEGAL JUSTIFICATION IN A COUNTY LOCATED IN AN EMERGENCY AREA DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND TAKING OR DAMAGING THE PERSON'S TEMPORARY HOUSING, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45397, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 176, 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 ACROSS STATE LINES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45398, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 639 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 15328, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Alexander for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 29, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45395, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 576, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF ELECTRIC ASSISTED BICYCLE AND TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35292, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Transportation Committee**.

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S.B. 697, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45400, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 69, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES BY THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15329, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Gale Adcock, Senator from Wake County, as follows:

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, and to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.”

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

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Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, May 5, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Corbin, Senator Ford, Senator Garrett, and Senator Theodros.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Lake Bristol, High Point; Everly Buchanan, Newland; Jordan Caldwell, Kernersville; Hayden Carter, Holly Springs; Riley Crysell, Wilson; Daniel Echevarria, Harrisburg; Jessica Fikes, Fayetteville; Vera Lamblin, Pinchurst; Reese Moffitt, Beaufort; and Raegan Veller, Angier.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate this week will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

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.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, May 7.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

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The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Batch.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 295 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Burgin is excused from voting on the bill due to being a partner in multiple dealerships.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (43-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 355 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 400 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Burgin is excused from voting on the bill due to being a partner in multiple dealerships.

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The bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-1).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (33-12) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 693 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RELATED TO VETERANS' BENEFITS MATTERS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 3:13 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 29 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONSLOW COUNTY TO DELEGATE REZONING AUTHORITY TO THE PLANNING BOARD, with a favorable report.

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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, with a favorable report.

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.

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.

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.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 408 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 416 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, with a favorable report.

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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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 484 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 587, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY NONCONFORMITIES IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 655 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 690 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 280 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT PRIVATE 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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 479 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

RECESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 850, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 918 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY TO STUDY THE INCLUSION OF THE CLASSIC LEARNING TEST AMONG STANDARDIZED TESTS CONSIDERED FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION AND THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 1003 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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

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ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM COMBINED TRANSCRANIAL MAGNETIC STIMULATION TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 652, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY CALCULATION OF TRANSPORTATION GOODS UNIT PRICING COST.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 696 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 782 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ISSUANCE OF CIVIC CLUB SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 847 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY OFF-ROAD MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY AS MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 928, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE TREASURER

The following message is received from the North Carolina State Treasurer:

**NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER
OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER**

BRADFORD B. BRINER
STATE TREASURER OF NORTH CAROLINA

April 30, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

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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

cc: The Honorable Rachel Hunt
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

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 43, the Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.B. 513, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ENHANCED PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED WIND ENERGY FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE WIND ENERGY FACILITIES TO INSTALL LIGHT-MITIGATING TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45402, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 336 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND TO CREATE A PROCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 15330, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 639 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 3.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 3, 45403, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 94, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISABLED VETERANS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 297 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL AND DIAGNOSTIC BREAST IMAGING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 515 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC ABUSE PREVENTION ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 552, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES TARGETED FOR AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 727 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 795 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 909 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Warren Daniel, Senator from Burke County, as follows:

“O God, our Father, Thou searcher of human hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural. Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretense ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy. Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer.’ Help us to live as Christ has taught us in ‘doing our duty to Thee and to our country. All of which we ask in the name of Jesus, ‘the Great Friend and Master of Men. Amen.’”

The Cadet Prayer (excerpt)
by Col. Clayton Wheat
USMA Chaplain, 1918-1926

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 6, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Smith, and Senator Theodros.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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S.B. 29 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONSLOW COUNTY TO DELEGATE REZONING AUTHORITY TO THE PLANNING BOARD, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 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

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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, upon second reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (47-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 280 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS AT PRIVATE 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, upon second reading.

Senator Waddel offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Everitt offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-17).

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator B. Newton offers Amendment No. 5 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-18) and changes the title to read, **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, and Amendment No. 4 subsequently fails.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (29-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 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, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 408 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF TIKTOK ON GOVERNMENT DEVICES, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 416 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, upon second reading.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (34-13).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (32-15) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 3 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-16), and Amendment No. 2 subsequently fails.

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 5 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-16), and Amendment No. 4 subsequently fails.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (32-13) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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S.B. 479 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 484 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (40-7) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 554 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FARMERS PROTECTION ACT TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (36-11) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 587, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY NONCONFORMITIES IN LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (46-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 655 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (29-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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S.B. 690 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 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, upon second reading.

Senator Sawyer offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (32-15).

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (29-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:51 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 185 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE TRANSYLVANIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 616 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MEGASITES AND SELECTSITES READINESS PROGRAMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 894, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DOOR LOCK EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FIREARMS BUSINESSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 936 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS GOVERNING TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS TO ADDRESS ROBOCALLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 8, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

"Dear Lord, we thank you for this beautiful day in North Carolina and the opportunity to be here. Be with our visitors today and let them have a great visit here at the legislative building. Thank you for all of our blessings. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 7, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m. to reconvene Monday, May 12, at 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 183, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WAKE SURFING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WATERS OF LAKE GLENVILLE IN JACKSON COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 188 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING CONSUMER CONTRACTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 214, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAITHFUL ARTICLE V COMMISSIONER ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 597, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE OSPREY AS THE OFFICIAL RAPTOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 701, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MAY OF EACH YEAR AS LAFAYETTE DAY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 805 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 859, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING OR ENFORCING GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Burgin's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

May 8, 2025

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 12, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day—another day and a week you’ve given us. We don’t take it lightly. We don’t take it for granted, Lord. We love you. We praise you. Thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way. We pray that you’ll guide and direct us in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 8, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.J.R. 763, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DON VAN DER VAART TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.J.R. 765, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 6.

The Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

May 12, 2025

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Mark Hollo, Senator from Catawba County, as follows:

“Our heavenly Father, we thank you for today and for the chance to be here and praise you. Thank you for guiding and leading us to our position in North Carolina. God, please let us be wise in our decisions and not be afraid. Protect us from sickness and keep us safe. Help us to continue rebuilding from the destruction of the hurricane, as we are thankful for what you have already provided. Please take the weight off our shoulders as we make tough choices since it can be a great amount of pressure. As Psalms 117:1-2 says we should do, ‘Praise the Lord, all nations! Glorify Him, all peoples! For His faithful love to us is great; the Lord’s faithfulness endures forever. Hallelujah!’ In Jesus’ name we pray, and together we say, ‘Amen!’”

Prayer by Mrs. Kiefer’s 4th grade class
Hickory Christian Academy
Hickory, N.C.

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, May 12, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Rabon:

S.R. 766, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF D. REID WILSON AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

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By Senator Rabon:

S.R. 767, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF LESLIE COOLEY DISMUKES AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION.

Referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

By Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 768, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH L. GOODMAN TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we love you, and we thank you so much for your love back to us and your grace and mercy and everything that you do for us every day. We don't take anything for granted. We can't do anything without you, as your Word says. We lift you up. We praise you in Jesus' name. Amen."

Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 13, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation 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.

May 14, 2025

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m. to reconvene Thursday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports and a select committee report are submitted as follows:

By Senator Sanderson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

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 43, the Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

By Senator Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

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 43, the Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 639 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, with a favorable report.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

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.

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.

S.J.R. 765, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, with a favorable report.

May 14, 2025

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 15, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

"Our God, our Father, we thank thee and we love you. As the Creator of all good and beautiful gifts, we thank you for how you provide for us. We thank you for how you wake us up and start us on our day and how you help us to be the best that we can be. Now as we continue to do the work of the Old North State, we ask that you be with each and every one of us. These things we ask in the name of He that orders our steps and meets us with mercy, in the name of Jesus the Christ. And all of the people said, 'Amen.'"

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 14, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Bradley, Senator Craven, Senator Grafstein, Senator Hanig, Senator Jones, Senator Lee, Senator Murdock, Senator Salvador, and Senator Sawyer.

May 15, 2025

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Ariana Campos-Lopez, Bailey; Gavin Clark, Wilmington; Ananya Dantala, Waxhaw; Sophia Espinoza, Angier; Noah Harmon, Connelly Springs; Hillary Jimenez Perez, Star; Aanya Lunani, Cary; Simone Perry, Spring Hope; Bryan Quick, Durham; Ruth White, Deep Gap; and Sarah White, Deep Gap.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 639 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is withdrawn from today's calendar and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CALENDAR

Resolutions on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.J.R. 763, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DON VAN DER VAART TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (27-13) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.J.R. 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, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (40-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.J.R. 765, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, upon second reading.

May 15, 2025

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (40-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 11:04 a.m. to reconvene Monday, May 19, at 3:00 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 74, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER ACTS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, May 14, 2025 - S.L. 2025-4)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 19, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

May 19, 2025

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we love you and we thank you for your grace and mercy and love. We thank you for this day that you’ve created and that you’ve given to us. It’s another day of life, and we don’t take it for granted. We thank you for all that you do, and we pray that you’ll continue to guide and direct us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Measmer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 15, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Measmer, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, May 20, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 27.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 26, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 67, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 12.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 12.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 183, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WAKE SURFING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON THE WATERS OF LAKE GLENNVILLE IN JACKSON COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 231 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

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The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 16.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 16.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 390, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SURGICAL SMOKE EVACUATION IN HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 28.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 28.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 16.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 506 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

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The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 727 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSURE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Measmer's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

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“Father, we love you, thank you, and praise you for this day. Thank you for the beautiful weather you’ve sent our way. We thank you for freedom. Today is the date that’s on our state seal and state flag, and we recognize freedoms in this state and in this country that a lot of other places in the world don’t have. We don’t take it lightly. We thank you for it. We praise you for all that you do for us, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, May 19, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 9:31 a.m. to reconvene Wednesday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Elections Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40571, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 116 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30447, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Ford for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30445, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40570, which changes the title to read **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

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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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30448, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Lord, we love you, and we praise you and thank you for this day. Thank you for the little shower overnight. We thank you for the beautiful weather today and coming up over the next few days. We thank you for all that you do for us. Continue to help us and lead us here. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Hollo, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:31 a.m. to reconvene Thursday, May 22, at 9:30 a.m.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports and a select committee report are submitted as follows:

By Senator Galey for the **Health Care Committee**:

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.R. 761, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TEENA PICCIONE AS THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AND SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, with a favorable report.

By Senator Jarvis for the **Regulatory Reform Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30450, which changes the title to read **H.B. 251** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS REFORMS RELATED TO DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10515, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Senator Hollo's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 22, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

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RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

“Father God, when things seem to be swirling all around with no end in sight, when there seems to be no way forward, Lord, we need the peace of Jesus that only He can bring to us. Lord, we pray for that peace today. We pray for it for the rest of our tenure here during this session. Lord, let us understand that your peace is a perfect peace and that there is nothing that would lead us to making better decisions than the peace that only you give. We thank you for that peace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 21, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Britt, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Garrett, Senator Jones, Senator Meyer, Senator Moffitt, Senator Rabon, Senator Salvador, and Senator Smith.

ENROLLED RESOLUTIONS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolutions duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.J.R. 763, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DON VAN DER VAART TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION. (Res. 2025-4)

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. (Res. 2025-5)

S.J.R. 765, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF REGINA SMITH ADAMS TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW. (Res. 2025-6)

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

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Brady Ashworth, King; Savannah Brown, Staley; Henry Davis, Belmont; Will Denning, Smithfield; Katie Foil, Lumberton; Lawson Gipple, Raleigh; Jacob Godwin, Tabor City; Carter Hoffman, Kinston; Dalton McMichael, Reidsville; Gracie Moore, Grimesland; Alianny Vargas, Fayetteville; and Kasey Wilson, Bailey.

CALENDAR

Bills and a resolution on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee, without objection, **S.R. 761** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed before the Senate for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.R. 761, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TEENA PICCIONE AS THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AND SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, for adoption.

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Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (40-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 761**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TEENA PICCIONE AS THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AND SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (40-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

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, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (40-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (40-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (40-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**COMMENDING TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**," with Senator Jones as an additional signatory.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Alexander, the Senate adjourns at 12:24 p.m. to reconvene Friday, May 23, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Hanig for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 695, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GROW THE PROPERTY TAX BASE OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY FACILITATING PRIVATE DEVELOPER INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35294, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30451, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 26, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF MADISON, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30453, which changes the title to read **H.B. 26** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10516, which changes the title to read **H.B. 183** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Sawrey for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 67, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40575, which changes the title to read **H.B. 67** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE REFORMS FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30452, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 434, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CUT AUTHORIZATION RED TAPE EFFICIENTLY AND FACILITATE INTERVENTIONS RAPIDLY, START TREATMENT ACT, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40573, which changes the title to read **H.B. 434** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40574, which changes the title to read **H.B. 349** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT UPDATING REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE POWERS OF ATTORNEY AND ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC FILINGS OF ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES, AND ALLOWING PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10517, which changes the title to read **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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, May 23, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we love you and praise you for today. Thank you for this nice, cool weather, and we thank you for that. We thank you for all that you do for us. Give us traveling mercies today. We just lift you up and praise you for all that you do. Continue to be with Senator Barnes and her family, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Senator Galey announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 22, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m. to reconvene Tuesday, May 27, at 12:00 p.m.

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you and thank you for another day you’ve given us. Thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way. Thank you for the many services yesterday as we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice dying for our freedoms. We thank you, Lord, for dying for our sins. We praise you today, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Galey announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, May 23, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Galey, the Senate adjourns at 12:01 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, May 29, at 12:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 28.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 568 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 696 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 805 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 29, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Amy S. Galey, Senator from Alamance County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Galey, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we lift up our hearts to you this morning with praise and thanksgiving that you allow us to be here today, that you have allowed us good health, and family, and community, Lord, to work together to hopefully bless the people of North Carolina with our work. For those who are struggling and suffering today, Lord, we pray that you will hear their cries and that they will feel your peace and your mercy descend on them. For those who are celebrating, Lord, we celebrate with them. We just pray, Lord, that you would give us the courage,

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the strength, the focus, the discipline, Lord, to do the tasks that you have set ahead of us and that we would all make good decisions and that we would live our lives to your glory and the glory of your kingdom and the fulfillment of your purpose in our lives. We pray these things in the name of Lord Jesus. Amen.”

Senator Craven announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 27, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Craven, seconded by Senator Galey, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m. to reconvene Monday, June 2, at 3:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 421, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 5.

The bill is re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Craven’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 2, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, I love you, and I come to you today, and I thank you that we understand your Word says that your ways are not our ways, and your ways are much higher than our ways. We thank you and praise you for all that you do for us. We pray that you’ll continue to be with the Jones family and the Barnes family, and continue to help them and bless them, Father. Bless us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Measmer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 29, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Measmer, the Senate adjourns at 3:03 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, June 3, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 251 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS REFORMS RELATED TO DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 247 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 27.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

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The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 27.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 3.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 3, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:32 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

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, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 183 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

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, with a favorable report.

H.B. 434 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, with a favorable report.

By Senator Sanderson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 67 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE REFORMS FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 10518, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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H.B. 476 (Senate 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 an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 40577, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Craven for the **Finance Committee**:

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 710 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 45409, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 26 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30458, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Sophia Chitlik, Senator from Durham County, as follows:

“Lord of righteousness and goodness, bless us with the wisdom to delight you with our kindness. Bless us to work humbly together as a team for the benefit of all who live in our state. Bless us with perseverance to do the work of justice, even when we are tired and especially when we are struggling. Bless us with empathy so that we can meet our constituents with compassion in their moments of need. Bless all who are in need of healing, and who feel fear in this moment, with ‘r’fuah sh’leimah,’ the renewal of body and spirit. Bless us with peace and the courage to meet this moment. And let us say, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 2, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Brinson, Senator Mohammed, and Senator Salvador.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Makayla Cox, Grimesland; Georgia Fanning, Greenville; Kaylee Forbes, Clayton; Ian Goff, Davidson; Yajat Gureja, Matthews; Hudson Hartman, New Bern; Jason Hayes, Fayetteville; Charlie Kahn, Charlotte; Patrick McIntosh, Wilmington; Margaux Nelli, Gastonia; Carly Richards, Madison; Ethan Scott, Pembroke; and Hugh Sproul, Cramerton.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 251 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS REFORMS RELATED TO DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today’s calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 10.

FILING AND INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to the end that a resolution honoring Elizabeth Hanford Dole may be filed and introduced today and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 4.

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CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-17).

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-17).

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-17).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 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, for concurrence upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (9-37) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:36 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, June 4, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

A resolution filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Berger and Ford (Primary Sponsors):

S.R. 769, A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE, A TRAILBLAZING PUBLIC SERVANT.

The resolution is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 4.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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.

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Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 257 on June 3, Senator Berger, 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, and Senator Waddell as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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Senate Chamber
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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:33 a.m., to reconvene at 12:45 p.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 116 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE COLUMBUS

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COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, and requests conferees. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative B. Jones, Chair

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 3, that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 116 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Sawrey, Chair; Senator Overcash, and Senator Britt as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Moffitt for the **Regulatory Reform Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40579, which changes the title to read **H.B. 402** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10522, which changes the title to read **H.B. 694** (Senate Committee Substitute), 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, 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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 247 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40578, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Reverend Ernest Mullins, as follows:

“Almighty God, we gather today with gratitude and reverence to celebrate the achievements and the contributions of our own North Carolina daughter, Elizabeth Dole. We’re deeply thankful for her faith that guides her, her dedication, service, and leadership. And we thank you, Lord, for her positive impact that she has made, and continues to make, on her state and on the nation. May you continue

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to bless her and keep her. We would also pray today over those in the offices that govern our state: our senators, representatives, and our governor. May your blessings be with these honored individuals and their families. May we all be guided by wisdom, compassion, and a deep love for our fellow man. I pray this in the name, the strong name, of Jesus. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 3, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Brinson, Senator Craven, Senator McInnis, and Senator Salvador.

The Chair extends courtesies of the floor to former U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **S.R. 769** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the beginning of today’s calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills and a resolution on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.R. 769, A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE, A TRAILBLAZING PUBLIC SERVANT, for adoption.

The resolution is read in its entirety.

Upon motion of Senator Overcash, the words spoken on S.R. 769 are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR FORD: “I’m always honored to be from Rowan County, but today more than ever. The first time I met Senator Dole was at Gary’s Barbeque. She knew where to campaign, just like I did. You went to the local barbeque joints, and that was a great day to meet her. Probably the lowest point in her career—and she didn’t realize it at the time—was her presenting me with the Rowan County Republican of the Year Award. She didn’t know what she was doing that day. That was about it. But that was an honor to get that award from her in that very special meeting. I tell you—the family home is still in Salisbury. I drive by it quite often when my wife sends me to the bank—the bank doesn’t know who I am, but that’s another story. But it’s an honor to be here today to honor Senator Dole. I mean, she is such a pioneering person, much less a woman, and she’s done so many things and so many great things for our state, our nation. And, boy, Rowan County, we’re just so proud of her in more ways than one. And every time you talk to anyone about Senator Dole, there is never a negative comment. It’s always positive, and what she’s said and what she’s done. I can’t say anything else other than it’s an honor to be from Rowan County and to have Senator Dole from Rowan County. Thank you, and God bless you, Senator Dole.”

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SENATOR BLUE: “I certainly join my colleagues in congratulating Senator Dole for exceptional contributions in leadership and in other ways, and just such a pride of North Carolina. I’ve been fortunate to know her over the years, and I’ll share one thing with you that shows that a lot of people are more prescient—they see the future a lot better than we do—but at her commencement in 1958, ‘Liddy’ Dole, as all of friends called her back then, received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award at Duke. That was a national award, and it won’t surprise you what she received it for. What it did—it recognized the person who exemplified the ideal of service to others. So, at 20-21 years old, everybody saw what was in the making and what was going to happen. And not only that—and I’ll give a more narrow description—she served on the Duke University Board of Trustees while Terry Sanford was president. She served from 1974 through 1985, when Sanford left the presidency. And with the leadership of these North Carolinians and others, they started Duke down the path to becoming the internationally recognized institution that it is today. I had another experience, though, not only the joint Duke experience—once you’re a trustee, you’re one forever, as emeritus—but having served on that board myself for 16 years, I know the effort that she put forth the years before I was on it. But I had the fortune also of running into Liddy Dole again on the campaign trail in 2002. Many of you might not know that I got crazy enough and ran for the United States Senate in 2002. But I had the good fortune of being at events across the state—there was a Republican primary, which Senator Dole was in, and a Democratic primary, which I was in. She came out number one in her primary; I came out number two in mine. But the point is, what I found delightful about it is, we would be at events—the same events—Bar Association, various groups, you know, and we didn’t differ significantly on many of the issues that we were asked about. I found that to be refreshing and reassuring. But also, I will share another thing with you. As a trustee at Duke, I happened to be present on the stage with her when she gave a commencement address in 2000 to the graduating seniors. That’s what stuck with me over all these years more than anything else—of all the great works that she has done, of all the firsts that she has been, of all the contributions back to North Carolina in her various secretarial roles, whether it was in transportation and highway funding and those kinds of issues. In that commencement, she said, basically, to the students, ‘You take from this ceremony much more than a diploma. You take with you the responsibility for writing the next chapter of the American story. What we become as a nation will depend in large measure on what you become and what you believe. I hope you never forget those who have gone before nor those who will come after. Be brave, take risks, and, above all, be yourselves. For therein lies the greatest gift you can return to those who have given so much that you might join the Duke family.’ And, you know, over the last twenty-five years, she continued living that speech that she made to the Duke graduates that day. And she continues to make North Carolina a welcoming and inclusive and a caring state. And for that I thank her, and I salute her, and I am proud to be able to make these comments to her while she can hear them. Thank you so much, Senator Dole.”

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SENATOR BERGER: “It’s kind of awkward to speak of someone who is so beloved while she’s sitting right here next to me. But, you know, the career that Senator Dole has had—Federal Trade Commission, Transportation Secretary, Labor Secretary, American Red Cross, United States Senator. I mean, that is a lifetime of work and achievement that clearly reflects well on Liddy Dole. But, you know, it reflects well on North Carolina. Because every time Senator Dole was engaged in one of these positions, it was not very far from that engagement to a recognition that here is one of our own—somebody from North Carolina. Someone from North Carolina who led on the national stage, led on the world stage, in many respects, and achieved great things. And the example, Senator Dole, that you have made for girls, young women, women, and everybody is something that I know we are all proud of, and I know you should be very proud of. I don’t think we’ve had this many people in the Senate chamber except for protests since I’ve been here. And they ain’t here to listen to me, they’re here because of you. I certainly encourage everyone to support the resolution, and I thank you for your service to our state and to our nation. God Bless.”

Upon motion of Senator Ford, the resolution is adopted (44-0).

The Senate recesses at 1:20 p.m., to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

RECESS

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation 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 Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented 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

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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.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 183 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 10.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

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, upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is displaced to the end of today's calendar.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Burgin offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (40-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 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, upon second reading.

Senator Burgin offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-0).

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended, and Senator Galey, Senator Johnson, Senator Lazzara, Senator Mohammed, and Senator Sawyer are granted leaves of absence for the vote on Amendment No. 1 to H.B. 309.

H.B. 434 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (42-3) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Sawyer offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading (45-0) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 1:51 p.m., in honor of Elizabeth Hanford Dole, to reconvene Thursday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40580, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 568 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10523, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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. (Became law upon ratification, June 4, 2025 - S.L. 2025-5)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 5, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Bill Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you and thank you for another day. Thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way. Continue to bless this great state and our farmers as they really get into the height of the growing season, Lord. We pray that you’ll continue to be with Senator Barnes and her family. We thank you for all that you do for us, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 4, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 10:00 a.m. to reconvene Monday, June 9, at 3:00 p.m.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation 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 COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Sawrey for the **Health Care Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30459, which changes the title to read **H.B. 546** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE VARIOUS LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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By Senator Galey for the **Health Care Committee**:

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30460, which changes the title to read **H.B. 612** (Senate 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, TO EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, 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, AND TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES 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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

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

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INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, AND (IV) PROHIBITING UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROM BECOMING SANCTUARY UNIVERSITIES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 10.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body 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, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Lambeth, Co-Chair
Representative Arp, Co-Chair
Representative Strickland, Co-Chair
Representative K. Hall, Co-Chair
Representative Paré, Co-Chair
Representative Blackwell, Co-Chair
Representative Brisson, Co-Chair
Representative Bell
Representative B. Jones
Representative Gillespie
Representative Tyson
Representative Warren
Representative Howard
Representative N. Jackson
Representative Setzer
Representative Winslow
Representative Zenger
Representative Johnson
Representative Hastings
Representative Balkcom
Representative Goodwin
Representative Dixon
Representative Cotham
Representative Willis
Representative Biggs
Representative Torbett

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Representative Loftis
Representative Riddell
Representative Potts
Representative Reeder
Representative White
Representative Davis
Representative Miller
Representative Greene
Representative Carson Smith
Representative Chesser
Representative Iler
Representative Shepard
Representative Reives
Representative Charles Smith
Representative Cunningham
Representative Willingham
Representative Brockman
Representative Rhyne and
Representative Eddins

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT THE EXPANSION OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WAKE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 16.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 16.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 832, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS MAY BE USED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 5.

The bill is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 9, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Lord, we love you, and we thank you and praise you for another day you've given us and another week. We thank you for continued touch of healing on, not just myself, but on Johnny Barnes and those others that need your touch. We pray that you'll continue to help those and bless those families, Father. Bless us here today. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Senator Measmer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 5, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Measmer, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 19.

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The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 28.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 27.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 16.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 28.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 5.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 928, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 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.

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, with a favorable report.

H.B. 402 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 568 (Senate 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 Senator Measmer's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS**RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL**

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40583, which changes the title to read **H.B. 40** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 546 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE VARIOUS LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 40584, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 706, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Kevin Corbin, Senator from Macon County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day. We thank you for all those who are assembled here. We thank you for the business at hand. We pray for each one. Thank you for the opportunity. Thank you for the responsibility you give us, Lord. We pray in your name, in Christ’s name, Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 9, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Bradley, Senator Hise, Senator Johnson, Senator Lowe, Senator Salvador, and Senator Sawyer.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Sully Ackley, Clayton; Emily Berger, Reidsville; Isabella Buchanan, Burlington; Blaire Coleman, Madison; Madison Dempster, Fayetteville; Ana Ferrario, Winston-Salem; Jackson Gunnells, Clinton; Izzy Hughes, Matthews; Sky Lopez, Greensboro; Quinn Magee, Southport; Austin Redmond, Charlotte; Connor Schwarzkopf, Waxhaw; Julianna Taylor, Charlotte; and Connor Towns, Salisbury.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 50** and **H.B. 318** are withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the beginning of today’s calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (43-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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H.B. 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, upon second reading.

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Galey, which motion prevails (26-17).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (26-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill. Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 183 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-0).

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (41-2).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 251 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS REFORMS RELATED TO DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, upon second reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-1).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (43-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 402 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-1).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Galey, which motion prevails (26-17).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (26-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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H.B. 568 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (26-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator B. Newton, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (26-17) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor. Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill will be sent to the Governor by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 5:15 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 67 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE REFORMS FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3, 30465, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Settle for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

H.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30467, which changes the title to read **H.B. 737** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS, TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, TO REVISE THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REBATE PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES, TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS BETWEEN INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO REQUIRE DRIVERS SUBJECT TO THE INEXPERIENCED DRIVER PREMIUM SURCHARGE TO MAINTAIN OR BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS LIABILITY COVERAGE, TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING PEER-TO-PEER VEHICLE SHARING, TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL LEASES REQUIRING RENTERS INSURANCE, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS IN S.L. 2023-133, AS AMENDED BY S.L. 2024-29, AND TO AUTHORIZE BROKERS TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30464, which changes the title to read **H.B. 762** (Senate 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 AND 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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 26 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with a favorable report.

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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.

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.

H.B. 476 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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.

H.B. 694 (Senate Committee Substitute), 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, 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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 710 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, with a favorable report.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation 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

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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.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, June 11, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 309 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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, and requests conferees. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Arp, Chair
Representative B. Jones
Representative Lambeth
Representative Paré and
Representative Rhyne

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 10, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 412 Senate Committee Substitute (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS AND TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF

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GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE PLAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES PROVIDING SERVICES FOR MINORS, and requests conferees. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Arp, Chair
Representative B. Jones
Representative Lambeth
Representative Paré and
Representative Rhyne

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 1003 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Transportation Committee**:

H.B. 421, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40587, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Overcash for the **Elections Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40586, which changes the title to read **H.B. 3** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN PAMLICO COUNTY TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MONROE BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 477, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

H.B. 50, AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator Ford for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10529, which changes the title to read **H.B. 173** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30468, which changes the title to read **H.B. 91** (Senate 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, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RELEVANT STATUTES RELATED TO THE MILITARY, 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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 247 (Senate 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 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Ford for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10531, which changes the title to read **H.B. 372** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CITIES SHALL NOT PROHIBIT CERTAIN HOME-BASED BUSINESSES WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS, 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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 595, 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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 35301, which changes the title to read **S.B. 595** (Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; AND TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Overcash for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

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The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Eddie D. Settle, Senator from Wilkes County, as follows:

“Thank you, Lord. Thank you for this day. Thank you for the breath of life we each have that you freely give us. Lord, help us and remind us of who we are and that everything that’s done and said in this building would be pleasing to you. We love you and we praise you and we ask you for your guidance. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Chitlik, Senator Hise, Senator Johnson, Senator Sanderson, and Senator Sawyer.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, after its passage on second reading today, **H.B. 26** will be placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 17, upon third reading.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 26 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 42, noes 2, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---42.

Voting in the negative: Senators Everitt and Garrett---2.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 remains on the calendar for Tuesday, June 17, upon third reading.

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S.B. 710 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor. Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill will be sent to the Governor by special message.

H.B. 476 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

H.B. 694 (Senate Committee Substitute), 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, TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN SUBBASIN

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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, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:48 p.m., in memory of Travis Carter, to reconvene Thursday, June 12, at 10:00 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

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.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 10 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 309 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Burgin, Chair; Senator Galey and Senator Sawrey as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 10 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 412 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Burgin, Chair; Senator Galey and Senator Sawrey as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 959 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 612 (Senate 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, TO EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, 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, AND TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES 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 an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30469, which changes the title to read **H.B. 612** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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 EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES, 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, AND TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS OFFERED A POSITION IF THE POSITION REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 12, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we love you. Thank you for another day. We pray that you'll continue to guide and direct us. We pray that you'll be with our troops around the world, and as tensions rise in the Middle East, be with those and my friend that's serving in Kuwait right now. I pray that you'll continue to guide and direct us and be with Johnny and Lisa. We thank you for all that you do for us, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Senator Craven announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 11, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 50, 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.

H.B. 126, 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.

H.B. 231, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Craven, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m. to reconvene Monday, June 16, at 3:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 28.

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The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 349, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY LIMIT FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION, AND TO ELIMINATE THE DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY UNDER THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THAT CHANGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Overcash for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10533, which changes the title to read **H.B. 832** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS EDUCATION LAWS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30470, which changes the title to read **H.B. 378** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION LAWS; TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS; AND TO EXEMPT NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 16, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Heavenly Father, I thank you for this day, and I thank you for how good you've been to us every day. I thank you for Father's Day yesterday, and we got to honor our fathers or memorialize them. I pray for our friends in Israel that you'll protect them and keep them. I pray for all of us here that you'll protect us. I thank you for our police and our Sergeant-at-Arms and everyone that works in these buildings, especially those that are keeping us safe. Put a guard over them, Father. We thank you for all that you do. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Measmer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 12, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Measmer, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, June 17, at 9:30 a.m.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 811 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE AVAILABLE COMPREHENSIVE FIREARM SAFETY INSTRUCTION COURSES AT NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO INDIVIDUALS EIGHTEEN YEARS AND OLDER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 536, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 27.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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 MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES STATUTES, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO EXTEND THE REVERSION DATE OF SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT FUNDS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 40 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 67 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE REFORMS FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

H.B. 91 (Senate 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, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RELEVANT STATUTES RELATED TO THE MILITARY, TO EXTEND THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR CERTAIN LATE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AND TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF TAXES LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY, with a favorable report.

H.B. 247 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, with a favorable report.

H.B. 421 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 546 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE VARIOUS LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, with a favorable report.

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.

H.B. 612 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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 EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES, 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, AND TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS OFFERED A POSITION IF THE POSITION REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, with a favorable report.

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 30.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 16.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 506, AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2025 STATE INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE TREASURER. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 13, 2025 - S.L. 2025-6)

H.B. 231, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 13, 2025 - S.L. 2025-7)

H.B. 50, AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE OPTION FOR STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 13, 2025 - S.L. 2025-8)

S.B. 248, AN ACT TO MAKE ACCESS TO NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR PERSONS ADOPTED SIMILAR TO PERSONS THAT ARE NOT ADOPTED. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 13, 2025 - S.L. 2025-9)

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S.B. 477, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 13, 2025 - S.L. 2025-10)

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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 13, 2025 - S.L. 2025-11)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 17, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:39 a.m., to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30471, which changes the title to read **H.B. 442** (Senate 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 AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TRAWL NETS TO TAKE SHRIMP IN COASTAL FISHING WATERS OR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE SHORELINE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sawrey for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 696 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30475, which changes the title to read **H.B. 696** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND 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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10537, which changes the title to read **H.B. 975** (Senate 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, AND 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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 173 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, referred to the **Judiciary Committee** on June 11, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Finance Committee** is added between the existing referrals.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Sawrey for the **Health Care Committee**:

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 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40590, which changes the title to read **H.B. 328** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND POSSESSION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND TO ADD KRATOM AS A SCHEDULE VI CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10536, which changes the title to read **H.B. 352** (Senate 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, TO LIMIT REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAPS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, AND TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASINS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee**.

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30477, which changes the title to read **H.B. 537** (Senate Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO PROMOTE 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 adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10538, which changes the title to read **H.B. 388** (Senate 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, TO AUTHORIZE THE PROBATE OF A

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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ATTESTED WRITTEN WILL THAT HAS BEEN STORED BY AN ATTORNEY AS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, AND TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY VIDEO NOTARIZATION SUNSET, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sawyer for the **Transportation Committee**:

S.B. 391, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 45415, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

S.J.R. 768, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH L. GOODMAN TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 3 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN PAMLICO COUNTY TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MONROE BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, with a favorable report.

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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.

H.B. 442 (Senate 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 AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TRAWL NETS TO TAKE SHRIMP IN COASTAL FISHING WATERS OR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE SHORELINE, with a favorable report.

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.

H.B. 737 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS, TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, TO REVISE THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REBATE PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES, TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS BETWEEN INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO REQUIRE DRIVERS SUBJECT TO THE INEXPERIENCED DRIVER PREMIUM SURCHARGE TO MAINTAIN OR BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS LIABILITY COVERAGE, TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING PEER-TO-PEER VEHICLE SHARING, TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL LEASES REQUIRING RENTERS INSURANCE, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS IN S.L. 2023-133, AS AMENDED BY S.L. 2024-29, AND TO AUTHORIZE BROKERS TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, with a favorable report.

H.B. 832 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS EDUCATION LAWS, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 595 (Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; AND TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS, with a favorable report.

By Senator Hanig for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40592, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 391 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 15340, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 328 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND POSSESSION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND TO ADD KRATOM AS A SCHEDULE VI CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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H.B. 378 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION LAWS; TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS; AND TO EXEMPT NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 762 (Senate 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 AND 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, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 695 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GROW THE PROPERTY TAX BASE OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY FACILITATING PRIVATE DEVELOPER INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 706, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES, with a favorable report.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, thank you so much for the beautiful, beautiful place that we get to call our home, North Carolina. Thank you for this body and all the work that it does, and, Lord, our friends over in the House. As we are working through some just real hectic schedules right now, I just pray that everybody take a breath, kinda slow it down, think about what we’re doing, pray a lot, talk a lot, and, Lord, make really good decisions. Be with everyone in this body, especially the folks that are dealing with health issues. We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 16, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Applewhite, Senator Barnes, Senator Meyer, and Senator Murdock.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Riya Badada, Cary; Peter Craft, Greensboro; Alex Foster, Durham; Lily Frankowski, Raleigh; Alana Hemby, Wendell; Ian House, Cary; Henry Mitchell, Durham; Hayley Nachshon, Weddington; Victoria Sawyer, Holly Springs; Phinnlei Scott, Apex; Parker Soderberg, Durham; Mailin Soyke, Jamestown; Aditi Srinivasan, Cary; and Braden Surret, Canton.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate this week and next week will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 639 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 15.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 706, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Wednesday, June 18, and placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 26 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 1, as follows:

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Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---45.

Voting in the negative: Senator Hise---1.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

H.B. 546 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE VARIOUS LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 remains on the calendar for Wednesday, June 18, upon third reading.

H.B. 40 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 67 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE REFORMS FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3 passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 3.

H.B. 91 (Senate 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, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO

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RELEVANT STATUTES RELATED TO THE MILITARY, TO EXTEND THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR CERTAIN LATE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AND TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF TAXES LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 247 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 421 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Burgin is excused from voting on the bill because he owns car dealerships.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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, upon second reading.

Senator Burgin offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, H.B. 576, as amended, is displaced to the end of today's calendar, with Amendment No. 2 pending.

H.B. 612 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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 EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT

OFFENSES, 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, AND TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS OFFERED A POSITION IF THE POSITION REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

S.B. 639 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, upon second reading.

Senator Jackson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 2.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Everitt.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-15).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, passes its second reading (31-14) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 706, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

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, as amended, with Amendment No. 2 pending.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Committee Substitute bill, as amended, with Amendment No. 2 pending, is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 19.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 5:31 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 173 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30480, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 11.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 18.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., to reconvene at 3:30 p.m.

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 187 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE CREDIT UNION STATUTES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 27.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 5.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator Sanderson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.R. 766, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF D. REID WILSON AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 7.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 125, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 19.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 559 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 28.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 434 Senate Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 17, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 183 Senate Committee Substitute (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 17, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 23 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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

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BURGAU, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF THE SOUTH FORK PASSAGE STATE TRAIL TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM, AND TO CODIFY THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 8.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
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Madam President:

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives on June 11, 2025, that the House failed to concur in **H.B. 959 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Blackwell, Chair
Representative Biggs and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 118 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 124 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT AND TO MODERNIZE THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 133 (House Committee Substitute), 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, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM

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THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 449 (House 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; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE; AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee:**

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30483, which changes the title to read **H.B. 549** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Moffitt for the **Regulatory Reform Committee:**

H.B. 352 (Senate 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, TO LIMIT REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN

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ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAPS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, AND TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASINS, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30482, which changes the title to read **H.B. 352** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, TO LIMIT REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAPS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, AND TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 328 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND POSSESSION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND TO ADD KRATOM AS A SCHEDULE VI CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40593, which changes the title to read **H.B. 315** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LITIGATION INVESTMENTS IN THE CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM, TO PREVENT THE CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM FROM BECOMING A FINANCIAL INVESTMENT MARKET, TO AMEND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT TO INCREASE CERTAIN BENEFITS UNDER THE SCHEDULE OF INJURIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AUTOMATIC BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS BASED UPON INCREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30481, which changes the title to read **H.B. 992** (Senate 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 AND TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Moffitt for the **Regulatory Reform Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10542, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10540, which changes the title to read **H.B. 768** (Senate 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; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON CERTAIN SANITARY BOARDS; AND TO ESTABLISH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S HANDLING OF APPLICATIONS FOR 401 CERTIFICATIONS FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A NATIONWIDE PERMIT OR REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Alexander for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.R. 762, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOCELYN MITNAUL MALLETTE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 805 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10543, which changes the title to read **H.B. 805** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION

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PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 391 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, with a favorable report.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Our God and our Father, we thank thee and we love thee. As the creator of all good and beautiful gifts, we thank thee for all of the gifts and the pleasures you have offered to each and every one of us. We ask that you continue to be with us as we deliberate for the good of the Old North State. These things we pray in your Son Christ Jesus’ name. And all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 17, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Bradley, Senator Galey, Senator Meyer, and Senator Theodros.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 251, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS REFORMS RELATED TO DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY.

H.B. 402, AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS.

H.B. 476, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING AND RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

H.B. 568, AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

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H.B. 546 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE VARIOUS LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 19.

H.B. 832 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS EDUCATION LAWS.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 19.

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.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 19.

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.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 19.

S.B. 391 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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H.B. 3 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN PAMLICO COUNTY TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MONROE BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, upon second reading.

Senator Johnson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (35-10), and changes the title to read, **H.B. 3** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN PAMLICO COUNTY TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MONROE BE CONDUCTED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS ON A PARTISAN BASIS.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-17).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (28-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 442** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed before the Senate for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 442 (Senate 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 AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TRAWL NETS TO TAKE SHRIMP IN COASTAL FISHING WATERS OR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE SHORELINE, upon second reading.

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Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-19).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-18).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-18).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (25-20).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-16).

Pursuant to Rule 28, Senator Hanig offers a motion to divide the question, as follows:

Proposition No. 1, consisting of Sections 1, 2, and 4.

Proposition No. 2, consisting of Section 3.

Senator Rabon offers a substitute motion to move S.B. 595 to the next position on today's agenda, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders. The motion to divide the question subsequently fails.

S.B. 595 (Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; AND TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith and Waddell---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 19, upon third reading.

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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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 442 (Senate 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 AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TRAWL NETS TO TAKE SHRIMP IN COASTAL FISHING WATERS OR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE SHORELINE, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (41-4).

Senator Hanig objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Senate Committee Substitute bill placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 19, upon third reading.

H.B. 737 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS, TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, TO REVISE THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REBATE PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES, TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS BETWEEN INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO REQUIRE DRIVERS SUBJECT TO THE INEXPERIENCED DRIVER PREMIUM SURCHARGE TO MAINTAIN OR BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS LIABILITY COVERAGE, TO REVISE THE LAWS GOVERNING PEER-TO-PEER VEHICLE SHARING, TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL LEASES REQUIRING RENTERS INSURANCE, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS IN S.L. 2023-133, AS AMENDED BY S.L. 2024-29, AND TO AUTHORIZE BROKERS TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, upon second reading.

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Senator Johnson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 737** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS, TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, TO REVISE THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REBATE PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES, TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS BETWEEN INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO REQUIRE DRIVERS SUBJECT TO THE INEXPERIENCED DRIVER PREMIUM SURCHARGE TO MAINTAIN OR BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS LIABILITY COVERAGE, TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL LEASES REQUIRING RENTERS INSURANCE, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS IN S.L. 2023-133, AS AMENDED BY S.L. 2024-29, TO AUTHORIZE SALESMEN TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLICY CANCELLATION UPON CHARGEBACK OF A CREDIT CARD PREMIUM PAYMENT.

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-17).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 391 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 19.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 5:07 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, June 19, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 328 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND POSSESSION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND TO ADD KRATOM AS A SCHEDULE VI CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, with a favorable report.

H.B. 378 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION LAWS; TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS; AND TO EXEMPT NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 388 (Senate 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, TO AUTHORIZE THE PROBATE OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ATTESTED WRITTEN WILL THAT HAS BEEN STORED BY AN ATTORNEY AS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, AND TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY VIDEO NOTARIZATION SUNSET, with a favorable report.

H.B. 537 (Senate Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO PROMOTE 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, with a favorable report.

H.B. 549 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT, with a favorable report.

H.B. 696 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND 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), with a favorable report.

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H.B. 762 (Senate 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 AND 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, with a favorable report.

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.

H.B. 975 (Senate 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, AND 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.

S.B. 695 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GROW THE PROPERTY TAX BASE OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY FACILITATING PRIVATE DEVELOPER INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS, with a favorable report.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 655 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 479 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 19.

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S.B. 295 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 77 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 254 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 311 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; 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; AND TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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S.B. 423 (House 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 AND REAL ESTATE BROKER DISCIPLINE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

REMOVAL OF A BILL SPONSOR

Senator Smith requests to be removed as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

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.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 19, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., to reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

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RECESS**SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 661 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BUILDING INDUSTRY EFFICIENCY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 352 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, TO LIMIT REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAPS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, AND TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 763 (Senate 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.

H.B. 768 (Senate 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; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON CERTAIN SANITARY BOARDS; AND TO ESTABLISH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S HANDLING OF APPLICATIONS FOR 401 CERTIFICATIONS FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A NATIONWIDE PERMIT OR REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 805 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives on June 17, 2025, that the House failed to concur in **H.B. 23 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Huneycutt, Chair
Representative Setzer and
Representative Rhyne

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

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S.B. 344, 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.

S.B. 400, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS.

H.B. 40, AN ACT TO ENACT VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

H.B. 91, 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, TO EXTEND THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR CERTAIN LATE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AND TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF TAXES LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY.

H.B. 247, AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT.

H.B. 373, 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.

H.B. 421, AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

H.B. 612, 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 EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES, 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, AND TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS OFFERED A POSITION IF THE POSITION REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable W. Ted Alexander, Senator from Cleveland County, as follows:

“Lord, on this day, we celebrate the true and full freedom you have extended to us all through Christ Jesus. And the news of that freedom has traveled to us over the course of the last 2,000 years, so that each of us may finally experience the full emancipation from the enslavement and prison of our own sin and oppression. Open the blind eyes of our hearts, Lord, so that each and every one of us might glorify you, God, and enjoy you forever. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 18, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Bradley, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Hanig, Senator Lazzara, Senator Meyer, Senator Mohammed, and Senator Theodros.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 595 (Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; AND TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 42, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith and Waddell---42.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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S.B. 391 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Monday, June 23.

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.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 423 (House 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 AND REAL ESTATE BROKER DISCIPLINE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 546 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE VARIOUS LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 42, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith and Waddell---42.

Voting in the negative: None.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

S.B. 695 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GROW THE PROPERTY TAX BASE OF UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY FACILITATING PRIVATE DEVELOPER INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 328 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND POSSESSION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND TO ADD KRATOM AS A SCHEDULE VI CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (35-7) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 378 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION LAWS; TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS; AND TO EXEMPT NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS, upon second reading.

Senator Corbin offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 537** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed before the Senate for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 537 (Senate Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO

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PROMOTE 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, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (42-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 388 (Senate 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, TO AUTHORIZE THE PROBATE OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ATTESTED WRITTEN WILL THAT HAS BEEN STORED BY AN ATTORNEY AS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, AND TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY VIDEO NOTARIZATION SUNSET, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Hise.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (41-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 388** (Senate 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, TO AUTHORIZE THE PROBATE OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ATTESTED WRITTEN WILL THAT HAS BEEN STORED BY AN ATTORNEY AS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY VIDEO SUNSETS, 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.

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Galey, which motion prevails (26-15).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (41-0).

Senator Daniel objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, placed on the calendar of Monday, June 23, upon third reading.

H.B. 549 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT, upon second reading.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (27-14) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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, as amended, with Amendment No. 2 pending.

Senator Grafstein withdraws Amendment No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 24.

H.B. 696 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND 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), upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (41-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 762 (Senate 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 AND 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, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (41-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 832 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO VARIOUS EDUCATION LAWS, upon second reading.

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (41-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (32-9) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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H.B. 928, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (41-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 975 (Senate 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, AND 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, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (37-4) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 442 (Senate 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 AND TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF TRAWL NETS TO TAKE SHRIMP IN COASTAL FISHING WATERS OR THE ATLANTIC OCEAN WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF THE SHORELINE, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading (39-2) and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

FLOOR PRIVILEGES

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to allow staff on the Senate chamber floor.

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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

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The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Robinson.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (29-11) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 479 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (9-31) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 423 (House 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 AND REAL ESTATE BROKER DISCIPLINE, for concurrence in House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (1-39) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Smith, the words spoken by Senator Applewhite are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR APPLEWHITE: “Thank you to Senator Alexander for opening our session recognizing our Juneteenth, but I also rise in recognition of Juneteenth, a day that President Joe Biden officially designated as a federal holiday in 2021, calling it one of the greatest honors of his presidency. But Juneteenth is not just a newly named holiday, it is one of the most profound markers of our American story. So, let me take you back to June 19, 1865. The Civil War had ended; the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed more than two years earlier, and, yet, in Galveston, Texas, more than 250,000 African Americans were still enslaved. Now, history will tell you that they were unaware, but many actually were aware what had happened, but what were the enslaved to do? Were they to go to the enslavers’ homes and say, ‘Hey, we’re actually free.’ History will tell us that they did not know, but many were aware. That morning, Union troops arrived by ship,

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led by Major General Gordon Granger to deliver General Order No. 3. But it wasn't just any regiment. Among those soldiers were members of the United States Colored Troops, black men in 'Union Blue,' who had fought for freedom they had never tasted themselves. Can you imagine that? Black soldiers marching into Galveston, looking into the eyes of men and women that had never known freedom and declaring that they were free. For those newly freed, that moment was filled with disbelief, then celebration, then uncertainty. What did freedom mean with no land, no money, no promise of protection? Still, it meant possibility. It meant hope. And that day, June 19, became a sacred date passed down through generations as 'Juneteenth.' But let's be clear, the Emancipation Proclamation didn't end slavery in every state; it only applied to Confederate states in rebellion. Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, and Missouri—all Union states continued slavery until December 6, 1865, when the 13th Amendment was ratified. So, when we talk about Juneteenth, we are talking about freedom delayed but never denied. And, yes, this history is painful, but it's also powerful because it reminds us that freedom in America has always required struggle, courage, and collective action. Now, some might wonder, 'Why do we need another holiday?' 'Why should Juneteenth matter to me if I'm not black?' Well, here's why. Because Juneteenth is not just Black History, it is American History. It is a chapter in our nation's journey towards its highest ideals: freedom, equality, and justice for all. Understanding Juneteenth helps us understand why our democracy must be defended, why inclusive education matters, why policy decisions from housing to health care to voting rights are tied to a legacy we cannot afford to ignore. And here in North Carolina, where Juneteenth is now recognized as an optional state holiday, we have the opportunity to lead not just in policy but in truth telling, in healing, and in building a future worthy of all of our people. As a state senator, as a veteran, and as an African American woman, whose ancestors were likely among those waiting to hear the sound of freedom, I don't take this moment lightly. I share it today because freedom is a shared value, not a partisan one. And if we in this chamber are serious about honoring liberty, dignity, and justice, then Juneteenth is a holiday we all should embrace. Thank you, Madam President, and thank you, members of the Senate."

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns, in honor and in recognition of Juneteenth, at 2:19 p.m., to reconvene Friday, June 20, at 10:00 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Craven for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 173 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30485, which changes the title to read **H.B. 441** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SHRIMP TRAWL TRANSITION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY TRANSITION PAYMENTS TO HOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES WHO HAD REPORTED SALES OF SHRIMP CAUGHT WITH A TRAWL NET BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2023, AND JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO INCREASE COASTAL FISHING LICENSE FEES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 559 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40594, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 992 (Senate 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 AND TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 10545, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30487, which changes the title to read **H.B. 96** (Senate 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 AND TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PET SHOPS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40595, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30486, which changes the title to read **H.B. 193** (Senate 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, 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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST

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AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, 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, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.R. 767, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF LESLIE COOLEY DISMUKES AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10541, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

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.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 19 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 23 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Ford, Chair; Senator Alexander and Senator Sawyer as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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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.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 18 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 959 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Overcash and Senator Corbin as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 479 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 479 on June 19, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Sawrey, Chair; Senator Britt and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

S.B. 423 (House 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 AND REAL ESTATE BROKER DISCIPLINE.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 423 on June 19, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Sawrey, Chair; Senator B. Newton and Senator Jackson as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, June 20, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we love you and thank you for another day. We pray for our friends in Israel that you’ll keep them safe. Today is ‘pray for law enforcement’ day, and we do pray for law enforcement—those in this building and in this room and those all across this state—540 cities and 100 counties—and our Highway Patrol. We pray that you’ll keep them all safe as they do the job protecting us. Guide and direct us here today, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Moffitt announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 19, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m. to reconvene Monday, June 23, at 10:00 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 850, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 7.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 226 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 77 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Monday, June 23.

S.B. 118 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Monday, June 23.

S.B. 254 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Monday, June 23.

S.B. 295 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Monday, June 23.

S.B. 311 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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

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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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; 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; AND TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Monday, June 23.

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, with House Amendment No. 1, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The bill, with House Amendment No. 1, is placed on the calendar of Monday, June 23.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 126, 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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 20, 2025 - S.L. 2025-12)

Pursuant to Senator Moffitt's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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SEVENTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 23, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 10:00 a.m., to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

RECESS**RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS**

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

H.B. 125, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** on June 18, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** is stricken.

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, referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** on June 16, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** is stricken.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Vetoed bills, together with the Governor's objections and veto messages, were returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate, as follows:

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 50, "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

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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.”

This bill makes North Carolinians less safe and undermines responsible gun ownership. The bill eliminates training requirements associated with concealed carry permits and reduces the age to carry a concealed weapon from 21 to 18 years old. Authorizing teenagers to carry a concealed weapon with no training whatsoever is dangerous. The bill would also make the job of a law enforcement officer more difficult and less safe. We can and should protect the right to bear arms without recklessly endangering law enforcement officers and our people.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 20th day of June 2025, at 3:33 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor’s objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.***

GOVERNOR’S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 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.”

Senate Bill 153 would make us less safe. At a time when our law enforcement is already stretched thin, this bill takes state law enforcement officers away from their existing state duties and forces them to act as federal immigration agents. Furthermore, under current law, people without lawful immigration status already are prevented from receiving Medicaid, SNAP, Section 8, and other benefits.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 20th day of June 2025, at 3:33 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 23, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 479 House Committee Substitute (6th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Rhyne, Chair
Representative Potts
Representative Campbell
Representative Reeder and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 23, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives on June 18, 2025, that the House failed to concur in **H.B. 183 Senate Committee Substitute (4th**

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Edition), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Clampitt, Chair
Representative Bell and
Representative Strickland

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 23, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 423 House Committee Substitute (4th Edition), 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 AND REAL ESTATE BROKER DISCIPLINE,** and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Stevens, Chair
Representative Blackwell
Representative Schietzelt
Representative Carson Smith and
Representative Torbett

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on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 210 (Senate Committee Substitute), 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.

H.B. 173 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 193 (Senate 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, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN ON

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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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, 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, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, with a favorable report.

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.

H.B. 441 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SHRIMP TRAWL TRANSITION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY TRANSITION PAYMENTS TO HOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES WHO HAD REPORTED SALES OF SHRIMP CAUGHT WITH A TRAWL NET BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2023, AND JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO INCREASE COASTAL FISHING LICENSE FEES, with a favorable report.

H.B. 559 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 992 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE AND TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, with a favorable report.

By Senator Jackson for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

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, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40600, which changes the title to read **H.B. 1012** (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 AND WILDFIRES, is adopted and engrossed.

By Senator Hise for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

H.B. 125, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE STAR, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10547, which changes the title to read **H.B. 125** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR BUDGET CONTINUATIONS PURSUANT TO G.S. 143C-5-4 FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, is adopted and engrossed.

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30490, which changes the title to read **H.B. 305** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPLICABLE TO GUILFORD COUNTY ONLY THAT (1) PROMOTES FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; (2) MODIFIES THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR A REFERENDUM REGARDING THE LEVY OF THE ARTICLE 46 QUARTER-CENT SALES AND USE TAX; (3) SPECIFIES THE USES OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS; AND (4) DISTRIBUTES A PORTION OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Lord Jesus, help us to be bold in our courage. Help us to grow in knowledge and understanding when it comes to the things of you. We ask for the boldness to face our fears, to be good to each other, to be kind. Help us to overcome doubt and self-doubt and to embrace the opportunities that you’ve given us for this great state of North Carolina. Give us the wisdom to make good choices and the confidence to pursue them, knowing that you are our guide and protector and that we are here to help others and to help this state. These blessings we ask in your name. And all the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, June 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Moffitt, and Senator Salvador.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 266, 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.

H.B. 928, AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Saanika Agarwal, Cary; Lydia Bryan, Wilmington; Marley Byrd, Burlington; Macie Harris, Rowland; Sam Lisi, Apex; Alfredo Munoz Arciniega, Siler City; Carson Ostrow, Blowing Rock; Ramya Pragada, Cary; Matt Smith, Stanley; Anna Spainhour, Candler; Hayden Tate, Elkin; Bishop Taube, Wilmington; and Marley Wenzel, Clayton.

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MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 805 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 24.

H.B. 352 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, TO LIMIT REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAPS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, AND TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 24.

H.B. 173 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 1012 (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 AND WILDFIRES, reported favorably from the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 441 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SHRIMP TRAWL TRANSITION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY TRANSITION PAYMENTS TO HOLDERS OF

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COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES WHO HAD REPORTED SALES OF SHRIMP CAUGHT WITH A TRAWL NET BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2023, AND JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO INCREASE COASTAL FISHING LICENSE FEES, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 391 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, upon second reading.

Senator Lazzara offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, by special message.

H.B. 763 (Senate 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, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Burgin is excused from voting on the bill due to owning car dealerships.

Senator Lazzara offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 768 (Senate 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; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON CERTAIN SANITARY BOARDS; AND TO ESTABLISH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S HANDLING OF APPLICATIONS FOR 401 CERTIFICATIONS FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A NATIONWIDE PERMIT OR REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (30-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 388 (Senate 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, TO AUTHORIZE THE PROBATE OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ATTESTED WRITTEN WILL THAT HAS BEEN STORED BY AN ATTORNEY AS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, AND TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY VIDEO NOTARIZATION SUNSET, as amended, upon third reading.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (47-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 388** (Senate 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, TO AUTHORIZE THE PROBATE OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ATTESTED WRITTEN WILL THAT HAS BEEN STORED BY AN ATTORNEY AS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY VIDEO SUNSETS.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading (47-0) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 77 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Sawyer, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (47-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 118 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Lazzara, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-47) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 254 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-47) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

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S.B. 295 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Burgin's excuse from voting, requested on Tuesday, May 6, remains in effect.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (46-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 311 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; 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; AND TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (1-46) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

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, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate concurs in House Amendment No. 1 (28-19) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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H.B. 173 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 29, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---29.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---18.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 remains on the calendar for Tuesday, June 24, upon third reading.

H.B. 1012 (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 AND WILDFIRES, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (47-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 441 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SHRIMP TRAWL TRANSITION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY TRANSITION PAYMENTS TO HOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES WHO HAD REPORTED SALES OF SHRIMP CAUGHT WITH A TRAWL NET BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2023, AND JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO INCREASE COASTAL FISHING LICENSE FEES, upon second reading.

Senator Jackson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (38-9).

Senator Hanig offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (33-14).

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 2, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---45.

Voting in the negative: Senators Hanig and Sanderson---2.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, remains on the calendar for Tuesday, June 24, upon third reading.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 8:22 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

H.B. 183 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 23 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 183 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Sawrey, Chair; Senator Rabon and Senator Ford as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 118 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 118 on June 23, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Lazzara, Chair; Senator Britt and Senator Lee as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

S.B. 254 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 254 on June 23, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Overcash and Senator Daniel as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

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S.B. 311 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; 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; AND TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 311 on June 23, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Britt, Chair; Senator B. Newton, Senator Daniel and Senator Galey as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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EIGHTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 24, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

RECESS**INTRODUCTION OF A BILL**

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Rabon:

S.B. 770, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 5.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

H.B. 850, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40602, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 24, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 118 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Chesser, Chair
Representative Campbell and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 24, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives on June 18, 2025, that the House failed to concur in **H.B. 434 Senate Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY.

June 24, 2025

Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Reeder, Chair
Representative Potts
Representative Campbell and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 24, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 318 (Ratified)**, 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, was vetoed by Governor Josh Stein on June 20, 2025 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 696.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Burgin, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives 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, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

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The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H412-PCCS10544-CI-3.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 412** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS; AND TO MAKE BUILDING CODE REVISIONS.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25, for adoption.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“As we move forward today and make important decisions, Lord, through every trial and hardship, you are good. We pray for wisdom and guidance, peace and patience, that not our will but yours be done. So as we pray here today, may we find peace in our deliberations, and may unity rise above all partisanship. Let every decision be rooted in justice, equity, and a deep concern for the wellbeing of all the people of this great state of North Carolina. Guide us and bless us. Bless our service today, our families, and our commitment to shaping a better future for this state and its people. And all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 23, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Moffitt, and Senator Salvador.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 77, AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM.

S.B. 295, AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

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S.B. 442, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 124 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT AND TO MODERNIZE THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 449 (House 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; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE; AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 805** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the beginning of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 805 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS, upon second reading.

Senator Batch offers a motion to re-refer H.B. 805 to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Chair rules Senator Batch's motion out of order pursuant to Senate Rule 47.

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Senator Batch offers a motion to postpone H.B. 805 to December 24, 2025.

Senator Smith offers a substitute motion to divide the question, as follows:

Proposition No. 1, consisting of Section 2.

Proposition No. 2, consisting of Sections 1, 3, and 4.

The motion to divide the question fails (19-27).

Senator Hise moves that the motion to postpone H.B. 805 to a date certain do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-18).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator B. Newton offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (27-19), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator B. Newton offers Amendment No. 4 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (27-19), and Amendment No. 3 subsequently fails.

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 5.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Hanig.

Senator Rabon offers a substitute motion to withdraw **H.B. 576** from today's calendar and place it on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25, which motion prevails (27-19), and Amendment No. 5 subsequently fails.

Senator Bradley offers Amendment No. 6.

Senator B. Newton offers Amendment No. 7 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-18), and Amendment No. 6 subsequently fails.

Senator Bradley offers Amendment No. 8.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 8 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-19).

Senator Everitt offers Amendment No. 9.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 9 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-19).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 10.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 10 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (27-19).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading, ayes 27, noes 4, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Blue, Lowe, Meyer and Robinson---4.

The following senators responded to the question by stating "present": Senator Adcock, Senator Applewhite, Senator Batch, Senator Bradley, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Chitlik, Senator Everitt, Senator Garrett, Senator Grafstein, Senator Mayfield, Senator Mohammed, Senator Murdock, Senator Smith, Senator Theodros, and Senator Waddell.

Senator Berger offers a motion that all members who responded "present" on second reading be excused under Rule 29(e) from voting on this bill or any amendment to the bill or any other votes on this bill.

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The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Berger.

Senator Rabon restates Senator Berger's motion that all members who responded "present" on second reading be excused under Rule 29(e) from voting on this bill or any amendment to the bill or any other votes on this bill.

Senator Garrett offers a substitute motion to adjourn until Monday, June 30, at 12:00 p.m., seconded by Senator Lazzara, which motion fails (18-27).

Senator Rabon moves the previous question. Without objection, a vote is taken on the motion to call the previous question, and the motion prevails (29-16).

Without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 173 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 28, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Mohammed, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---17.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

H.B. 441 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SHRIMP TRAWL TRANSITION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY TRANSITION PAYMENTS TO HOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES WHO HAD REPORTED SALES OF SHRIMP CAUGHT WITH A TRAWL NET BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2023, AND JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO INCREASE COASTAL FISHING LICENSE FEES, as amended, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 43, noes 2, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---43.

Voting in the negative: Senators Garrett and Sanderson---2.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 125 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR BUDGET CONTINUATIONS PURSUANT TO G.S. 143C-5-4 FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-19).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-19).

Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 6.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 6 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-19).

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 7.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 7 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-19).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (39-6) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 193 (Senate 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, 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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR ANY PERSON CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING OR MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER,

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COURT OFFICER, LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, OR ELECTION OFFICER TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25.

H.B. 210 (Senate Committee Substitute), 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.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25.

H.B. 352 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, TO LIMIT REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAPS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, AND TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25.

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.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25.

H.B. 992 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE AND TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK.

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Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 559 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (39-6) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 559** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, AND TO AMEND INTERIM APPOINTMENT CRITERIA FOR THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (43-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 124 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT AND TO MODERNIZE THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Corbin, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (45-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 449 (House 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; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE; AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, for concurrence in House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Lee, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (1-44) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, seconded by Senator Johnson, the Senate adjourns at 4:44 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, June 25, at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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H.B. 948 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT.

Referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 24, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 311 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; TO ESTABLISH A MITIGATING FACTOR FOR CERTAIN PERSONS CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED DRIVING WHO VOLUNTARILY EQUIP AND OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH AN

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IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PRIOR TO TRIAL; AND TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Stevens, Chair
Representative Balkcom and
Representative Schietzelt

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 254 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Strickland, Chair
Representative Blackwell
Representative Paré and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

H.B. 434 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS AND INCREASING PRICE TRANSPARENCY.

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Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 24 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 434 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Galey, Chair; Senator Burgin, Senator Sawrey and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 449 (House 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; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE; AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 449 on June 24, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Corbin and Senator Overcash as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 96 (Senate 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 AND TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PET SHOPS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 171 (Senate 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.

H.B. 620 (Senate 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.

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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.

S.B. 770, 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.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 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 MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES STATUTES, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO EXTEND THE REVERSION DATE OF SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT FUNDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 16.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 133 (House Committee Substitute), 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, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Lee, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **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, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H959-PCCS10552-BE-2.

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Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 959** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY, TO REQUIRE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR REACCREDITATION BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25, for adoption.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Craven for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 948 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40604, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Sawrey, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 183** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H183-PCCS10550-CM-2.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on the calendar of Wednesday, June 25, for adoption.

Pursuant to Senator Rabon's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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EIGHTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, June 25, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

RECESS**SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 24, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 696 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND 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), and requests conferees. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Reeder, Chair
Representative Campbell
Representative Potts and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
June 24, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 1012 Senate Committee Substitute (4th Edition)**, 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, and requests conferees. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Greene, Co-Chair
Representative Arp, Co-Chair
Representative Gillespie and
Representative Strickland

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

H.B. 1012 (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 AND WILDFIRES.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 24 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 1012 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Hise, Chair; Senator Jackson, Senator Daniel and Senator Corbin as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 696 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS AND 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).

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Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 24 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 696 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Burgin, Chair; Senator Galey, Senator Sawrey and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A select committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.R. 762, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOCELYN MITNAUL MALLETT AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, with a favorable report.

S.R. 766, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF D. REID WILSON AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, with a favorable report.

S.R. 767, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF LESLIE COOLEY DISMUKES AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, with a favorable report.

S.J.R. 768, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH L. GOODMAN TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 24, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 449 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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

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TECHNOLOGY COSTS; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE; AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Paré, Chair
Representative Blackwell
Representative Strickland and
Representative Arp

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 24, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that Representative B. Jones (Chair) has been removed as a conferee and Representative Bell (Chair), Representative Strickland and Representative Tyson have been added as conferees to **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.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 412 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS; AND TO MAKE BUILDING CODE REVISIONS.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 959 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY, TO REQUIRE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR REACCREDITATION BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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H.B. 747 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 926 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 69 (House Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE SHALL EXERCISE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ONLY WITHIN THE CITY'S CONTIGUOUS CORPORATE LIMITS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 387 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 472 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS, AND TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 600 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 690 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, TO AUTHORIZE BROKERS TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP

OR CONTROL, TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES A LANDLORD MAY RECOVER FROM A TENANT, AND TO ALLOW A BUYER'S AGENT COMPENSATION TO BE INCLUDED IN AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 710 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 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.

H.B. 305 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPLICABLE TO GUILFORD COUNTY ONLY THAT (1) PROMOTES FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; (2) MODIFIES THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR A REFERENDUM REGARDING THE LEVY OF THE ARTICLE 46 QUARTER-CENT SALES AND USE TAX; (3) SPECIFIES THE USES OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS; AND (4) DISTRIBUTES A PORTION OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY, with a favorable report.

H.B. 850 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 948 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT, with a favorable report.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 124, AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT AND TO MODERNIZE THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM.

S.B. 321, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT.

H.B. 67, AN ACT TO ENACT HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE REFORMS FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

H.B. 378, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION LAWS; TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS; AND TO EXEMPT NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS.

H.B. 537, 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 AND TO PROMOTE 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.

H.B. 549, AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT.

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H.B. 737, AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS, TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, TO REVISE THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REBATE PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES, TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS BETWEEN INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO REQUIRE DRIVERS SUBJECT TO THE INEXPERIENCED DRIVER PREMIUM SURCHARGE TO MAINTAIN OR BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS LIABILITY COVERAGE, TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL LEASES REQUIRING RENTERS INSURANCE, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS IN S.L. 2023-133, AS AMENDED BY S.L. 2024-29, TO AUTHORIZE SALESMEN TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLICY CANCELLATION UPON CHARGEBACK OF A CREDIT CARD PREMIUM PAYMENT.

H.B. 762, AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT (S.A.F.E) MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT AND 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.

H.B. 768, 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; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON CERTAIN SANITARY BOARDS; AND TO ESTABLISH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S HANDLING OF APPLICATIONS FOR 401 CERTIFICATIONS FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A NATIONWIDE PERMIT OR REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT.

H.B. 975, AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, WHILE ON DUTY, TO CARRY PEPPER SPRAY OPENLY OR CONCEALED, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHO

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RENDER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INJURED K-9 POLICE ANIMAL OR AN INJURED SEARCH AND RESCUE DOG AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 3, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN PAMLICO COUNTY TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MONROE BE CONDUCTED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS ON A PARTISAN BASIS.

H.B. 26, AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Our God and our Father, we thank thee and we love thee. As the Creator of all good and beautiful gifts, we thank thee for the great state that you have given us. Now we ask that you would continue to give us wisdom and give us the acumen to do the things that are necessary to look out and lift up all of our people. These things we pray in the name of he that orders our steps and meets us with mercy, in the name of Jesus the Christ. These things we pray. And all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Hanig, Senator Moffitt, and Senator B. Newton.

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MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.J.R. 768, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH L. GOODMAN TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, reported favorably from the **Select Committee on Nominations** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Joint Resolution is placed on today's calendar.

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, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 305 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPLICABLE TO GUILFORD COUNTY ONLY THAT (1) PROMOTES FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; (2) MODIFIES THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR A REFERENDUM REGARDING THE LEVY OF THE ARTICLE 46 QUARTER-CENT SALES AND USE TAX; (3) SPECIFIES THE USES OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS; AND (4) DISTRIBUTES A PORTION OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 850 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 948 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 387 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

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Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 472 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS, AND TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 600 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 690 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, TO AUTHORIZE BROKERS TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES A LANDLORD MAY RECOVER FROM A TENANT, AND TO ALLOW A BUYER'S AGENT COMPENSATION TO BE INCLUDED IN AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 710 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE

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APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 352 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, TO LIMIT REPEATED REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN DOWNSTREAM INUNDATION MAPS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, AND TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from today's calendar and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 183**, **H.B. 171**, and **H.B. 1003** are withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills and a resolution on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 770, 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, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (44-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 96 (Senate 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 AND TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PET SHOPS, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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H.B. 193 (Senate 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, 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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, 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, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, upon second reading.

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-20).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (29-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 210 (Senate Committee Substitute), 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, upon second reading.

Senator Jackson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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, upon second reading.

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The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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, as amended, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in Senate Amendment No. 1.

H.B. 620 (Senate 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, upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is displaced to the end of today's calendar.

H.B. 992 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE AND TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (45-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 171** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed before the Senate for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 171 (Senate 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, upon second reading.

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Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 3 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (31-15), and Amendment No. 2 subsequently fails.

Upon motion of Senator Garrett, the words spoken on H.B. 171 by Senator Applewhite are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR APPLEWHITE: “I’m offended that my passion for speaking on behalf of veterans is considered theatrics. There’s nothing theatrical here. We could have simply just accepted the amendment, make it clear in this DEI bill, instead of cross-referencing some other bill. We could have easily done that, so I just want to be clear about that. Nothing about what I say or do about veterans is theatrics. I’ve dedicated twenty years of my life, and I have the scars to prove it, sir. I’d like to speak to the issue of DEI, and I am exhausted by the last few months of talking about DEI. I rise today, not just as a legislator, but as an African American woman—a Black woman in these chambers—something that for most of this nation’s history wasn’t even legally possible. My very presence here disrupts the comfort of the systems this bill seeks to protect. Let’s not pretend we don’t know what this bill is really about. This isn’t about merit. It isn’t about fairness. It’s about power—preserving it, hoarding it, and using policy to protect the same systemic discrimination that has excluded people like me—like so many others—for generations. And let’s not act brand new about where this is coming from. Our president has made it plain; DEI is poison. He called efforts to promote fairness and opportunity for marginalized communities as a threat to America. You know what, in a way he’s right. It is a threat to the old version of America, the version where opportunity only existed for some, where power was preserved for the few, where people like me were told to ‘know our place.’ But today I’ll tell you, the place you tried to deny us, we built it, we’re not leaving. This bill is not about protecting merit; it’s about protecting privilege. It’s about fear, fear that as this nation grows more diverse, more reflective of the people who have always contributed to its success, the grip on power by a shrinking few is slipping away. Let me remind you of the demographic truth that you cannot legislate away. In 2045 the so-called minorities in this country—Black, brown, Indigenous, Asian, multicultural—will be the majority. You know this, your party knows this, and this—this bill—this rhetoric—is your last gasping effort to cling to the centuries of unearned privilege that are coming to an end. But I’ll say this, history has a way of turning the tables. The trap you set for us will be the same trap that catches you. When you dismantle programs that promote fairness, you don’t just hurt Black and brown people, you fracture the very foundation of this nation. And the irony, you do it under the false flag of meritocracy while conveniently ignoring that for most of our history, merit had nothing to do with what it got to get ahead. The truth is this, Black women, by demographic, are the most educated group in this country. We’ve fought for every degree, every promotion, every seat at the table. And what has happened since these DEI efforts began? Black women have seen the highest rates of job loss, displacement, and exclusion. Not because we lack merit, but because when you strip away intentional inclusion, the system defaults to what it was designed to do, to exclude. But I’ll tell you what I believe

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and what Democrats believe. We operate from a space of abundance. We know there is enough for all of us—enough opportunity, enough success, enough space at the table, but you legislate what you—my Republican colleagues, some of you legislate from a place of scarcity. You govern from fear as if my success is your loss, as if my opportunity threatens your children’s future. It doesn’t have to be that way. To the people of this state, Black, brown, White, Indigenous, immigrant, LGBTQ+, all of you who believe this nation is abundant, I say, get ready. Get ready for the day when we will undo this foolishness. Get ready for the day when policy reflects progress not fear. Get ready for the day when this country finally lives up to its promise—a nation where opportunity is not rationed but shared. I will not support this bill. I will not cosign systemic racism wrapped in legislative language. I will not be silent while fear disguises itself as fairness. I will stand for abundance; I will stand for inclusion. And I urge every member here, if you truly believe in merit and opportunity and the future of this state, you will reject this bill, too. Thank you.”

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (26-20) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Senator Britt, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 311** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; TO REVISE THE OFFENSES OF FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE

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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; 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; AND TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S311-PCCS35316-SA-1.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 311** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; 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; TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT; AND TO MODIFY MISDEMEANOR EXPUNCTION.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar following **S.B. 133**, for adoption.

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Senator Sawrey, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives 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, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H116-PCCS30491-CH-1.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 116** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar, for adoption.

Senator Lee, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 254** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S254-PCCS45427-RQ-2.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar following **S.B. 133**, for adoption.

Senator Lazzara, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 118** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S118-PCCS45425-CJ-1.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar, for adoption.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

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 MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES STATUTES, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO EXTEND THE REVERSION DATE OF SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT FUNDS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Jones, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (46-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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S.B. 133 (House Committee Substitute), 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, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Lee, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (46-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 311 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; 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; TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT; AND TO MODIFY MISDEMEANOR EXPUNCTION, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (46-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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S.B. 254 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Overcash, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (26-20).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 412 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS; AND TO MAKE BUILDING CODE REVISIONS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (46-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 959 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY, TO REQUIRE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR REACCREDITATION BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Lee, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (45-1).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 26, upon third reading.

H.B. 305 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPLICABLE TO GUILFORD COUNTY ONLY THAT (1) PROMOTES FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO

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RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; (2) MODIFIES THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR A REFERENDUM REGARDING THE LEVY OF THE ARTICLE 46 QUARTER-CENT SALES AND USE TAX; (3) SPECIFIES THE USES OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS; AND (4) DISTRIBUTES A PORTION OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 26, upon third reading.

H.B. 948 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT, upon second reading.

Senator Johnson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 42, noes 4, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Everitt, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Overcash, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---42.

Voting in the negative: Senators Ford, Hollo, Jarvis and Settle---4.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 26, upon third reading.

S.J.R. 768, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH L. GOODMAN TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Overcash.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 850 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS, upon second reading.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 387 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator McInnis, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (45-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 472 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), 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, TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS, AND TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (30-15) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 600 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (45-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 690 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, TO AUTHORIZE BROKERS TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES A LANDLORD MAY RECOVER FROM A TENANT, AND TO ALLOW A BUYER'S AGENT COMPENSATION TO BE INCLUDED IN AN OFFER TO PURCHASE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Craven, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (45-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 710 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC

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COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (45-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 116 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (29-16).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 118 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Lazzara, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (45-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 183 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (45-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 1003 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in Senate Amendment No. 1.

H.B. 620 (Senate 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, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-2).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (45-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOSEPH DEPRIEST, JR.”**

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 2:57 p.m., in memory of Joseph “Joe” DePriest, Jr., to reconvene Thursday, June 26, at 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 192 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM TO AWARD PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INCREASES AND LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES TO STATE EMPLOYEES, TEACHERS, AND OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, AND IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, REDUCTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS, AND OFFSETS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 480 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 595 (House Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO

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INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS; AND TO UPDATE LAWS RELATED TO CREDIT UNIONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 183 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 429 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 3, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN ALL OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN PAMLICO COUNTY TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO REQUIRE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON TO BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MONROE BE CONDUCTED IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS ON A PARTISAN BASIS. (Became law upon ratification, June 25, 2025 - S.L. 2025-13)

H.B. 26, AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORIES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS. (Became law upon ratification, June 25, 2025 - S.L. 2025-14)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 26, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:00 a.m., to reconvene at 9:30 a.m.

RECESS**SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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H.B. 369 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES AND TO MODIFY THE AUTHORITY OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO REQUIRE STORMWATER CONTROL FOR REDEVELOPED PROPERTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 590 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 819 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, BROADBAND FUNDING, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 101 (House Committee Substitute), 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, TO PROTECT LIVING ORGAN DONORS FROM POTENTIAL INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION, AND TO PROVIDE PAID LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL WHO SERVE AS LIVING ORGAN DONORS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 177 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS ADJUSTMENTS AFFECTING THE CONTINUING OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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S.B. 328 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS FROM BEING POSSESSED BY OR SOLD TO PERSONS UNDER AGE TWENTY-ONE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 375 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON'S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING AND TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 391 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 401 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 416 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 488 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISPOSITION PLACEMENT ANALYSIS AND REQUIRE WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT; AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 664 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT; TO AMEND THE ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS AND MAKE CORRECTIONS CONCERNING "TO GO" MIXED BEVERAGES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL LAW; TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM NONBETTERMENT COSTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES; AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE MEGASITES READINESS PROGRAM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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S.B. 706 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES. CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 25, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 254** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 254 on Wednesday, June 25, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 25, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 118** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL.

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When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 118 on Wednesday, June 25, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Alexander, Burgin, Corbin, Ford, Galey, Mayfield, Moffitt, B. Newton, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 771, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD AN EXCEPTION TO THE EMOLUMENTS PROHIBITION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION FOR CERTAIN DISASTER RELIEF TO BUSINESSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Senator Ford, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **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, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H23-PCCS10555-BK-2.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **H.B. 23** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS.

Senator Burgin, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives 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

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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, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H309-PCCS40607-ST-2.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **H.B. 309** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Senator Sawrey, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 479** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S479-PCCS45429-BC-1.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 125, AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES STATUTES, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO EXTEND THE REVERSION DATE OF SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT FUNDS.

S.B. 133, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO SOLICIT A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM.

S.B. 227, 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.

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S.B. 387, AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT.

S.B. 472, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PROCESS FOR 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS, AND TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT.

S.B. 558, 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.

S.B. 600, AN ACT TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

S.B. 690, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, TO AUTHORIZE BROKERS TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES A LANDLORD MAY RECOVER FROM A TENANT, AND TO ALLOW A BUYER'S AGENT COMPENSATION TO BE INCLUDED IN AN OFFER TO PURCHASE.

S.B. 710, AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD.

H.B. 357, AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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H.B. 388, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE PROBATE OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ATTESTED WRITTEN WILL THAT HAS BEEN STORED BY AN ATTORNEY AS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY VIDEO SUNSETS, 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.

H.B. 412, AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS; AND TO MAKE BUILDING CODE REVISIONS.

H.B. 546, AN ACT TO MODERNIZE VARIOUS LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

H.B. 559, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, AND TO AMEND INTERIM APPOINTMENT CRITERIA FOR THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL.

H.B. 763, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING STATES WHO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE.

H.B. 805, AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL SLEEPING QUARTERS.

H.B. 959, AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY, TO REQUIRE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR REACCREDITATION BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 183, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Gale Adcock, Senator from Wake County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, in the stillness of this moment, I come to you weary and in need of renewal. Pour out your spirit upon me, refresh my heart, restore my strength, and fill me with your peace. Let your love quiet my anxious thoughts and your grace lift the weight I carry. Anchor me in the hope of Christ, and guide me gently through this day. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 25, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Britt, Senator Craven, Senator Ford, Senator Hanig, Senator B. Newton, Senator Overcash, and Senator Salvador.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

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, with House Amendment No. 1, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill, with House Amendment No. 1, is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today’s calendar.

S.B. 375 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON’S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING AND TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 26.

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Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 391 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 26.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 401 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 26.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 416 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 26.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 429 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 488 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISPOSITION PLACEMENT ANALYSIS AND REQUIRE WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT; AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 26.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 595 (House Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS; AND TO UPDATE LAWS RELATED TO CREDIT UNIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 655 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 18.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 664 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT; TO AMEND THE ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS AND MAKE CORRECTIONS CONCERNING "TO GO" MIXED BEVERAGES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL LAW; TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM NONBETTERMENT COSTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES; AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE MEGASITES READINESS PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 26.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 706 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES. CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 26.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

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Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Reports for **H.B. 23**, **S.B. 479**, and **H.B. 309** are placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Conference Report for **H.B. 309** will appear on the calendar immediately after **H.B. 948**.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **S.R. 762**, **S.R. 766**, and **S.R. 767** are withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the end of today's calendar.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills being sent to the Governor today will be sent by special message.

CALENDAR

Bills and resolutions on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 42, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Daniel, Everitt, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---42.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 305 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPLICABLE TO GUILFORD COUNTY ONLY THAT (1) PROMOTES FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; (2) MODIFIES THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR A REFERENDUM REGARDING THE LEVY OF THE ARTICLE 46 QUARTER-CENT SALES AND USE TAX; (3) SPECIFIES THE USES OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS; AND (4) DISTRIBUTES A PORTION OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY, upon third reading.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 42, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Daniel, Everitt, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---42.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 948 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT, as amended, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 39, noes 3, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bradley, Brinson, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Corbin, Daniel, Everitt, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---39.

Voting in the negative: Senators Hollo, Jarvis and Settle---3.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 309 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (30-12).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 479 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (42-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **S.R. 767** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed before the Senate for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.R. 767, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF LESLIE COOLEY DISMUKES AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 767**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING LESLIE COOLEY DISMUKES AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (42-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

H.B. 23 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Alexander, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (42-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate concurs in House Amendment No. 1 to the Committee Substitute bill (42-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

S.B. 375 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON'S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING AND TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (42-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

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S.B. 391 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Lazzara, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (42-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

S.B. 401 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Burgin's excuse from voting, requested on Tuesday, May 6, remains in effect.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (9-32) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 416 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Without objection, Senator Grafstein is excused from voting on the bill due to a conflict.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-41) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 429 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Without objection, Senator Grafstein is excused from voting on the bill due to a conflict.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (34-7) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

S.B. 488 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY DISPOSITION PLACEMENT ANALYSIS AND REQUIRE WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT; AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES, for concurrence in House Committee Substitute bill.

Without objection, Senator Grafstein is excused from voting on the bill due to a conflict.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (1-40) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

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S.B. 595 (House Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS; AND TO UPDATE LAWS RELATED TO CREDIT UNIONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator McInnis, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (1-41) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 655 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Alexander, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (37-5) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

S.B. 664 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT; TO AMEND THE ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS AND MAKE CORRECTIONS CONCERNING “TO GO” MIXED BEVERAGES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL LAW; TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM NONBETTERMENT COSTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES; AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE MEGASITES READINESS PROGRAM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator McInnis, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (42-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

S.B. 706 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES. CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (42-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

S.R. 762, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF JOCELYN MITNAUL MALLETTE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 762**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING JOCELYN MITNAUL MALLETTE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (42-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

S.R. 766, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF D. REID WILSON AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 766**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING D. REID WILSON AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (42-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 11:06 a.m., to reconvene at 11:35 a.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 770 (House Committee Substitute), 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 AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 416 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 416 on June 26, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Daniel, Chair, as a conferee on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, a Joint Resolution filed today for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.J.R. 772, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Joint Resolution is placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.J.R. 772, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Mohammed.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (41-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 770 (House Committee Substitute), 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 AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, received from the House of Representatives earlier today, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Hise, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 1012** (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 AND WILDFIRES, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

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The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H1012-PCCS10558-NB-6.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar, for adoption.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 770 (House Committee Substitute), 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 AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (40-1) and the bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 1012 (Conference Report), 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, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Conference Report is adopted (41-0) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Grafstein, the words spoken by Senator Daniel and Senator Garrett are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

SENATOR DANIEL: "Members, this is one of those moments of personal privilege that I wish I didn't have to do. On your desk you'll see some information about a young lady named Violet Ray Caramella of Fairview, North Carolina, born March 15, 1990, and some information about Violet. Violet earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Asheville. She went on to seek her EMT certification and was training to become a firefighter in Buncombe County. People who knew her said that Violet was known as 'Sunshine' at her fire department. She truly lived up to that name, radiating warmth and life. She had a quick wit and sense of humor that could light up the room. Above all, Violet was a devoted and loving mother to her two children—the heart of her world. On June 14, some of us got a call from the Highway Patrol, who informed us that a firefighter in our area had been killed in a training accident. At the time we didn't know who it was, but it was Violet Ray Caramella, who was an EMT training to become a firefighter and died doing what she loved: serving her community. This is a big blow to the Fairview/Riceville area because they have suffered so many losses. They had one fire chief that was killed in a hurricane slide, one that was killed not too long after that in another accident, and then, of course, this one in a training accident—a young mother. So, I just wanted to remember her on the last day of session and ask that we adjourn in her honor: Violet Ray Caramella."

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SENATOR GARRETT: “I wrote this several days ago, and I’ve kept putting it off, deciding whether or not I was going to say what I’m about to say, but after this week, I think I’m going to say it, and I apologize for keeping you here a few more minutes, because, just like you, I’m ready to go on vacation. But I want to speak not just to my colleagues but to North Carolinians listening and watching what we’re doing. We have witnessed in recent weeks something that should alarm us all: the troubling escalation of political violence across our nation and, sadly, here in our own state. Just recently, we saw the shocking assassination of Minnesota State Legislator Melissa Hortman and her husband and the wounding of Senator John Hoffman—public servants cut down simply for doing their jobs. And here in North Carolina, members of this very chamber have received death threats over legislation concerning our coastal fisheries. Yes, death threats against legislators for doing what we were elected to do. I want to be crystal clear; this is not who we are. This is not the North Carolina way. We are living through a defining moment in our democracy, and this is not just another political season or another legislative session. This is a test, a test of whether the institutions our founders created can withstand the pressures of our polarized age, a test of whether we, as their inheritors, have the wisdom and courage to preserve what they built. I understand the passion of our citizens; I understand that people feel deeply about issues that affect their livelihoods, their communities, and their future. When industries that have sustained families for generations face uncertainty, when regulations threaten ways of life passed down through decades, I understand the fear, the anger, and the desperation that follows. These are real people with real families whose futures hang in the balance. Their voices deserve to be heard, and their concerns deserve our careful consideration, but their passion, however justified, can never—never—cross the line into threats of violence. Democracy is not a spectator sport, but it most certainly is not a blood sport. Our founders gave us something precious, a system where grievances are aired in halls like this one, where change comes through ballots, not bullets, where disagreement leads to debate and not destruction. I have served alongside Republicans and Democrats in this chamber for years now. Yes, we disagree—sometimes vehemently—on taxes, on spending, on environmental policy, on how best to protect both our economy and our natural resources. Sometimes our debates get heated; sometimes we speak with force and conviction that can echo off these walls; and sometimes we employ every parliamentary tool at our disposal to advance a cause or to block what we believe is harmful legislation. But here is what the public doesn’t always see: when we leave this chamber, we remain colleagues; we remain friends, senator sitting next to senator, regardless of party. We grab dinner together; we share a drink and talk about our kids or grandkids, our hopes for this state, our worries for the future we’re leaving them. We may wear different colored ties, and we may have different letters after our names, but we share something more important. We all took the same oath to the state of North Carolina and to our people, and that’s what makes the threats against any member of this body so deeply troubling to me. Our colleagues, regardless of which issue they take, are public servants trying to do what they believe is right for our state. They deserve our respect, even when we oppose their

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positions. They deserve our protection, not our threats. History will not look kindly on those who choose intimidation over deliberation, who choose fear over faith in the democratic process. History has its eyes on all North Carolinians today. Future generations will read about this moment. They will study how we responded when democracy itself came under assault. They will ask, did we stand firm? Did we choose courage over cowardice? Did we protect the sacred trust of peaceful governance that our founders bequeathed to us? The most transformative moments in American history, from women's suffrage to civil rights, achieved lasting change not through violence, but through moral force of peaceful action. Dr. King didn't carry a gun; he carried a dream. Susan B. Anthony didn't resort to threats; she appealed to justice. They understood what we must remember that violence undermines the very cause it claims to serve. So, I appeal today to what President Lincoln called 'the better angels of our nature.' To those who feel unheard, I say, we are listening. To those who feel powerless, I say, your vote is your power. To those who feel forgotten, I say, you matter to us, regardless of party. But to those who would threaten violence, I say this, you will not intimidate us; you will not silence the people's representatives; you will not derail the democratic process that generations of Americans have died to preserve. The future of North Carolina, the future we're building for our children and grandchildren, depends not on who can shout the loudest or threaten the most, but on who can reason together, compromise together, and, yes, even disagree together with dignity and respect. Whether you're a Democrat or Republican, whether you're a shrimper fighting for your livelihood or a conservationist fighting for our waters, we are all North Carolinians first and foremost. We all want clean air and water for our kids; we all want good jobs that pay fair wages; we all want communities that are safe and prosperous. These are not Republican goals or Democratic goals, they are North Carolina goals, and we will achieve them not through fear of force, but through the patient, yes, sometimes messy, but always essential work of democracy. Our children are watching us. In classrooms across this state, young North Carolinians are learning about democracy not from textbooks but from our example. They are watching to see if we mean what we say about peaceful discourse and civil disagreement. They're watching to see if the adults they trust to lead them will choose the harder path of dialogue over the easier path of division. The eyes of our children are upon us, and the judgement of history awaits. This is our moment to prove that democracy works, not just when it's easy, but especially when it's hard, not just when we agree, but especially when we don't. Let us choose the path of our better angels; let us choose democracy over violence, debate over threats, hope over fear. Let us choose to be worthy of the trust our people have placed in us and worthy of the legacy we leave for those who will inherit the North Carolina we build today. Thank you, Madam President."

Upon motion of Senator Chitlik, the words spoken by Senator Grafstein are spread upon the Journal, as follows:

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SENATOR GRAFSTEIN: “Colleagues, sometimes Senator McInnis, and sometimes Senator Alexander, will share with us information about this day in history, and I find those entertaining and illuminating. I was also inspired by Senator Applewhite’s comments on Juneteenth, so I thought I would say something about June 28, which is, mercifully, a day we will not be here—specifically, June 28, 1969. That date is commonly marked as the beginning of the modern LGBTQ rights movement, and that’s why June is Pride Month—and I know you all have been partying hard this month because of it. I haven’t put together the kind of rich history that Senator Applewhite presented regarding Juneteenth, but I wanted to just share a few thoughts as we wrap this session. As I said, many people trace the beginnings of the LGBTQ rights movement to that day. That’s the day on which the Stonewall Riots occurred in New York City. Stonewall Inn was a bar in New York. Legend has it that a self-described drag queen named Marsha Johnson was the first to fight back, sparking a resistance to unfair treatment of the LGBTQ community in New York City. The police were set to raid the Stonewall Inn because it was a bar that was open to the LGBTQ community, and what ensued was an uprising by members of that community who were tired of harassment. So, we celebrate Pride in June because that’s when a community decided to fight publicly for its dignity. In the decades before, there were secret societies, and there were other kinds of efforts made, but there had not been this sort of public movement. And, of course, that was just the beginning of a movement that continues through today. When I first started practicing, in the mid-nineties, we would sometimes handle cases—I did a little bit of criminal defense work at that time—sometimes we’d handle cases involving allegations of so-called ‘crimes against nature,’ where clients were arrested because they were engaged in same-sex intimate relationships. And that was illegal in North Carolina at that time, as well as many other places. And that was true until the Supreme Court decision in *Lawrence v. Texas* in 2003. What was interesting also is that the men—it was typically men who were arrested—they had their names listed in the News & Observer as a way to humiliate and shame—we didn’t do that for other crimes. That was, again, slightly more than twenty years ago. Before *Lawrence v. Texas*, and certainly in the days of Stonewall, people commonly argued that raids on bars and arrests of people engaging in personal—intimate—behavior that it was ok to have those arrests because those people were breaking the law. What I would suggest is that universal higher law would ask—as we always should, I think—are we treating people with dignity? Are we doing unto our neighbors as we would have them do unto us? In other words, is the law just? If it means treating people as less than human, it’s not. The patrons at the Stonewall Inn were not treated as fully human, the people arrested under an arcane law were not treated with dignity in law or in fact. The same is true of marriage. There used to be a joke—I’m dating myself a little bit—in the eighties and nineties that the radical gay agenda that we were accused of was to join the military, get married, and have kids. It’s funny—thank you for laughing, Senator Applewhite—it’s funny because that’s the opposite of a radical agenda. It’s really a—sort of a—an assimilationist agenda, but these were the focus points of the movement through the post-Stonewall era and up until today. As you know, the LGBTQ community fought hard for marriage equality, a right that was finally acknowledged in the

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Obergefell decision—here we go—ten years ago today, on June 26, 2015. But even today, there is a backlash against marriage equality. Some people would impose their own religious ideas to limit the rights of others—that’s un-American, and it’s nonsensical. And that’s because freedom and happiness can’t be hoarded. It doesn’t belong to anybody. It’s sort of a beautiful irony, really, that freedom can’t be just for some. And our collective happiness actually increases when everyone is free. There’s a saying that none of us are free until all of us are free. As we think about the policies implemented with regard to the LGBTQ community that have passed in recent years, I have to say, also with regard to our immigrant neighbors, I invite us all to ask if we are treating people with the dignity with which we expect to be treated. As I said, ‘do unto others.’ But my rabbi actually says that the principal is really, what’s hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. Right? It’s sort of more of a libertarian golden rule. But as this body ends Pride Month and another season of—if I have to say so—refusing to acknowledge and honor the equal dignity of some citizens, I remain optimistic because history tends to show us what laws were unjust and to judge harshly those who use power to deny equal dignity. People celebrate Pride as an expression of freedom, not the freedom granted or withheld by a government, but the freedom of knowing who you are and experiencing the sheer joy of living a life that is genuinely and authentically your own. So, wishing you all the joy of experiencing that kind of freedom, I wish you a happy Pride.”

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 416 House Committee Substitute (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Schietzelt, Chair and
Representative Bell

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Daniel, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 416** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AND TO MODIFY IOLTA EXPENDITURES, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S416-PCCS45430-CV-1.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **S.B. 416** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 416 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, for adoption.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Blue.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (24-15).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 12:48 p.m., in memory of Violet Ray Caramella, to reconvene Monday, June 30, at 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 96 Senate Committee Substitute (5th Edition)**, 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 AND TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PET SHOPS.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 125 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR BUDGET CONTINUATIONS PURSUANT TO G.S. 143C-5-4 FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 23** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 479** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 479 on Thursday, June 26, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 311** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; TO

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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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; 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; TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT; AND TO MODIFY MISDEMEANOR EXPUNCTION.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 311 on Wednesday, June 25, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 401 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 401 on June 26, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Jackson, Chair; Senator Rabon and Senator Sanderson as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2025

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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 416** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 416 on Thursday, June 26, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 309** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2025

June 26, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 1012** (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 AND WILDFIRES.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 576, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

H.B. 1012, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE AND WILDFIRES.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives today, that the House failed to concur in **H.B. 125 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR BUDGET CONTINUATIONS PURSUANT TO G.S. 143C-5-4 FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Lambeth, Chair
Representative Arp
Representative K. Hall

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Representative Strickland
Representative Blackwell
Representative Brisson and
Representative Paré

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 26, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 401 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Dixon, Chair
Representative Gillespie
Representative Penny
Representative Bell
Representative B. Jones
Representative Balkcom
Representative Moss and
Representative Setzer

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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H.B. 183, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon ratification, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-15)

H.B. 612, 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 EXPAND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TO YOUTH TEN YEARS OF AGE, TO ALLOW A JUDGE TO ISSUE A PERMANENT NO CONTACT ORDER AGAINST A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLENT OFFENSES, 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, AND TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS FOR APPLICANTS OFFERED A POSITION IF THE POSITION REQUIRES THE APPLICANT TO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN ANY CAPACITY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-16)

H.B. 373, 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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-17)

H.B. 251, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS REFORMS RELATED TO DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-18)

H.B. 476, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING AND RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-19)

H.B. 91, 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, TO EXTEND THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR CERTAIN LATE APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, AND TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF TAXES LEVIED AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-20)

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H.B. 247, AN ACT TO UPDATE THE UNDERGROUND UTILITY SAFETY AND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-21)

H.B. 421, AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-22)

S.B. 400, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADULT PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-23)

S.B. 344, 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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-24)

H.B. 40, AN ACT TO ENACT VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 26, 2025 - S.L. 2025-25)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 30, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we love you and thank you for another day you've given us. Thank you for health and goodness and grace and mercy. We thank you for all that you do for us. Continue to watch our troops around the world, and watch over our friends in Israel. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 26, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 118, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL.

S.B. 254, AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS.

S.B. 307, AN ACT TO CREATE SPECIAL ECONOMIC INTEREST OWNERS OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND TO GRANT THEM INFORMATION RIGHTS AND STANDING TO SEEK JUDICIAL DISSOLUTION.

S.B. 311, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; 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; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; TO

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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; TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT; AND TO MODIFY MISDEMEANOR EXPUNCTION.

S.B. 375, AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON'S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING AND TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

S.B. 391, AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

S.B. 416, AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT.

S.B. 429, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

S.B. 479, AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY.

S.B. 655, AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION.

S.B. 664, AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT; TO AMEND THE ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS AND MAKE CORRECTIONS CONCERNING "TO GO" MIXED BEVERAGES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL LAW; TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM NONBETTERMENT COSTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES; AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE MEGASITES READINESS PROGRAM.

S.B. 706, AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES. CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

H.B. 23, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS.

H.B. 96, AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PET SHOPS.

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H.B. 171, 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.

H.B. 193, 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, 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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, 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, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES.

H.B. 210, 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.

H.B. 620, AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

H.B. 694, 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, 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.

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H.B. 850, AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS.

H.B. 948, AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT.

H.B. 992, AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE AND TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK.

H.B. 1003, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 770, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

H.B. 173, AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS.

H.B. 226, AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO.

H.B. 309, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.J.R. 768, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH L. GOODMAN TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION. (Res. 2025-7)

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 3:11 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, July 3, at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
June 30, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that Representative McNeely and Representative N. Jackson have been added as conferees to **S.B. 401 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 30, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 402 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS, was vetoed by Governor Josh Stein on June 27, 2025 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 698.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 595 (House Committee Substitute), 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; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS; AND TO UPDATE LAWS RELATED TO CREDIT UNIONS.

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Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 595 on June 26, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator McInnis, Chair; Senator Craven and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

H.B. 125 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR BUDGET CONTINUATIONS PURSUANT TO G.S. 143C-5-4 FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 26 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 125 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Jackson, Chair; Senator Hise and Senator Lee as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 1012, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTEND REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE HELENE AND WILDFIRES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 27, 2025 - S.L. 2025-26)

H.B. 576, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 27, 2025 - S.L. 2025-27)

H.B. 568, AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS AMENDMENTS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 27, 2025 - S.L. 2025-28)

S.B. 770, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. (Became law upon ratification, June 30, 2025 - S.L. 2025-29)

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H.B. 173, AN ACT TO DEANNEX CERTAIN DESCRIBED TERRITORY AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO VARIOUS LOCAL LAWS. (Became law upon ratification, June 30, 2025 - S.L. 2025-30)

H.B. 226, AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO. (Became law upon ratification, June 30, 2025 - S.L. 2025-31)

H.B. 309, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon ratification, June 30, 2025 - S.L. 2025-32)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 3, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Lord, we love you, and we thank you for another day you've given us. We thank you for this great country that we live in. As Ben Franklin says, 'giving you a republic, if you can keep it,' and we need to strive to keep it but, most of all, strive to serve you and keep you first. That's paramount. We thank you and praise you for all that you do. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 30, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:30 a.m. to reconvene Monday, July 7, at 2:00 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Vetoed bills, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, were returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate, as follows:

July 3, 2025

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 254, "An Act to Amend Charter School Laws."

Senate Bill 254 is an unconstitutional infringement on the authority of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Additionally, it weakens accountability of charter schools when every North Carolina student deserves excellent public schools, whether traditional or charter.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 2nd day of July 2025, at 4:31 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.***

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 266, "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."

This summer's record heat and soaring utility bills has shown that we need to focus on lowering electricity costs for working families--not raising them. And as our state continues to grow, we need to diversify our energy portfolio so that we are not overly reliant on natural gas and its volatile fuel markets. Recent independent analysis of Senate Bill 266 shows that this bill could cost North Carolina ratepayers up to \$23 billion through 2050 due to higher fuel costs. This bill not only makes everyone's utility bills more expensive, but it also shifts the cost of electricity from large industrial users onto the backs of regular people--families will pay more so that industry pays less. Additionally, this bill walks back our state's commitment to reduce carbon emissions, sending the wrong signal to businesses that want to be a part of our clean energy economy. My job is to do everything in my power to lower costs and grow the economy. This bill fails that test.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

July 3, 2025

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 2nd day of July 2025, at 4:31 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

July 2, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

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:

- John D. White II of Guilford County to serve as a representative of the fuel or gas industry. His term will conclude on January 1, 2031.
- Rick Allen Whitaker of Durham County to serve as a licensed unlimited plumbing and heating contractor specializing in plumbing contracting. His term will conclude on January 1, 2027.

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

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cc: The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 3, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 549 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT, was vetoed by Governor Josh Stein on July 2, 2025 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 697.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 3, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 595 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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

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CHANGES AND BY AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR FEDERAL CHANGES; TO PROVIDE TAX PARITY FOR SHORT-TERM CAR RENTALS BY EXPANDING ALTERNATE HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCLUDE PEER-TO-PEER RENTALS; TO SHIFT ENFORCEMENT OF VAPOR DIRECTORY VIOLATIONS TO THE ALE DIVISION; TO ENHANCE TAX FORECLOSURE AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COLLECTION EFFORTS; AND TO UPDATE LAWS RELATED TO CREDIT UNIONS, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Howard, Chair
Representative Setzer and
Representative N. Jackson

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 388, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE PROBATE OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ATTESTED WRITTEN WILL THAT HAS BEEN STORED BY AN ATTORNEY AS AN ELECTRONIC RECORD, TO MODIFY THE EMERGENCY VIDEO SUNSETS, 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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 30, 2025 - S.L. 2025-33)

S.B. 124, AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT AND TO MODERNIZE THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-34)

S.B. 321, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-35)

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H.B. 412, AN ACT TO MAKE CHILD CARE REGULATORY REFORMS; AND TO MAKE BUILDING CODE REVISIONS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-36)

H.B. 67, AN ACT TO ENACT HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE REFORMS FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-37)

H.B. 959, AN ACT TO PROMOTE INTERNET SAFETY, TO REQUIRE SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE REGULATION OF STUDENT USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR REACCREDITATION BY THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-38)

H.B. 948, AN ACT TO ENACT THE PROJECTS FOR ADVANCING VEHICLE-INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENTS (PAVE) ACT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-39)

S.B. 77, AN ACT TO ALLOW PARENT CHOICE IN NURSING SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUIRED BY AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-40)

S.B. 295, AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-41)

H.B. 975, AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, WHILE ON DUTY, TO CARRY PEPPER SPRAY OPENLY OR CONCEALED, AND 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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-42)

H.B. 762, AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT (S.A.F.E) MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT AND 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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-43)

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H.B. 537, 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 AND TO PROMOTE 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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-44)

H.B. 737, AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSURE, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, TO MAINTAIN NAIC ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY IMPLEMENTING GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST REQUIREMENTS, TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT, TO REVISE THE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT, TO CLARIFY INSURANCE REBATE PERMITTED TRADE PRACTICES, TO CLARIFY THE LAWS RELATING TO THE EXCHANGE OF BUSINESS BETWEEN INSURANCE PRODUCERS, TO REQUIRE DRIVERS SUBJECT TO THE INEXPERIENCED DRIVER PREMIUM SURCHARGE TO MAINTAIN OR BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS LIABILITY COVERAGE, TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON RESIDENTIAL LEASES REQUIRING RENTERS INSURANCE, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE AND INSURANCE RATEMAKING LAWS IN S.L. 2023-133, AS AMENDED BY S.L. 2024-29, TO AUTHORIZE SALESMEN TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLICY CANCELLATION UPON CHARGEBACK OF A CREDIT CARD PREMIUM PAYMENT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-45)

H.B. 378, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION LAWS; TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGENCY CONTRACTS; AND TO EXEMPT NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-46)

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S.B. 391, AN ACT TO REVISE LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 1, 2025 - S.L. 2025-47)

S.B. 472, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PROCESS FOR 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, TO REFORM PERMITTING RELATED TO UPLAND BASIN MARINAS, AND TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN MAN-MADE DITCHES ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT ACT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2025 - S.L. 2025-48)

H.B. 928, AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO EVALUATE STUDENT ATHLETE HEAD INJURIES DURING ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2025 - S.L. 2025-49)

H.B. 768, 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; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON CERTAIN SANITARY BOARDS; AND TO ESTABLISH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY'S HANDLING OF APPLICATIONS FOR 401 CERTIFICATIONS FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A NATIONWIDE PERMIT OR REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2025 - S.L. 2025-50)

S.B. 710, AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALARMS SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD LAWS, STRENGTHEN THE OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY OF THE ABC COMMISSION, MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING NOTICE OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO ABC PERMIT HOLDERS, ALLOW REVIEW OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PERSONNEL RECORDS WHEN TRANSFERRING AGENCIES, REINSTATE G.S. 102-1.1, AND TO MODIFY PROVISIONS REGARDING SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL AND THE APPOINTMENT AND SERVICE OF MILITARY JUDGES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2025 - S.L. 2025-51)

S.B. 690, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA APPRAISERS ACT, TO AUTHORIZE BROKERS TO REGISTER WITH MULTIPLE DEALERS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, TO MODIFY THE LAW REGARDING OUT-

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OF-POCKET EXPENSES A LANDLORD MAY RECOVER FROM A TENANT, AND TO ALLOW A BUYER'S AGENT COMPENSATION TO BE INCLUDED IN AN OFFER TO PURCHASE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2025 - S.L. 2025-52)

S.B. 387, AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY REUSE ACT AND THE BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY TAX BENEFIT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2025 - S.L. 2025-53)

H.B. 620, AN ACT TO MODIFY PROVISIONS AFFECTING THE COURTS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 2, 2025 - S.L. 2025-54)

S.B. 307, AN ACT TO CREATE SPECIAL ECONOMIC INTEREST OWNERS OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES AND TO GRANT THEM INFORMATION RIGHTS AND STANDING TO SEEK JUDICIAL DISSOLUTION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2025 - S.L. 2025-55)

S.B. 125, AN ACT TO REORGANIZE CHAPTER 115D OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES STATUTES, TO ALLOW CERTAIN NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REQUEST RESIDENCY LICENSES FOR TEACHERS, AND TO EXTEND THE REVERSION DATE OF SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT FUNDS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2025 - S.L. 2025-56)

S.B. 655, AN ACT TO EXTEND CERTAIN RIGHTS TO THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2025 - S.L. 2025-57)

H.B. 357, AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2025 - S.L. 2025-58)

S.B. 442, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS AFFECTING THE CARE OF JUVENILES AND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2025 - S.L. 2025-59)

S.B. 600, AN ACT TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2025 - S.L. 2025-60)

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H.B. 763, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE RECOGNITION FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING STATES WHO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE IN THIS STATE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2025 - S.L. 2025-61)

S.B. 133, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO SOLICIT A LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATED TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 3, 2025 - S.L. 2025-62)

Pursuant to Senator Sawrey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 7, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us, and we thank you for life. We pray that you'll continue to be with the folks in Texas that have lost loved ones, and hopefully they still find more people alive. We pray that you'll be with the folks here in North Carolina that had flooding yesterday. Thank you for our first responders. Keep them all safe, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Galey announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 3, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 2:01 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Vetoed bills, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, were returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate, as follows:

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GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 227, "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."

Our diversity is our strength. We should not whitewash history, ban books, or treat our teachers with distrust and disdain. Rather than fearing differing viewpoints and cracking down on free speech, we should ensure our students can learn from diverse perspectives and form their own opinions.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 3rd day of July 2025, at 10:25 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 558, "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."

Our diversity is our strength. We should not whitewash history, police dorm room conversations, or ban books. Rather than fearing differing viewpoints and cracking down on free speech, we should ensure our students learn from diverse perspectives and form their own opinions.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 3rd day of July 2025, at 10:25 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 3, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 171 (Ratified)**, 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, was vetoed by Governor Josh Stein on July 3, 2025 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found in the Addendum.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 3, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 805 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL SLEEPING QUARTERS, was vetoed by Governor Josh Stein on July 3, 2025 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 699.

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CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 559, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS FEE MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATE LABOR REGULATIONS, AND TO AMEND INTERIM APPOINTMENT CRITERIA FOR THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2025 - S.L. 2025-63)

H.B. 546, AN ACT TO MODERNIZE VARIOUS LAWS PERTAINING TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2025 - S.L. 2025-64)

S.B. 664, AN ACT TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH A JMAC AGREEMENT; TO AMEND THE ABC LAWS TO EXPAND USE OF ALTERNATING PROPRIETORSHIPS AND MAKE CORRECTIONS CONCERNING “TO GO” MIXED BEVERAGES TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL LAW; TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM NONBETTERMENT COSTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES; AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO THE MEGASITES READINESS PROGRAM. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2025 - S.L. 2025-65)

S.B. 706, AN ACT TO RESTORE ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES WITH THE CLEANUP OF SCRAP TIRES. CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2025 - S.L. 2025-66)

H.B. 23, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2025 - S.L. 2025-67)

H.B. 210, 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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2025 - S.L. 2025-68)

Pursuant to Senator Galey’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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EIGHTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 10, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we love you and thank you for this day. We pray that you’ll continue to help us and guide and direct us. Be with the folks in and around our state and the town of Mebane and other areas that don’t have water right now, and help them out. Be with the sweet folks in Texas, and continue to bless them and be with them. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, July 7, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:01 a.m. to reconvene Monday, July 14, at 3:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

A vetoed bill, together with the Governor’s objections and veto message, was returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate, as follows:

GOVERNOR’S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 416, “An Act to Enact the Personal Privacy Protection Act.”

Our democracy works best when people are well-informed. This bill reduces transparency and creates more opportunity for dark money in our politics, especially relating to candidates’ legal funds. Furthermore, it makes it difficult, if not impossible, for the Department of Revenue to identify and crack down on certain types of tax fraud.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 9th day of July 2025, at 3:01 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor’s objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.*

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 10, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 96 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PET SHOPS, was vetoed by Governor Josh Stein on July 9, 2025 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found in the Addendum.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 10, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 193 (Ratified)**, 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, 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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR ANY

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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, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, was vetoed by Governor Josh Stein on July 9, 2025 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found on pg. 694.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 479, AN ACT SUPPORTING COMMUNITY RETAIL PHARMACIES AND IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-69)

S.B. 429, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES RELATED TO THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-70)

S.B. 311, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST A UTILITY OR COMMUNICATIONS WORKER; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION AND UNLAWFUL SALE OF EMBALMING FLUID AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION LAWS TO COVER MASS PICKETING; 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; TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR POSSESSING CERTAIN EXPLOSIVE OR INCENDIARY DEVICES OR MATERIAL; 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; TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF POSSESSING, BRANDISHING, OR DISCHARGING A

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FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR LARCENY OF MAIL; 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; 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; TO ENACT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE AND CARGO PROTECTION ACT; AND TO MODIFY MISDEMEANOR EXPUNCTION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-71)

S.B. 118, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS TO SEND NOTICE OF THE EXPIRATION OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-72)

S.B. 375, AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON'S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HAZING AND TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-73)

H.B. 850, AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN SURFACE WATER TRANSFERS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-74)

H.B. 992, AN ACT TO CREATE A TIMESHARE TRUSTEE FORECLOSURE PROCESS FOR CERTAIN DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS FOR TIMESHARES LOCATED IN THIS STATE AND TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-75)

H.B. 1003, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAWS OF FUNERAL SERVICE AND CREMATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-76)

H.B. 694, 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, TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN

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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. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 9, 2025 - S.L. 2025-77)

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 14, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Lord, we love you and thank you for another day you've given us. We thank you for the rain you gave us over the weekend. Lord, we pray that you'll be with Senator Barnes and her family, and guide and direct them through this tough time they're going through. Help them. Bless us here today and everyone in this building. We praise you in Jesus' name. Amen."

Senator Burgin announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 17, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you and praise you and thank you for another day. We pray that you’ll continue to be with the folks in Western North Carolina and even the folks in the middle of our state that have been affected by flooding recently. We pray that you’ll continue to console the Barnes family and be with them in this time. Thank you for all that you do for us. Bless us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, July 14, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Sawrey, the Senate adjourns at 10:04 a.m. to reconvene Monday, July 21, at 3:00 p.m.

EIGHTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 21, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, I love you and praise you today. I thank you for your love and grace and mercy. I pray that you’ll continue to be with Lisa Barnes—Senator Barnes — and her family. Help them through this time, and bring her back to us. We pray that you’ll guide and direct us in all that we do here today, this week, and in the coming days. Father, we praise you and lift you up in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 17, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Sawrey, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, July 24, at 10:00 a.m.

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NINETIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 24, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Dear Lord, thank you so much for a beautiful day in North Carolina and all the blessings that you’ve bestowed on us. I ask that you’d be with each of our members and all of their families, especially be with the Barnes family. Lord, just let it be a wonderful day, and bless us. We ask all this in your Son, Jesus,’ name. Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, July 21, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m. to reconvene Monday, July 28, at 3:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 26.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 926 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Regulatory Reform Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Burgin’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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NINETY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 28, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you and praise you for another day you’ve given us. We ask that you send a little rain to parts of the state that are parched, and help our farmers. We pray that you’ll continue to guide and direct us today, tomorrow, and going on the rest of this week. Help us to do all to bring glory to you, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Measmer announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Measmer, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, July 29, at 8:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 50 (Ratified), 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 23.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, July 29, for reconsideration upon the Governor’s veto.

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S.B. 153 (Ratified), 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 23.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, July 29, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

S.B. 227 (Ratified), 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 7.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, July 29, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

S.B. 254 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 3.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, July 29.

S.B. 266 (Ratified), 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 3.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, July 29, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

S.B. 416 (Ratified), AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 10.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, July 29, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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S.B. 558 (Ratified), 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 7.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, July 29, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, July 29, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

"Thank you, God, for knowing us, for loving us, and never leaving us alone. We love you. Amen."

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, July 28, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Blue and Senator Meyer.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTION RELATIVE TO DEBATE

Senator Rabon offers a motion that pursuant to Senate Rule 14, debate today on all bills for which the Governor's override is being considered be limited to 10 minutes for both the majority and the minority parties. The motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **S.B. 266** is moved to the top of today's calendar and **S.B. 227** is moved to the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills and a resolution on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 266 (Ratified), 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, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Moffitt offers a motion that S.B. 266 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---18.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 50 (Ratified), 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

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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, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Upon the appearance of Senator Blue in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges his presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

Senator Britt offers a motion that S.B. 50 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 153 (Ratified), 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, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator B. Newton offers a motion that S.B. 153 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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S.B. 254 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Overcash offers a motion that S.B. 254 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 416 (Ratified), AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Daniel offers a motion that S.B. 416 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 558 (Ratified), 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, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Overcash offers a motion that S.B. 558 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 227 (Ratified), 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, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Lee offers a motion that S.B. 227 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, vetoed bills received from the House of Representatives during recess will be placed on today's calendar.

The Senate recesses at 9:55 a.m., to reconvene at 10:25 a.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

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It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 193 (Ratified)**, 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, 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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, 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, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 193, "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, 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, to Increase the Punishment Imposed for an Assault or Threat Against an Executive Officer, Legislative Officer, Court Officer, or Local Elected Officer, 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, and to Provide Additional Protections From Restrictions on Use for Relocated Law Enforcement Shooting Ranges."

This bill would make our children less safe. Just as we should not allow guns in the General Assembly, we should keep them out of our schools unless they are in the possession of law enforcement. Law enforcement officers receive more than

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800 hours of public safety education, including firearms training. On top of that, School Resource Officers receive additional training to know how to respond to crises and how to deescalate conflicts, a requirement I supported when I was Attorney General. We cannot substitute the protection offered by well-trained law enforcement officers by asking teachers and school volunteers to step in and respond to crises while armed. Just last year, an employee at a religious school in Goldsboro left a gun in a bathroom that was later found by an elementary school student.

I support, however, the provision in this legislation to better protect local elected officials from threats to their safety, and I urge the General Assembly to send me a clean bill with those protections so I can sign it.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 9th day of July 2025, at 3:02 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on today's calendar, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 318 (Ratified)**, 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, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 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."

House Bill 318 is unconstitutional. I support the bill's efforts to require sheriffs to contact federal immigration authorities about people in their custody charged with sexual battery, armed robbery, arson, assault on public officials and court personnel, and other dangerous crimes. People who commit these crimes should be held accountable, whether or not they are here without legal authorization, and those charged with serious offenses ought to receive increased scrutiny from federal immigration officials.

My oath of office requires that I uphold the Constitution of the United States. Therefore, I cannot sign this bill because it would require sheriffs to unconstitutionally detain people for up to 48 hours after they would otherwise be released. The Fourth Circuit is clear that local law enforcement officers cannot keep people in custody solely based on a suspected immigration violation. But let me be clear: anyone who commits a serious crime in North Carolina must be prosecuted and held accountable regardless of their immigration status.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 20th day of June 2025, at 3:00 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on today's calendar, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 549 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO

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STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 549, "An Act to Clarify the Powers of the State Auditor, to Make Other Changes Related to the State Auditor, and to Allow the Department of Revenue to Force Collect Debts Owed to State Agencies Through Levy and Sale and Attachment and Garnishment."

House Bill 549 would grant the Auditor sweeping access to the data and records of any private corporation that accepts any amount of state funding. Giving the Auditor this intrusive power may undermine our state's efforts to recruit businesses to North Carolina. Additionally, the bill would remove the Office of State Auditor from the state's cybersecurity efforts led by the Department of Information Technology, putting North Carolinians' personal identifying information at heightened risk of a breach.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 2nd day of July 2025, at 4:29 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on today's calendar, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

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It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 402 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 402, "An Act to Put Limitations on Rules With Substantial Financial Costs."

This bill would make it harder for the state to keep people's drinking water clean from PFAS and other dangerous chemicals, their air free from toxic pollutants, and their health care facilities providing high quality care. It would impose red tape, including an unworkable unanimity requirement, that would hamstring the decision-making of agencies, boards, and commissions, making them less effective at protecting people's health, safety, and welfare.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 27th day of June 2025, at 6:16 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on today's calendar for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 805 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-

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MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL SLEEPING QUARTERS, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. Pursuant to Article II, Section 22, of the North Carolina Constitution, the bill together with the objections and the veto message are hereby delivered to your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 805, "An Act to Officially Recognize Two Sexes in North Carolina, to Prevent the Sexual Exploitation of Women and Minors, to Limit the Use of State Funding, to Modify the Law Related to Birth Certificates, to Modify the Law Related to Civil Remedies for Gender Transition Procedures on Non-Minors, to Allow Students With Religious Objections to Be Excused From Certain Classroom Discussions or Activities, and to Allow Parent Access to Library Books and to Provide for Restrictions on School Sleeping Quarters."

The initial version of House Bill 805 protected people from being exploited on pornographic websites against their will. I strongly support that policy, which is a continuation of my work to protect children from sex abuse, modernize our sex crime statutes to address artificial intelligence, and eliminate the largest backlog of untested rape kits in the country. Instead of preventing sexual exploitation, the General Assembly chooses to engage in divisive, job-killing culture wars. North Carolina has been down this road before, and it is a dead end. My faith teaches me that we are all children of God no matter our differences and that it is wrong to target vulnerable people, as this legislation does. I stand ready to work with the legislature when it gets serious about protecting people, instead of mean-spirited attempts to further divide us by marginalizing vulnerable North Carolinians.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 3rd day of July 2025, at 10:23 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on today's calendar, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 318** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 193 (Ratified), 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, 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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, 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, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Jarvis offers a motion that H.B. 193 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 29, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---29.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 193 becomes law at 11:14 a.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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H.B. 402 (Ratified), AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Jarvis offers a motion that H.B. 402 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 402 becomes law at 11:19 a.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 549 (Ratified), AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Overcash offers a motion that H.B. 549 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 549 becomes law at 11:24 a.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 805 (Ratified), AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION

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PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL SLEEPING QUARTERS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator B. Newton offers a motion that H.B. 805 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 805 becomes law at 11:28 a.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 318 (Ratified), 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, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Britt offers a motion that H.B. 318 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 318 becomes law at 11:38 a.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

The Senate recesses at 11:39 a.m., to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Jackson, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 125** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE FOR BUDGET CONTINUATIONS PURSUANT TO G.S. 143C-5-4 FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H125-PCCS40611-MH-3.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **H.B. 125** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator McInnis for the **Finance Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40609, which changes the title to read **H.B. 87** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELECT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 55 (House 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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator McInnis for the **Regulatory Reform Committee**:

H.B. 926 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 3, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40612, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 416 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 29, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 254 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 29, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 266 (Ratified)**, 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, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 87 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELECT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS, with a favorable report.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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H.B. 1015, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

S.J.R. 772 (House Committee Substitute), A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute Joint Resolution and unengrossed House Amendment No. 1.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills and a resolution are placed on today's calendar:

H.B. 87 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELECT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION.

S.B. 55 (House 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.

H.B. 1015, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

S.J.R. 772 (House Committee Substitute), A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING, with unengrossed House Amendment No. 1.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is moved to the end of today's calendar.

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Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report for **H.B. 125** is placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 125 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (47-2).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 87 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELECT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS, upon second reading.

Senator Chitlik offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (30-19), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 4 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (30-19), and Amendment No. 3 subsequently fails.

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-19).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 6.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 6 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-19).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 7.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 7 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-19).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 8.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 8 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-19).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 9.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 9 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-19).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (30-19) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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H.B. 1015, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (48-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

S.B. 55 (House 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, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Lazzara, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (49-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.J.R. 772 (House Committee Substitute), A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute Joint Resolution and unengrossed House Amendment No. 1.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute Joint Resolution with unengrossed House Amendment No. 1 (49-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 3:24 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, July 30, at 10:00 a.m.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 266, 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. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, July 29, 2025 - S.L. 2025-78)

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S.B. 416, AN ACT TO ENACT THE PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, July 29, 2025 - S.L. 2025-79)

S.B. 254, AN ACT TO AMEND CHARTER SCHOOL LAWS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, July 29, 2025 - S.L. 2025-80)

H.B. 193, 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, 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, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT IMPOSED FOR AN ASSAULT OR THREAT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, COURT OFFICER, OR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICER, 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, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FROM RESTRICTIONS ON USE FOR RELOCATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOOTING RANGES. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, July 29, 2025 - S.L. 2025-81)

H.B. 402, AN ACT TO PUT LIMITATIONS ON RULES WITH SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, July 29, 2025 - S.L. 2025-82)

H.B. 549, AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF THE STATE AUDITOR, TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES RELATED TO THE STATE AUDITOR, AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO FORCE COLLECT DEBTS OWED TO STATE AGENCIES THROUGH LEVY AND SALE AND ATTACHMENT AND GARNISHMENT. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, July 29, 2025 - S.L. 2025-83)

H.B. 805, AN ACT TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE TWO SEXES IN NORTH CAROLINA, TO PREVENT THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND MINORS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF STATE FUNDING, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES, TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO CIVIL REMEDIES FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON NON-MINORS, TO ALLOW STUDENTS WITH RELIGIOUS OBJECTIONS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CERTAIN CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES, AND TO ALLOW PARENT ACCESS TO LIBRARY BOOKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL SLEEPING QUARTERS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, July 29, 2025 - S.L. 2025-84)

July 29, 2025

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. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, July 29, 2025 - S.L. 2025-85)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, July 30, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you and praise you for another day. We thank you for the rain you've sent our way at home. We thank you for all your blessings, guidance, and direction. Please bless us here today, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Alexander announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, July 29, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 55, AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 1015, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

July 30, 2025

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.J.R. 772, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING. (Res. 2025-8)

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Alexander, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m. to reconvene Thursday, July 31, at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 30, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 125** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 1015, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS. (Became law upon ratification, July 30, 2025 - S.L. 2025-86)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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NINETY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 31, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you and praise you and thank you for this day. We pray that you’ll protect us this afternoon; we’re supposed to have some rough weather. Keep us through that. Lord, as we go our separate ways at the end of this session, help us to go home, represent our constituents, and do what we should do, and bring honor and glory to you, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, July 30, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 87, AN ACT TO ELECT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS.

H.B. 125, AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 305, AN ACT APPLICABLE TO GUILFORD COUNTY ONLY THAT (1) PROMOTES FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; (2) MODIFIES THE BALLOT QUESTION

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FOR A REFERENDUM REGARDING THE LEVY OF THE ARTICLE 46 QUARTER-CENT SALES AND USE TAX; (3) SPECIFIES THE USES OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS; AND (4) DISTRIBUTES A PORTION OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:05 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2025-8, to reconvene Tuesday, August 26, at 12:00 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 8 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE AND BETTER MANAGE THE DISPOSAL OF SINGLE-USE WASTE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 214 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF YADKINVILLE, AND REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 245 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REMOTE RENEWALS OF DRIVERS LICENSES, TO ELIMINATE THE DRIVING LOG REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE REMOTE ISSUANCE FOR FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO POSSESSION OF EMBALMING FLUID, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 305, AN ACT APPLICABLE TO GUILFORD COUNTY ONLY THAT (1) PROMOTES FAIRNESS IN SALES TAX DISTRIBUTIONS BY ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES THAT DO NOT LEVY AD VALOREM

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TAXES TO RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTIONS; (2) MODIFIES THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR A REFERENDUM REGARDING THE LEVY OF THE ARTICLE 46 QUARTER-CENT SALES AND USE TAX; (3) SPECIFIES THE USES OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS; AND (4) DISTRIBUTES A PORTION OF THE ARTICLE 46 TAX PROCEEDS TO CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY. (Became law upon ratification, July 31, 2025 - S.L. 2025-87)

Pursuant to Senator Sawrey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, August 26, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we love you, and thank you for another day you've given us. Thank you for this wonderful weather you've sent our way. We pray that you'll continue to bless all 100 counties and all 536 towns and cities. Bless the citizens of this state. Help us, and guide and direct us to bring honor and glory to you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Hollo announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 31, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hollo, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, August 28, at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
August 26, 2025

August 26, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 87 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO ELECT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN AN ANNUAL LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS, was vetoed by Governor Josh Stein on August 6, 2025 and was returned to the House of Representatives with the attached veto message.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Governor's objections and veto message can be found in the Addendum.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 55, AN ACT TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY FOR THE EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, August 6, 2025 - S.L. 2025-88)

H.B. 125, AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT VARIOUS BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, August 6, 2025 - S.L. 2025-89)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, August 28, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

August 28, 2025

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we love you, and we praise you today, and we thank you for all that you do. Thank you for the beautiful weather. We pray that you’ll be with those folks that were dealt a terrible blow this week at that school shooting. Be with those parents and grandparents and others that are affected. We thank you for all that you do. Guide and direct us and protect us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, August 26, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:04 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2025-8, to reconvene Monday, September 22, at 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
August 28, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that Representative Winslow and Representative McNeely have been added as conferees to **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.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to Senator Sawrey’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, September 22, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

September 22, 2025

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 12:01 p.m., to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 5.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 5.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

H.B. 192 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNium TO AWARD PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INCREASES AND LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES TO STATE EMPLOYEES, TEACHERS, AND OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, AND IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, REDUCTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS, AND OFFSETS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 25.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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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 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

H.B. 389 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

H.B. 926 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 29.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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, referred to the **Health Care Committee** on May 19, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Health Care Committee** and re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

September 9, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Rachel Hunt
Lieutenant Governor
310 North Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Hunt,

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-71.1 (as enacted by S.L. 2025-6), I am pleased to nominate Sallie Shuping-Russell of Orange County for appointment to the North Carolina Investment Authority Board of Directors for a term of four years and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for Ms. Shuping-Russell's willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information at 919-610-9080.

Sincerely,
S/ Josh Stein
Governor

cc: The Honorable Destin Hall
The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

September 22, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE TREASURER

The following message is received from the North Carolina State Treasurer:

**NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER
OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER**

BRADFORD B. BRINER
STATE TREASURER OF NORTH CAROLINA

September 2, 2025

VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate
16 W. Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Destin Hall
Speaker of the House
16 W. Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Senator Berger and Speaker Hall:

Pursuant to the N.C. Gen Stat. § 147-71.1(a), as amended by S.L. 2025-6, I am pleased to nominate Stephanie Lynch of Mecklenburg County to serve on the North Carolina Investment Authority and hereby submit her 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

cc: The Honorable Rachel Hunt
The Honorable Sydney Batch
The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

September 22, 2025

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

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, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, with the amendment unengrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40613, as amended, which changes the title to read, **H.B. 307** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; 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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26, is adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

H.B. 926 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 10559, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

September 22, 2025

By Senator Lee for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

H.B. 307 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; 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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26, as amended, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 30506, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 307 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; 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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26, with a favorable report.

H.B. 926 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

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By Senator Lee for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10560, which changes the title to read **H.B. 358** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF, TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES, is adopted and engrossed.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40617, which changes the title to read **H.B. 42** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT (1) AWARDING LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED ANNUAL SALARY INCREASES TO STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES AND GRANTING BONUSES TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; (2) AUTHORIZING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BONUSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD; (3) ENHANCING BENEFITS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; (4) INCREASING BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD PENSION FUND; AND (5) INCREASING THE AMOUNT AWARDED FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, is adopted and engrossed.

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 an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10561, which changes the title to read **H.B. 56** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT, is adopted and engrossed.

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H.B. 192 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM TO AWARD PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INCREASES AND LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES TO STATE EMPLOYEES, TEACHERS, AND OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, AND IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS BUDGETARY TRANSFERS, REDUCTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS, AND OFFSETS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30505, which changes the title to read **H.B. 192** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE GREATER FAIRNESS IN BILLING AND COLLECTIONS PRACTICES FOR HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES AND TO PROHIBIT PLANNED PARENTHOOD PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID, is adopted and engrossed.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, I thank you for the experiences that I had while I was there and for all the folks and their kindness and the beauty of the country and, just, Lord, what a changing experience it is. And, Lord, we need change in our life. I think there’s a lot of things that are really coming to people’s attention now and some of them were orchestrated by tragedy, but, sometimes it takes those things to awaken us. And, Lord, I just pray for those turning points in our life that make a difference, that make us evaluate what we’re doing, how we’re doing it, how we treat each other. Lord, I just pray for civil discourse. I pray for civility, and I pray for understanding for each of us. And we ask all of this in your glorious Son’s name, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, August 28, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Jackson and Senator Johnson.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 42 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT (1) AWARDING LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED ANNUAL SALARY INCREASES TO STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES AND GRANTING BONUSES TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; (2) AUTHORIZING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BONUSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD; (3) ENHANCING BENEFITS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; (4) INCREASING BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD PENSION FUND; AND (5) INCREASING THE AMOUNT AWARDED FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, reported favorably from the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 56 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT, reported favorably from the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 192 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE GREATER FAIRNESS IN BILLING AND COLLECTIONS PRACTICES FOR HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES AND TO PROHIBIT PLANNED PARENTHOOD PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID, reported favorably from the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 307 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; TO EXTEND TERMS OF

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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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26 AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT RESPONDENTS TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY PENDING HEARING, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 358 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF, TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES, reported favorably from the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 926 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, reported favorably from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on today's calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to allow **S.J.R. 773**, **S.J.R. 774**, **S.B. 775**, and **S.J.R. 776** to be introduced today and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 245 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REMOTE RENEWALS OF DRIVERS LICENSES, TO ELIMINATE THE DRIVING LOG REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE REMOTE ISSUANCE FOR FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO POSSESSION OF EMBALMING FLUID, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 31.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 214 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS

AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF YADKINVILLE, AND REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 31.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL AND RESOLUTIONS

A bill and resolutions filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Ford:

S.J.R. 773, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF SALLIE SHUPING-RUSSELL TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Joint Resolution is placed on today's calendar.

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Ford:

S.J.R. 774, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF STEPHANIE LYNCH TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Joint Resolution is placed on today's calendar.

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Ford:

S.B. 775, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

The bill is placed on today's calendar.

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Ford:

S.J.R. 776, A JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-8.

The Joint Resolution is placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR

Bills and resolutions on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 214 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS

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AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF YADKINVILLE, AND REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (0-48) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.J.R. 773, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF SALLIE SHUPING-RUSSELL TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.J.R. 774, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF STEPHANIE LYNCH TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 775, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.J.R. 776, A JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-8, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 42 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT (1) AWARDING LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED ANNUAL SALARY INCREASES TO STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES AND GRANTING BONUSES TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; (2) AUTHORIZING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BONUSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD; (3) ENHANCING BENEFITS

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UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND; (4) INCREASING BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD PENSION FUND; AND (5) INCREASING THE AMOUNT AWARDED FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATHS UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 56 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASED ENROLLMENT, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 192 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE GREATER FAIRNESS IN BILLING AND COLLECTIONS PRACTICES FOR HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES AND TO PROHIBIT PLANNED PARENTHOOD PARTICIPATION IN MEDICAID, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (28-20) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 926** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed before the Senate for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 926 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (28-20).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 3 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (34-14), and Amendment No. 2 subsequently fails.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (31-17) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Lee for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40619, which changes the title to read **H.B. 268** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AND THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, is adopted and engrossed.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

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 an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30507, which changes the title to read **H.B. 562** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID FUNDING TO ACCOUNT FOR PROJECTED CHANGES AND MAKE OTHER REVISIONS TO LAWS GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE UNC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND NC CARE INITIATIVE HEALTH CLINICS; AND TO REDUCE FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO THE FUTURE BUILDING RESERVES AND THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, is adopted and engrossed.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

H.B. 389 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ACADEMY PILOT PROGRAM, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 30508, which changes the title to read **H.B. 389** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, is adopted and engrossed.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, **H.B. 268** and **H.B. 389** are withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 307 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; 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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Grafstein is excused from voting on the bill due to a conflict of interest.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 307** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN

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TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; 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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26 AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT RESPONDENTS TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY PENDING HEARING.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 3 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-19), and Amendment No. 2 subsequently fails.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 4.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, H.B. 307, with Amendment No. 4 pending, is displaced to the end of today's calendar.

H.B. 389 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATIONS OF THE STATE, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 562 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID FUNDING TO ACCOUNT FOR PROJECTED CHANGES AND MAKE OTHER REVISIONS TO LAWS GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE UNC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND NC CARE INITIATIVE HEALTH CLINICS; AND TO REDUCE FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO THE FUTURE BUILDING RESERVES AND THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, H.B. 562 is temporarily displaced.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Chitlik submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**MARKING THE START OF 5786 AND THE JEWISH HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON,**" with Senator Grafstein as an additional signatory.

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CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 245 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REMOTE RENEWALS OF DRIVERS LICENSES, TO ELIMINATE THE DRIVING LOG REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE REMOTE ISSUANCE FOR FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO POSSESSION OF EMBALMING FLUID, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Chitlik.

Upon motion of Senator Lazzara, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (47-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 562 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID FUNDING TO ACCOUNT FOR PROJECTED CHANGES AND MAKE OTHER REVISIONS TO LAWS GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR THE UNC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND NC CARE INITIATIVE HEALTH CLINICS; AND TO REDUCE FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO THE FUTURE BUILDING RESERVES AND THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, upon second reading.

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (28-19).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 268 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND AND THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 358 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF, TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (46-1).

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Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 4, which is adopted (47-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 307 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; 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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26, as amended, upon second reading, with Amendment No. 4 pending.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 5 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-18), and Amendment No. 4 subsequently fails.

Senator Everitt offers Amendment No. 6.

Senator Berger offers Amendment No. 7 as a substitute amendment.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Bradley.

The Senate recesses at 6:37 p.m., with Amendment No. 7 to H.B. 307 pending, to reconvene at 6:42 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 307 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE

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PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; 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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26, upon second reading, with Amendment No. 7 pending.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Everitt.

Amendment No. 7 is adopted (28-16), and Amendment No. 6 subsequently fails.

Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 8.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Adcock.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 8 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-15).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 9.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 9 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-15).

Senator Batch offers Amendment No. 10.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 10 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-15).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 11.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 11 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-15).

The Chair grants leaves of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Applewhite, Senator Batch, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Garrett, Senator Salvador, Senator Smith, and Senator Waddell.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (28-8) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Robinson submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **"HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH A. MCNEIL, SR."**

Senator Overcash submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **"REMEMBERING IRYNA ZARUTSKA,"** with Senator Adcock, Senator Alexander, Senator Barnes, Senator Batch, Senator Berger, Senator Blue, Senator Bradley, Senator Brinson, Senator Britt, Senator Burgin, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Chitlik, Senator Corbin, Senator Craven, Senator Daniel, Senator Everitt, Senator Ford, Senator Galey, Senator Garrett, Senator Grafstein, Senator Hanig, Senator Hise, Senator Hollo, Senator Jackson, Senator Jarvis, Senator Johnson, Senator Jones,

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Senator Lazzara, Senator Lee, Senator Lowe, Senator Mayfield, Senator McInnis, Senator Measmer, Senator Moffitt, Senator Mohammed, Senator Murdock, Senator B. Newton, Senator Rabon, Senator Robinson, Senator Salvador, Senator Sanderson, Senator Sawrey, Senator Sawyer, Senator Settle, Senator Smith, Senator Theodros, and Senator Waddell as additional signatories.

Senator Berger submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF POLITICAL ACTIVIST CHARLIE KIRK,”** with Senator Alexander, Senator Barnes, Senator Brinson, Senator Britt, Senator Burgin, Senator Corbin, Senator Craven, Senator Daniel, Senator Ford, Senator Galey, Senator Hanig, Senator Hise, Senator Hollo, Senator Jackson, Senator Jarvis, Senator Johnson, Senator Jones, Senator Lazzara, Senator Lee, Senator McInnis, Senator Measmer, Senator Moffitt, Senator B. Newton, Senator Overcash, Senator Rabon, Senator Sanderson, Senator Sawrey, Senator Sawyer, and Senator Settle as additional signatories.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 7:25 p.m., in honor and in memory of Charlie Kirk, Joseph McNeil, Sr., and Iryna Zarutska, to reconvene Tuesday, September 23, at 3:30 p.m.

NINETY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, September 23, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you and praise you for another day. And we’ve got to follow your Word, ‘And let us be not weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.’* May we be reminded of that all the time and continue to carry on for you. We pray that you’ll bless us here today and keep us all safe. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

*Galatians 6:9, KJV

Senator Daniel announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, September 22, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:33 p.m. to reconvene Wednesday, September 24, at 11:15 a.m.

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ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 245, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REMOTE RENEWALS OF DRIVERS LICENSES, TO ELIMINATE THE DRIVING LOG REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE REMOTE ISSUANCE FOR FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO POSSESSION OF EMBALMING FLUID, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

H.B. 307, AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA'S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A DEFENDANT FOUND INCAPABLE OF PROCEEDING; 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; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 26 AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT RESPONDENTS TO REMAIN IN CUSTODY PENDING HEARING.

H.B. 358, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF, TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES.

Pursuant to Senator Daniel's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, September 24, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Thank you, dear Lord, for everything that you’ve done for us today. We pray that you would be with us throughout this day. We pray for the world. We pray for the many tragedies that have taken place. We pray that you would go for each one as they head to the district, and protect us along the way. In thy Name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, September 23, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 926, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 775, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolutions duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.J.R. 773, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF SALLIE SHUPING-RUSSELL TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (Res. 2025-9)

S.J.R. 774, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF STEPHANIE LYNCH TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (Res. 2025-10)

S.J.R. 776, A JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-8. (Res. 2025-11)

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Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, September 25, at 11:00 a.m.

ONE HUNDREDTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, September 25, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Lord, we thank you for this day, and thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way at home and to other folks who need rain. We pray that you’ll continue to bless them. You are the God of Grace and the God of Glory, and we’re grateful that you supply all of our needs. We thank you for all that you do for us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, September 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 11:02 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2025-11, to reconvene Monday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 693, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF MASSAGE THERAPY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 775 (Committee Substitute No. 4), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF A CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT; TO MODIFY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MISCONDUCT BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; TO STRENGTHEN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR

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THREATS AND ASSAULTS ON TEACHERS; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ALIGN ITS LICENSURE SYSTEM WITH THE MULTISTATE EDUCATOR LOOKUP SYSTEM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 13 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENHANCE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR POLITICALLY MOTIVATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 403 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID FUNDING TO ACCOUNT FOR PROJECTED HEALTH CARE CHANGES, TO MAKE REDUCTIONS TO VACANT POSITIONS ACROSS STATE AGENCIES, AND TO REDUCE FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO FUTURE BUILDING RESERVES AND THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 775, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS. (Became law upon ratification, September 24, 2025 - S.L. 2025-90)

Pursuant to Senator Sawrey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, October 20, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 10:00 a.m., to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

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RECESS**APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

S.B. 214 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF YADKINVILLE, AND REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 214 on September 22, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Sawrey, Chair and Senator Jones as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Elections Committee**:

S.B. 249, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT OTHER POLITICAL PARTY GROUPS IN THIS STATE FROM CAMPAIGN SALES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF GOODS OR SERVICES UNDER THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 15363, which changes the title to read **S.B. 249** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Eddie D. Settle, Senator from Wilkes County, as follows:

“Lord, thank you. Thank you for this day and the breath of life that we each have, Lord, that you freely give, Lord, and the sound mind that we have. We ask you to lead us today in all decisions that are made that they’d be pleasing to you, and when we leave this place that we’d be united. We love you and we praise you. We ask it all in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, September 25, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Burgin, Senator Lowe, Senator Rabon, and Senator Sawyer.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“CONGRATULATING SOPHIA KELLSTROM ON BEING NAMED MISS NORTH CAROLINA 2025.”**

Senator Murdock submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. CATHERINE SPEARMAN FERRELL.”**

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 249 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on October 20.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today’s calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR

A bill on today’s calendar is taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 249 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, upon second reading.

Upon the appearance of Senator Lowe in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges his presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-20).

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Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise raises a point of order, stating that Amendment No. 2 is out of order.

The Chair rules that Amendment No. 2 is eligible for consideration.

Pursuant to Rule 10, Senator Hise appeals the ruling of the Chair to Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Senator Daniel rules Amendment No. 2 out of order.

Pursuant to Rule 10, Senator Mohammed appeals the ruling of Senator Daniel to the Senate.

The motion to sustain the ruling of Senator Daniel passes (26-20).

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-20).

Senator Lowe offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (25-20).

Senator Lowe offers Amendment No. 5.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Lee.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (25-20).

Senator Garrett moves that S.B. 249 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Batch, which motion fails (19-26).

Senator Garrett moves that the Senate adjourn, seconded by Senator Batch.

Senator Berger calls for the ayes and noes on the question, and the Chair so orders.

The motion to adjourn fails, ayes 20, noes 25, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---20.

Voting in the negative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson, Sawrey and Settle---25.

Senator Garrett moves that the Senate adjourn until March 4, 2026, seconded by Senator Batch, which motion fails (18-27).

Senator Berger moves the previous question, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (25-18).

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, ayes 25, noes 20, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson, Sawrey and Settle---25.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---20.

Senator Batch objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Committee Substitute bill placed on the calendar of Tuesday, October 21, upon third reading.

Article II, Section 18 of the Constitution of North Carolina states, “Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual, and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.”

Written statements of dissent are submitted to the clerk by the following senators and entered on the Journal: Senator Adcock, Senator Applewhite, Senator Batch, Senator Blue, Senator Bradley, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Chitlik, Senator Everitt, Senator Garrett, Senator Grafstein, Senator Lowe, Senator Mayfield, Senator Meyer, Senator Mohammed, Senator Murdock, Senator Robinson, Senator Salvador, Senator Smith, Senator Theodros and Senator Waddell. (See pgs. 780-799).

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Daniel, the Senate adjourns at 5:59 p.m. to reconvene Tuesday, October 21, at 9:00 a.m.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 245, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL REMOTE RENEWALS OF DRIVERS LICENSES, TO ELIMINATE THE DRIVING LOG REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZE REMOTE ISSUANCE FOR FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSES, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO POSSESSION OF EMBALMING FLUID, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS APPROPRIATIONS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 30, 2025 - S.L. 2025-91)

H.B. 358, AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF, TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 30, 2025 - S.L. 2025-92)

H.B. 307, AN ACT TO ENACT IRYNA’S LAW; TO MODIFY THE LAW RELATED TO PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS; TO ADD AN AGGRAVATING SENTENCING FACTOR; TO MODIFY SUSPENSION OF MAGISTRATES; TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO STUDY MENTAL HEALTH AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TASK FORCES; TO MODIFY DEATH PENALTY PROCEEDINGS; TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT OF A

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H.B. 926, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon ratification, October 6, 2025 - S.L. 2025-94)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, October 21, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Julie Mayfield, Senator from Buncombe County, as follows:

"One year later, our scarred earth is blooming green. What if humanity did the same? Re-wilding the love that flooded our broken landscape after the hurricane. What if it sprawled, unruly across the whole aching world? God-love poured tender from laboring hands. What if the incentive was not to keep but to share what we have? To nourish one another and live inside that well-spring of care. What if people bound together like they did after the storm with shovels and muscle and problem solving and purposeful hearts, where heroes wore muck boots and went searching for need and gave freely to fill it, no matter who or what it was? And after the many hard hours of work well-spent all of us, sharing, cooking, serving, and together breaking bread. What if the tendrils of care—roots that we planted in her wake with our tears and our loved ones and our hopes that the storm stole away—grew into the earth and knit together to mend this place into a world where we say neighbors' names like a prayer? Where we outstretch our arms and welcome who isn't yet there? Where no wind or water or rain could

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break what was born here when we pulled our neighbors to safety and tended our collective grief? Helene, who and what you took will never be forgot. We move through our days with loss etched in our palms and a longing and a will for a world where it doesn't take disaster for love to bloom wild and overcome what it is that divides us. A love louder than thunder, a love that transcends our dollars and our politics and our headlines. Love more powerful than a river, love more powerful than a hurricane, stronger than the biggest storm. Love that honors who has gone and prepares us for what is to come. May love carry our community as we forge ahead, and may it serve the people and the places that still most ache with need, and may we never forget what we've learned from the storm, what we have is each other here in this wild world."

Poem by Mary Pembleton, 2024
Resident of Swannanoa, N.C.

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, October 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Burgin, Senator Rabon, and Senator Sawyer.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL AND A RESOLUTION

A bill and a resolution filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Daniel:

S.B. 777, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

By Senator Daniel:

S.J.R. 778, A JOINT RESOLUTION FURTHER AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-8, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2025-11.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 777, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, passed first reading earlier today.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the bill is placed on today's calendar.

NOTICE OF A DISCHARGE PETITION

Pursuant to Rule 47(b), Senator Grafstein announces her intent to circulate a discharge petition for **S.B. 403** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADJUST MEDICAID FUNDING TO ACCOUNT FOR PROJECTED HEALTH CARE CHANGES, TO MAKE REDUCTIONS TO VACANT POSITIONS ACROSS STATE AGENCIES, AND TO REDUCE FUNDING APPROPRIATED TO FUTURE BUILDING RESERVES AND THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on September 25.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 249 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, upon third reading.

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 6.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 6 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-20).

Senator Grafstein offers a motion that the words spoken by Senator Garrett on S.B. 249 be spread upon the Journal, which motion fails (20-26).

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading ayes 26, noes 20, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Brinson, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Jones, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Measmer, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson, Sawrey and Settle---26.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bradley, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Everitt, Garrett, Grafstein, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Theodros and Waddell---20.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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S.B. 777, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (45-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

The Senate recesses at 10:20 a.m., to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

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RE-REFERRAL OF A RESOLUTION

Senator Daniel orders the re-referral of a resolution as follows:

S.J.R. 778, A JOINT RESOLUTION FURTHER AMENDING RESOLUTION 2025-8, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2025-11, passed first reading earlier today.

The Joint Resolution is referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

The Senate recesses at 12:14 p.m., to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

RECESS

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message was received from the House of Representatives:

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October 20, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that conferees for **S.B. 449 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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

October 21, 2025

CONSIDERATIONS ON TECHNOLOGY COSTS; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE; AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES have been dismissed and new conferees have been appointed. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Chesser, Chair and
Representative Schietzelt

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message was received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 21, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that conferees for **S.B. 449 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, 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; TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE; AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES have been dismissed and new conferees have been appointed. Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Arp, Chair

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Lee, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 449** (House 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;

October 21, 2025

TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO REPORT ON BREAK/FIX RATE; AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO PUBLISH TOTAL COMPENSATION AND POSITION INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYEES, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S449-PCCS35328-NE-1.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 449** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt.

DISCHARGE PETITION

Senator Daniel raises a point of order under Rule 47(b), stating that Senator Grafstein's earlier announcement of her intention to circulate a discharge petition for **S.B. 403** from the Rules Committee was invalid. He notes that an announcement of a circulation of a discharge petition would only be in order following the tenth legislative day after the bill was referred to committee, which has not yet occurred. The Chair sustains Senator Daniel's point of order.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Conference Report for **S.B. 449** is placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 449 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (46-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Senator Berger moves that the Senate do now adjourn, in memory of Dot Kendall Kearns, to reconvene Wednesday, October 22, at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Senator Daniel. Senator Grafstein objects. The motion to adjourn prevails (28-16).

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message was received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
October 20, 2025

Madam President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 214 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTHPORT, REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF YADKINVILLE, AND REMOVING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KANNAPOLIS, and requests conferees, Speaker Hall has appointed:

Representative Chesser, Chair and
Representative Schietzelt

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 21, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 449 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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Pursuant to the Senate having adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 449 on Tuesday, October 21, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, October 22, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we love you and thank you for another day. And we think about what your Word says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and we forget not all of thy benefits."* Your benefits are gracious and merciful. And we thank you for all that you do for us. Guide and direct us here today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

*Psalm 103:2, KJV

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, October 21, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 10:03 a.m. to reconvene Thursday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 22, 2025

Madam President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to a Proclamation issued by Governor Josh Stein on October 13, 2025, John L. Lowery has been administered the oath of office as a Member

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of the House of Representatives for the remainder of the 2025-2026 General Assembly. Representative John Lowery has been seated to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Jarrod Lowery from the 47th District.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 449, AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 249, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 249, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. (Became law upon ratification, October 22, 2025 - S.L. 2025-95)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, October 23, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you and thank you for another day. We thank you for your Word, that it is profitable for doctrine and for reproof, for correction and instruction. We pray that we’ll follow your Word today and all day, every day. We lift you up and praise you in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, October 22, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 777, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 10:08 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2025-11, to reconvene Monday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Numbers, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 777, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS. (Became law upon ratification, October 23, 2025 - S.L. 2025-96)

S.B. 449, AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY ADJUSTMENTS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, October 22, 2025 - S.L. 2025-97)

Pursuant to Senator Ford’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, November 17, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Lord, this is the day that you have made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. We thank you for this day. We thank you for every day, not just this time of year, when it’s Thanksgiving, but we thank you for life and mercy and grace and your abundance every day, all year round. We pray that you’ll be with us, guide and direct us today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Rabon announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, October 23, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:03 a.m. to reconvene Thursday, November 20, at 10:00 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, November 20, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Lord, again we come to you today, we’re thankful. We enter into your gates with thanksgiving and praise. We’re thankful to you all the time, all year round. We love you and praise you for your grace, mercy, and love. Thank you in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, November 17, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:07 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2025-11, to reconvene Monday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m.

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ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, December 15, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we love you and praise you for another day and this time of year, when you sent your Son to die for our sins. We thank you so much for that; that our Savior was born of a virgin and died for our sins and resurrected again, and we know he’s coming back. We praise you for all that you do for us, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, November 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:03 a.m. to reconvene Thursday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.J.R. 1016, A JOINT RESOLUTION FURTHER AMENDING
RESOLUTION 2025-8, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 2025-11.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Sawrey’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, December 18, 2025

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor.

December 15, 2025

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Lord, we thank you that you came and died for our sins. We thank you for the cross of Calvary. Thank you for all that you do for us every day. We pray that you’ll continue to bless and watch over all of us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, December 15, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Hollo, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:01 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2025-11, to reconvene Monday, January 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

RACHEL HUNT
President of the Senate

SARAH HOLLAND
Principal Clerk

December 18, 2025

ADDENDUM
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EDITOR'S NOTES

The five-digit numbers appearing throughout the Senate Journal indicate the coded draft number of either the proposed committee substitute or proposed conference committee substitute approved by a committee and submitted to the Senate for consideration.

The numerical figures appearing in parentheses throughout the Senate Journal represent the affirmative and negative votes cast and recorded electronically, pursuant to Rule 25.

Upon a motion offered, the phrase “without objection” reflects a determination by the Chair that there is no objection from a member present, which constitutes unanimous consent, for the order of the Chair.

Sarah Holland
Principal Clerk

**VETO MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:
HOUSE BILLS NOT RECEIVED BY THE SENATE**

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 171, "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."

The people of North Carolina deserve the best possible state government. My administration is focused on building the strongest team possible by hiring and supporting the best employees. We cannot recruit and retain them without creating a welcoming work environment. We make our most effective decisions when there is a diverse set of perspectives around the table. House Bill 171 is riddled with vague definitions yet imposes extreme penalties for unknowable violations. This bill will make it harder for state government to provide the highest quality of service.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 3rd day of July 2025, at 10:23 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 96, "An Act to Create an Alternative Remedy for the Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Persons From Private Property by a Law Enforcement Agency and to Modify the Law Related to Pet Shops."

This legislation originally addressed squatters, and I supported it. At the last moment, however, an unrelated amendment was added that prohibits local governments from regulating pet stores. The bill would facilitate inhumane puppy mills in North Carolina. Without this provision, I would sign the legislation. With it, I cannot support it.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 9th day of July 2025, at 3:02 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

House Bill 87, "An Act to Elect the State of North Carolina to Participate in the Federal Tax Credit Established by the Federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act for Contributions of Individuals to Certain Scholarship Granting Organizations and to Require the State Education Assistance Authority to Publish and Maintain an Annual List of Scholarship Granting Organizations."

School choice is good for students and parents, and I have long supported magnet and accountable charter schools because public schools open doors of opportunity for kids in every county of the state. Congress and the Administration should strengthen our public schools, not hollow them out. Cutting public education funding by billions of dollars while providing billions in tax giveaways to wealthy parents already sending their kids to private schools is the wrong choice.

However, I see opportunities for the federal scholarship donation tax credit program to benefit North Carolina's public school kids. Once the federal government issues sound guidance, I intend to opt North Carolina in so we can invest in the public school students most in need of after school programs, tutoring, and other resources. Therefore, HB 87 is unnecessary, and I veto it.

S/ Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 6th day of August 2025, at 4:02 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

APPENDIX

SENATE JOURNAL

2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SESSION 2025



**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2025-2026 SESSION
SENATORIAL DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES¹**

1	Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Dare,	28	Guilford (Part)
	Gates, Hertford, Northampton,	29	Anson, Montgomery, Randolph
	Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrell		(Part), Richmond, Union (Part)
2	Carteret, Chowan, Halifax, Hyde,	30	Davidson, Davie
	Martin, Pamlico, Warren,	31	Forsyth (Part), Stokes
	Washington	32	Forsyth (Part)
3	Beaufort, Craven, Lenoir	33	Rowan, Stanly
4	Greene, Wayne, Wilson	34	Cabarrus (Part)
5	Edgecombe, Pitt	35	Cabarrus (Part), Union (Part)
6	Onslow	36	Alexander, Surry, Wilkes,
7	New Hanover (Part)		Yadkin
8	Brunswick, Columbus, New	37	Iredell, Mecklenburg (Part)
	Hanover (Part)	38	Mecklenburg (Part)
9	Bladen, Duplin, Jones, Pender,	39	Mecklenburg (Part)
	Sampson (Part)	40	Mecklenburg (Part)
10	Johnston	41	Mecklenburg (Part)
11	Franklin, Nash, Vance	42	Mecklenburg (Part)
12	Harnett, Lee, Sampson (Part)	43	Gaston (Part)
13	Wake (Part)	44	Cleveland, Gaston (Part),
14	Wake (Part)		Lincoln
15	Wake (Part)	45	Caldwell (Part), Catawba
16	Wake (Part)	46	Buncombe (Part), Burke,
17	Wake (Part)		McDowell
18	Granville, Wake (Part)	47	Alleghany, Ashe, Avery,
19	Cumberland (Part)		Caldwell (Part), Haywood (Part),
20	Chatham, Durham (Part)		Madison, Mitchell, Watauga,
21	Cumberland (Part), Moore		Yancey
22	Durham (Part)	48	Henderson, Polk, Rutherford
23	Caswell, Orange, Person	49	Buncombe (Part)
24	Hoke, Robeson, Scotland	50	Cherokee, Clay, Graham,
25	Alamance, Randolph (Part)		Haywood (Part), Jackson,
26	Guilford (Part), Rockingham		Macon, Swain, Transylvania
27	Guilford (Part)		

¹The North Carolina Senate district plan used for the 2024 election cycle was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly on October 25, 2023, as S.B. 758, becoming S.L. 2023-146 upon its ratification.

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS
of the
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

In compliance with G.S. 147-16.1, the Office of the Governor of the State of North Carolina has filed with the Senate Principal Clerk a copy of all Executive Orders issued in 2025. The full text of Executive Orders 1 through 30 issued by Governor Josh Stein can be found in the printed Session Laws of the 2025 General Assembly.

Executive Order	Title	Date of Issuance
1	Increasing the Supply of Temporary Housing in Western North Carolina	January 2, 2025
2	Timely Repairing Private Roads and Bridges	January 2, 2025
3	Reorganizing the Executive Branch to Meet the Needs of Western North Carolina	January 2, 2025
4	Establishing the Governor's Advisory Committee on Western North Carolina Recovery	January 2, 2025
5	Continuing to Meet North Carolina's State Human Resources Needs in Support of Hurricane Helene Recovery Efforts	January 2, 2025
6	Temporary Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations to Ensure Adequate Transportation of Heating Fuels Throughout the State	January 7, 2025
7	Declaration of a State of Emergency and Temporary Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	January 9, 2025
8	Protecting Access to and Privacy of Reproductive Health Care Services in North Carolina	January 16, 2025

9	Declaration of a State of Emergency and Temporary Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	February 18, 2025
10	Establishing the North Carolina Task Force on Child Care and Early Education	March 10, 2025
11	Directing North Carolina's Progress on Workforce Development	March 25, 2025
12	Declaration of a State of Emergency	March 26, 2025
13	Establishing the Governor's Advisory Council for Student Safety and Well-Being	April 7, 2025
14	Extending the State of Emergency Declared in Executive Order No. 12	April 24, 2025
15	Governor's Teacher Advisory Committee	May 6, 2025
16	Establishing the North Carolina Advisory Council on Cannabis	June 3, 2025
17	Extending the Food Safety and Defense Task Force	June 27, 2025
18	Declaration of a State of Emergency	July 16, 2025
19	Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance for Durham, Orange, and Surrounding Counties	August 5, 2025
20	Declaration of a State of Emergency and Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	August 19, 2025
21	Advancing Safety in North Carolina Through the Office of Violence Prevention and the Gang Prevention and Intervention Task Force	August 19, 2025
22	Notice of Termination of Executive Order No. 20	August 25, 2025
23	Establishing the North Carolina Energy Policy Task Force	August 26, 2025
24	Advancing Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence that Benefits All North Carolinians	September 2, 2025

25	Amending and Extending the North Carolina Interagency Council for Coordinating Homelessness Programs	September 10, 2025
26	Declaration of a State of Emergency and Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	September 27, 2025
27	Amending and Extending the Governor's Advisory Council on Latino Affairs	September 30, 2025
28	Notice of Termination of Executive Order 26	October 6, 2025
29	Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership	November 7, 2025
30	Extending the State Emergency Response Commission	December 22, 2025

SENATE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2025**STANDING COMMITTEES****AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT****Tues. at 10:00 a.m./Wed. at 9:00 a.m. (1124 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Barnes
Co-Chair Senator Jackson
Co-Chair Senator Sanderson
Members Senators Brinson, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Jarvis, Mayfield, McInnis, Measmer,* Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton,[†] Rabon, Salvador, Settle, Smith

APPROPRIATIONS/BASE BUDGET**Tues./Wed./Thurs. at 8:30 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Hise
Co-Chair Senator Jackson
Co-Chair Senator Lee
Members Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Jarvis, Lowe, Meyer, Murdock, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Waddell

APPROPRIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL, AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES**Tues./Wed./Thurs. at 8:30 a.m. (Aud. LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Barnes
Co-Chair Senator Johnson
Co-Chair Senator Sanderson
Members Senators Brinson, Lowe, Mayfield, Moffitt, Salvador, Settle, Smith

APPROPRIATIONS ON EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION**Tues./Wed./Thurs. at 8:30 a.m. (423 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Corbin
Co-Chair Senator P. Newton[†]
Co-Chair Senator Overcash
Members Senators Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Craven, Jones, Waddell

APPROPRIATIONS ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**Tues./Wed./Thurs. at 8:30 a.m. (421 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Alexander
Co-Chair Senator Ford
Co-Chair Senator Hanig
Members Senators Bradley, Everitt, Jarvis, Measmer,* Meyer

APPROPRIATIONS ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Tues./Wed./Thurs. at 8:30 a.m. (643 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Burgin
Co-Chair Senator Galey
Co-Chair Senator Sawrey
Members Adcock, Blue, Corbin, Robinson

APPROPRIATIONS ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**Tues./Wed./Thurs. at 8:30 a.m. (422 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Britt
Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Co-Chair Senator B. Newton
Members Senators Batch, Grafstein, Mohammed, Sanderson

APPROPRIATIONS ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Tues./Wed./Thurs. at 8:30 a.m. (1228 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Lazzara
Co-Chair Senator Rabon
Co-Chair Senator Sawyer
Members Senators Garrett, Hollo, Murdock, Theodros

COMMERCE AND INSURANCE**Tues. at 1:00 p.m./Thurs. at 11:00 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Britt
Co-Chair Senator Johnson
Co-Chair Senator Settle
Members Senators Adcock, Alexander, Batch, Blue, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Garrett, Hollo, Jackson, Jarvis, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Overcash, Salvador, Sawyer

EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION**Wed. at 11:00 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Corbin
Co-Chair Senator Lee
Co-Chair Senator Overcash
Members Senators Barnes, Bradley, Brinson, Chaudhuri, Chitlik, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hollo, Jones, McInnis, B. Newton, Robinson, Sanderson, Smith, Theodros

ELECTIONS**Upon Call of the Chair**

Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Co-Chair Senator Hise
Co-Chair Senator Overcash
Members Senators Alexander, Batch, Ford, Galey, Jackson, Johnson, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, P. Newton,[†] Rabon, Robinson, Sawrey, Smith

FINANCE**Tues. at 2:00 p.m./Wed. at 1:00 p.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Craven
Co-Chair Senator McInnis
Co-Chair Senator P. Newton[†]
Members Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Blue,
 Burgin, Daniel, Ford, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara,
 Lowe, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton,
 Overcash, Rabon, Salvador, Sawyer, Waddell

HEALTH CARE**Wed./Thurs. at 10:00 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Burgin
Co-Chair Senator Galey
Co-Chair Senator Sawrey
Members Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Britt, Corbin, Garrett,
 Hise, Hollo,[‡] Johnson, Lee, Mayfield, Moffitt,
 Mohammed, Murdock, P. Newton,[†] Robinson (Advisory
 Member),[‡] Settle, Waddell

JUDICIARY**Tues. at 11:00 a.m./Wed. at 2:00 p.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Britt
Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Co-Chair Senator B. Newton
Members Senators Batch, Blue, Chitlik, Craven, Everitt, Galey,
 Grafstein, Lazzara, Lee, Measmer,* Mohammed,
 P. Newton,[†] Overcash, Sanderson, Sawrey

PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT AND AGING**Wed. at 12:00 p.m. (1124 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Alexander
Co-Chair Senator Ford
Co-Chair Senator P. Newton[†]
Members Senators Applewhite, Bradley, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven,
 Daniel, Everitt, Hise, Meyer, Robinson, Waddell

REGULATORY REFORM**Wed. at 10:00 a.m. (1027 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Jarvis
Co-Chair Senator McInnis
Co-Chair Senator Moffitt
Members Senators Barnes, Bradley, Chitlik, Craven, Everitt, Ford,**
 Grafstein, Hanig, Jackson, Jones, Lazzara, Measmer,*
 Meyer, Sanderson, Sawyer, Theodros

RULES AND OPERATIONS OF THE SENATE**Tues./Thurs. at 9:00 a.m. (1027 LB)**

Chair Senator Rabon
Vice-Chair Senator Daniel
Members Senators Adcock, Barnes, Blue, Britt, Chaudhuri, Ford,[‡]
 Galey, Garrett, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee,
 Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, P. Newton,[†] Salvador,
 Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Waddell

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**Tues. at 12:00 p.m. (423 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Alexander
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 Grafstein, Hollo, Jarvis, Jones, Lazzara, Measmer, * Meyer,
 Robinson, Settle, Smith

TRANSPORTATION**Wed. at 12:00 p.m. (1027 LB)**

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Co-Chair Senator Rabon
Co-Chair Senator Sawyer
Members Senators Brinson, Chaudhuri, Hanig, Hollo,** Jarvis, Johnson,
 Jones, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock,
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 Mohammed, P. Newton,[†] Robinson, Sanderson

* Appointed 4/15/25

† Resigned 3/26/25

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Shayla Zwingman	Senator Murdock

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Written statements of dissent submitted to the clerk regarding S.B. 249 are entered on the Journal as follows:

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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this legislation is injurious to the public and individual voters.


Senator Adcock



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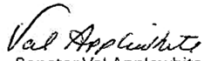
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October 20, 2025

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North Carolinians sent their leaders to Raleigh to pass a state budget, protect public schools, and create safer communities, not to redraw maps mid-decade. This vote is a betrayal of the priorities that actually matter to North Carolina families.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.


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October 20, 2025

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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this redistricting plan is not the product of public need or constitutional duty and was only drawn to protect certain politicians, not to represent North Carolina's voters. There is no legal justification for this action, and the process that led to this bill undermines the very foundations of representative government.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sydney Batch".

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October 20, 2025

Pursuant to Article II, Section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution: Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that ^{my} dissent be entered on the Journal because there is no legal justification for this action, and the process that led to this bill undermines the very foundations of representative government.

Senator Dan Blue

NC Senate District 14



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October 20, 2025,

Pursuant To article 2, section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution: "Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual, and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this redistricting is not governance, it is a deliberate abuse of power, executed in violation of both the spirit and the letter of the North Carolina Constitution.

North Carolinians sent their leaders to Raleigh to pass a state budget, protect public schools, and create safer communities, not to redraw maps mid-decade. This vote is a betrayal of the priorities that actually matter to North Carolina families.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.

Senator Woodson Bradley
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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this redistricting plan is not the product of public need or constitutional duty and was only drawn to protect certain politicians, not to represent North Carolina's voters.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.

Senator Jay Chaudhuri
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North Carolina General Assembly
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SENATOR SOPHIA CHITLIK
22ND DISTRICT

October 20, 2025

Pursuant to Article II, section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution: "Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because allowing a President to dictate the actions of our own legislature for his personal benefit is an affront to federalism, and to the voters of this great state. Let the record show that this body has voted to weaken the bedrock of our democracy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sophia Chitlik", written in a cursive style.

Senator Sophia Chitlik
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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because there is no legal justification for this action, and the process that led to this bill undermines the very foundations of representative government. This bill tramples on constitutional principles and invites chaos into our democracy. It sets a dangerous precedent that elections are only fair when the ruling party gets to pick the voters.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Everitt", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Terence Everitt
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October 20, 2025

Pursuant To Article 2, Section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution: "Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual, and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the journal because we are not redistricting. We are rigging an election. No parliamentary procedure can sanitize what is fundamentally a betrayal of democracy itself.

This past weekend, millions of Americans took to the streets declaring "America has no kings." Today, this body answered them by bending the knee to one.

We are stealing the voices of North Carolinians to satisfy a president who openly admitted he feels "entitled" to more power. We are choosing our voters instead of letting voters choose us. We are breaking the sacred covenant between the governed and those who govern.

Future generations will look back at this moment with disbelief, not because they won't understand what happened, but because they won't understand how we let it happen.

Those who died at Valley Forge, who bled on Normandy's beaches, who were beaten on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, they fought for the principle that in America, power flows from the people. Today, we spit on their sacrifice.

I cannot stop this vote. But I can ensure history records who stood for democracy and who auctioned it off.

Let the record show: on October 21, 2025, the North Carolina Senate chose power over principle and one man's ambition over the voices of 10 million North Carolinians.

Let the record show: some of us said no.

And let the record show: this betrayal will not stand. Not in the eyes of history, and not in the hearts of a people who refuse to bow to kings.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Garrett", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Senator Michael K. Garrett
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JUDICIARY
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October 20, 2025

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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because there is no legal justification for this action, and the process that led to this bill undermines the very foundations of representative government.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.

Lisa Grafstein
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RULES AND OPERATIONS OF THE SENATE

Pursuant To article 2, section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution: "Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual, and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this is a calculated move to weaken Black political representation by splitting and diluting black communities.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Lowe, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Paul Lowe, Jr.
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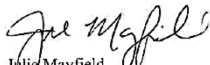
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October 20, 2025

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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this redistricting plan is not the product of public need or constitutional duty and was only drawn to protect certain politicians, not to represent North Carolina's voters. There is no legal justification for this action, and the process that led to this bill undermines the very foundations of representative government.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.


Julie Mayfield
NC Senate District 49



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October 20, 2025

Pursuant To article 2, section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution: "Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because our laws, our Constitution, and our voters should be guiding this chamber, not Donald Trump. This redistricting plan is a direct result of national political interference, and I refuse to be complicit in it. This redistricting plan is not the product of public need or constitutional duty and was only drawn to protect certain politicians, not to represent North Carolina's voters. The people of this state did not ask for new maps, Donald Trump did. North Carolinians sent their leaders to Raleigh to pass a state budget, protect public schools, and create safer communities, not to redraw maps mid-decade. This vote is a betrayal of the priorities that actually matter to North Carolina families. This map wasn't drawn for North Carolinians; it was drawn to satisfy Donald Trump and national Republican operatives who see our state as a pawn in their political chessboard.

Additionally, there is no legal justification for this action, and the process that led to this bill undermines the very foundations of representative government. This bill tramples on constitutional principles and invites chaos into our democracy. It sets a dangerous precedent that elections are only fair when the ruling party gets to pick the voters.

Finally, this redistricting plan intentionally undermines the political power of Black voters across North Carolina. It is a direct continuation of a shameful legacy of racial gerrymandering. This is a calculated move to weaken Black political representation by splitting and diluting black communities. These maps are a political weapon, and Black voters are the target. North Carolina's Constitution guarantees equal protection and representation. This map violates that guarantee by drawing lines that diminish the strength of Black communities and their voices. This bill and these maps are designed to fracture historic coalitions, diminish voter turnout, and protect incumbents at the expense of the will of the people.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.

Senator Graig Meyer
North Carolina Senate District 23



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR MUJTABA A. MOHAMMED
38TH DISTRICT

Pursuant To article 2, section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution: "Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual, and have the reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this new congressional map does not protect our voices, it pre-determines and rigs an election outcome before the first ballot is even cast. The North Carolina Constitution guarantees equal protection and representation. This map violates that guarantee by drawing lines that diminish the strength of Black communities and their voices.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mujtaba A. Mohammed".

Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed
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October 20, 2025

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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this legislation ignores the will of the people, who have shown overwhelming opposition to redistricting in this manner. Further, this redistricting plan intentionally undermines the political power of Black voters across North Carolina. It is a direct continuation of a shameful legacy of racial gerrymandering.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.

Sincerely,

Senator Natalie S. Murdock

NC Senate District 20



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR GLADYS A. ROBINSON
28TH DISTRICT

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COMMITTEES:

APPROPRIATIONS/BASE BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES
EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION
ELECTIONS
PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT AND AGING
SELECT COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

October 20, 2025

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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this is a calculated move to weaken Black political representation by splitting and diluting black communities.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.


Senator Gladys A. Robinson, Ph.D.

28th District of Guilford County



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR DEANDREA SALVADOR
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APPROPRIATIONS ON ASHER
APPROPRIATIONS/BASE BUDGET
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
FINANCE

October 20, 2025

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power, executed in violation of both the spirit and the letter of the North Carolina Constitution and is injurious to the
public.

For these reasons, and in defense of the State Constitution and the people of North Carolina, I submit this formal
protest and dissent from the actions taken by this body today.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Salvador", written over a horizontal line.

Senator DeAndrea Salvador



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR KANDIE D. SMITH
5TH DISTRICT

October 20, 2025

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I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because these maps are a political weapon and Black voters are the target. This bill and these maps are designed to fracture historic coalitions, diminish voter turnout, and protect incumbents at the expense of the will of the people.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kandie D. Smith".

Senator Kandie D. Smith

North Carolina Senate District 5



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR CALEB THEODROS
41ST DISTRICT

October 20, 2025

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb Theodros", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Caleb Theodros
North Carolina Senate District 41

Point of Order

North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

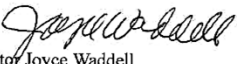
SENATOR JOYCE WADDELL
40TH DISTRICT MECKLENBURG COUNTY

(919) 733-5650
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October 20, 2025

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Senator Joyce Waddell

District 40
Mecklenburg County

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senatorial Statements are spread upon the Journal as follows:

A SENATORIAL STATEMENT**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF REV. NELSON N. JOHNSON**

WHEREAS, Rev. Nelson N. Johnson, a native of Halifax County, North Carolina, has been a lifelong advocate for social and economic justice, beginning his activism in the late 1950s during his high school years; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson served four years in the United States Air Force before continuing his education at North Carolina A&T State University, where he was a student leader in the Student Government Association in the late 1960's; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson has dedicated his life to community building as the Pastor of Faith Community Church and the Executive Director of the Beloved Community Center of Greensboro, working to unite diverse communities in the pursuit of justice, equality, and democracy; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson has been a strong advocate for labor rights, playing a key role in supporting workers' rights and sharing his expertise through national speaking engagements and published works; and Johnson dedicated his life to fighting for social and economic justice, community empowerment and racial reconciliation.

WHEREAS, Rev. Johnson died on February 9, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of leadership, faith, and service alongside his wife of 55 years, Joyce Hobson Johnson, their daughters, and grandchildren, inspiring future generations to continue the fight for justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is proper and fitting to honor the life and legacy of Rev. Nelson N. Johnson and express deep appreciation for his unwavering commitment to social and economic justice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 26th day of February, 2025.

Submitted by
S/ Senator Gladys A. Robinson

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

A SENATORIAL STATEMENT**HONORING J. MYRICK HOWARD**

WHEREAS, J. Myrick Howard retired from Preservation North Carolina (PNC) in 2023 after serving nearly 45 years as the organization's president; and

WHEREAS, J. Myrick Howard's legacy includes helping to raise nearly \$100 million in revenue for PNC and using those funds for preservation projects; placing more than \$2.9 million into permanent endowment with community foundations; placing nearly 900 historic and architecturally significant properties under protective covenants or easements; acquiring and reselling numerous public buildings for the creation of more than 2,000 new units of affordable housing; and raising more than \$2 million to restore the Bellamy Mansion in Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, under Myrick Howard's leadership, PNC has advocated for legislation that has generated more than \$3.4 billion in historic rehabilitation in the State; has published several books; produced five films; organized more than 50 conferences and workshops; managed the restored Ayr Mount Historic Site in Hillsborough for 18 years; renovated six highly endangered structures in Raleigh; was instrumental in the preservation and redevelopment of Blount Street in Raleigh; and responsible for the preservation of the historic Loray Mill Village in Gastonia, North Carolina. He helped PNC reach more than 25,000 followers across social media; and

WHEREAS, Myrick Howard has also taught graduate seminars in historic preservation at UNC for 35 years and has influenced countless individuals who have made a positive impact for historic preservation nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Myrick Howard's retirement, PNC is working to establish its summer internship program with a \$150,000 endowment at the North Carolina Community Foundation and will be named the Myrick Howard Preservation Internship;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting and proper to congratulate J. Myrick Howard on his retirement as president of Preservation North Carolina and to express gratitude for his 45 years of contributions to the State through Preservation North Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 26th day of February, 2025.

Submitted by
S/ W. Ted Alexander

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

A SENATORIAL STATEMENT

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR. LAVONIA ALLISON

WHEREAS, Dr. Lavonia Allison was born in 1930 and departed this life on January 7, 2025, in Durham, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allison was class salutatorian at Hillside High School in Durham, earned her bachelor's degree from Hampton University, and received both her master's and doctorate from New York University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allison was a lifelong advocate for civil rights, education, and equality and was a fixture of the Durham community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allison was the first woman to serve as the First Vice Chair of the Durham County Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Allison was also the first woman to lead the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People and served for 14 years as the longest-sitting Chair; and

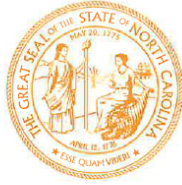
WHEREAS, Dr. Allison is survived by her two children and several grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to honor the life and service of Dr. Lavonia Allison and the incredible legacy of advocacy she leaves behind and to extend the deepest condolences to the Allison Family.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 26th day of February, 2025.

Submitted by
S/ Natalie S. Murdock

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk



State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

EXTRA SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, state law requires the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) to operate the Medicaid program in a way that does not exceed the amounts appropriated for the program in the certified budget enacted by the General Assembly, *see* N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 108A-54, 108A-54.1; and

WHEREAS, to continue operating the Medicaid program without the need for substantial provider rate cuts, the General Assembly must appropriate funds equal to the shortfall, which is known as the Medicaid Rebase; and

WHEREAS, due to rising health care costs, increased program utilization, adjustments to the federal match rate, and years of underfunding the Rebase, the cost of North Carolina's Medicaid program initially exceeded the funds the General Assembly had appropriated for the program by \$819 million; and

WHEREAS, in response to months of warnings from the Governor and the Secretary of NCDHHS about the necessity of rate cuts absent funding for the Medicaid Rebase, the General Assembly agreed that additional funding was necessary and appropriated \$500 million for the Medicaid program, *see* N.C. Sess. L. 2025-89, § 2B.10; and

WHEREAS, NCDHHS estimates that the \$500 million appropriation will leave the Medicaid program underfunded by \$319 million; and

WHEREAS, NCDHHS notified the General Assembly that it needed to fully fund Medicaid by the end of September to avoid the imposition of rate cuts to providers on October 1, 2025; yet, the General Assembly failed to act in its late September session; and

WHEREAS, because the Medicaid Rebase remains significantly underfunded, on October 1, 2025, NCDHHS reduced the reimbursement rates providers receive for many services; and

WHEREAS, NCDHHS notified the General Assembly that it needed to fully fund Medicaid by the end of October if it wished to reverse the cuts; yet, the General Assembly failed to act in its late October session; and

WHEREAS, these rate cuts hurt providers and reduce access to critical health care services for the people of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, both the Senate and the House of Representatives have agreed that hundreds of millions of dollars in additional funding are still needed to fully fund the Medicaid Rebase; and

WHEREAS, the previously imposed rate cuts can still be reversed if the General Assembly appropriates additional funds to the Medicaid program; and

WHEREAS, legislative leaders have indicated that they will not hold additional votes this year;
and

WHEREAS, the Governor has sought the advice of the Council of State on the need for this
extra session; and

WHEREAS, millions of North Carolinians rely on Medicaid for critical health care services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, pursuant to
Article III, Section 5(7) of the North Carolina State Constitution, do hereby proclaim an **"EXTRA
SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY"** commencing Monday,
November 17, 2025, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of funding the Medicaid Rebase.




JOSH STEIN
Governor

RECEIVED FROM GOVERNOR

Date Nov. 6, 2025

Time 3:45 p.m.

Signed Sarah Holland

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State
of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixth day of November in the year of our Lord two
thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and
fiftieth.

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY****PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
PHIL BERGER****SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
DESTIN HALL**

RALEIGH, NC 27601

November 13, 2025

The Honorable Josh Stein
Governor of North Carolina
20301 Mail Services Center
Raleigh, NC 27699

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Dear Governor Stein,

We write jointly to respond and object to your November 6, 2025, Proclamation, made under Article III, Section 5(7) of the North Carolina Constitution, calling an extra legislative session on November 17, 2025. For the reasons set forth below, the General Assembly will not convene an extra legislative session on Monday, November 17.

The Proclamation fails to follow the requirements of the Constitution. Article III, Section 5(7) authorizes a governor to convene the General Assembly in "extra session" only "on extraordinary occasions." The General Assembly is already in session. Your Proclamation is therefore ineffective and functions as an unconstitutional attempt to usurp the General Assembly's authority to set its calendar.

Article III, Section 5(7) also limits such a session to "extraordinary occasions" in order to ensure that the exercise of the enormous power given to the Governor to call the legislative branch to session is justified. Otherwise, the Governor could violate Article I, Section 6 of the Constitution and use the proclamation power for political abuse and gamesmanship. This power was never meant to be used as a platform for political messaging or to circumvent the legislative process to achieve a preferred political outcome.

To that end, if circumstances surrounding the Medicaid rebase are in fact extraordinary, it is only in the context of your administration's failure to address them. For instance, the General Assembly recently appropriated an additional \$600 million for Medicaid. Rather than using the full amount for services, you and the DHHS leadership chose to take nearly \$100 million off the top for administrative expenses.

Further, the DHHS consistently reverts money to the General Fund. Last year, the DHHS reverted \$110 million and carried forward \$243 million, including \$166 million from the state's Medicaid budget. In other words, the amount of unused funds available

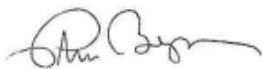
to the Department at the end of last year exceeds the amount of the "shortfall" that ostensibly precipitated the Proclamation. The DHHS Secretary publicly acknowledged that the amount the General Assembly provided was sufficient to fund the estimated Medicaid expenses well into the new year. Despite this, the DHHS chose to proceed with these harmful cuts.

Ultimately, your decision to cut reimbursement rates at a time when sufficient funding exists belongs to your administration alone. Calling an extra session and distracting from your decision violates both the letter and the spirit of our Constitution. It is incumbent upon the General Assembly to decline to convene the extra session.

Both chambers of the General Assembly therefore reject your proclamation for an extra session on November 17, 2025, and will not convene.

By copy of this letter, the Principal Clerks of both the House and Senate are directed to make no preparations for an extra session. No calendars shall be issued, and your proclamation shall not be read.

Sincerely,



Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore, NC Senate



Destin Hall
Speaker, NC House

cc: James White, House Principal Clerk
Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk
Paul Coble, Legislative Services Office
The Honorable Rachel Hunt, Lieutenant Governor

received 11/13/25
@ 3:30 p.m.
Sarah Holland

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments and recommendations to Boards and Commissions were made during 2025 by The Honorable Rachel Hunt, President of the Senate.

President of the Senate Appointments	Appointed	Expires
BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA		
Bylaws 10/17/2000		
Ms. Page Castrodale	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Louis Judge	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Blake Stevens	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 115C-218(b)(2)		
Mr. Stephen Gay (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
INNOVATION COUNCIL, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 169-4 (b)(6)		
Mr. Johnathan Greene	10/01/2025	09/30/2029
SENTENCING AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION		
G.S. 164-37		
Ms. Caitlin Poe	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Elizabeth Watson (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027

SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments and recommendations to Boards and Commissions were made during 2025 by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

President <i>Pro Tempore</i> Appointments	Appointed	Expires
911 BOARD		
G.S. 143B-1401		
Chief William “Todd” Coring	06/30/2025	12/31/2028
ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90-453(a)		
Ms. Cindi Fox Kemp (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
Ms. Linda Tolentino	10/23/2025	06/30/2028
ADDICTIONS SPECIALIST PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90-113.32(c2)(2)		
Dr. Stephanie R. Robinson (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
Ms. Katherine L. Salmons (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028

President Pro Tempore Appointments**Appointed****Expires****ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE**

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr.	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Warren Daniel	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Amy S. Galey (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Julie Mayfield	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Timothy D. Moffitt	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Natalie S. Murdock	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Norman W. Sanderson	08/18/2025	end of biennium

ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION, NORTH CAROLINA STATE COUNCIL FOR INTERSTATE

G.S. 148-65.6(a)(4)

Senator Michael Lazzara (RA)	11/24/2025	12/31/2026
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AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

G.S. 143B-135(b)(2)

Mr. Timothy McKain	10/01/2025	09/30/2028
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AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY, NORTH CAROLINA

G.S. 122D-4(b)(6)

Mr. Hunter "Gregg" Strader (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
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AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION

G.S. 120-150(a)(2)

Mr. Danny McConnell (RA)	10/01/2025	09/30/2027
Ms. Faylene Whitaker (RA)	10/01/2025	09/30/2027

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator Lisa S. Barnes (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Todd Johnson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator DeAndrea Salvador	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Norman W. Sanderson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Eddie D. Settle	08/18/2025	end of biennium

BARBER AND ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF

G.S. 86B-1(a)(1)

Mr. William K. Graham (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/2028
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BAR GRIEVANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE, NORTH CAROLINA STATE

S.L. 2025-4

The Honorable Woody White	07/23/2025	12/31/2026
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BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA

Bylaws 3/25/2008

Mr. Art Pappas (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
The Honorable Steve Troxler (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Dr. Bhaskar Venepalli (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
BOXING AND COMBAT SPORTS COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143-652.2(a)(2)		
Dr. Phillip M. Stephens (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
BUILDING CODE COUNCIL, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143-136		
Mr. Timothy D. Holleman	06/30/2025	01/01/2029
BUILDING COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
G.S. 143-135.25(c)(8)		
Mr. John N. Ogburn	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
CANCER COORDINATION AND CONTROL, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 130A-33.50		
Ms. Cathy Clark	10/16/2025	06/30/2029
Senator Dana Jones	08/01/2025	06/30/2029
Senator Benton G. Sawrey	08/01/2025	06/30/2029
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Jay J. Chaudhuri	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Kevin Corbin	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Michael A. Lazzara	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Tom McInnis	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Eddie D. Settle	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Kandie D. Smith	08/18/2025	end of biennium
CEMETERY COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 65-50(a)(1)		
Mr. William B. Hill (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 115C-218(b)(2)(b)		
Mr. John A. Eldridge (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Mr. Todd H. Godbey (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Dr. Rita C. Haire (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Mr. Gerald McNaire	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
CHILD CARE COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-168.4(b)(2), G.S. 143B-168.4(b)(2)		
Ms. Alicia R. Fink (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Terra W. Flint	02/28/2025	06/30/2025
Ms. Terra W. Flint (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Katherine R. Martin	02/28/2025	06/30/2026
CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 7B-1402		
Sergeant Santana Menard	11/05/2025	01/31/2027

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
CHILDREN INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR		
G.S. 143B-168.12(a)		
Rev. Tembila C. Covington	06/30/2025	12/31/2025
Rev. Tembila C. Covington (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/2027
Ms. Page Ives Lemel (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/2028
Ms. Rebekah P. Leonard (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/2028
Ms. Paula J. Yost	01/01/2026	12/31/2028

CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF

G.S. 90-139(a)		
Dr. Joseph W. Democko (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028

CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA

G.S.143-151.9(a)		
Ms. Sarah L. Mabraten	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

G.S.115D-12(a)(1)		
Ms. Renee Dowdy	10/23/2025	06/30/2026
Mr. Thomas O. Fulcher, Jr.	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALAMANCE

G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Walter A. Britt	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Mr. Grant Brooks	06/30/2025	06/30/2026

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL

G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Andrew "Drew" M. West	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BEAUFORT

G.S.115D-12		
Mr. John Rebholz	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BLADEN

G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Sonya Barber	09/29/2025	06/30/2029
Mr. G. Dixon Nance, Jr.	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BLUE RIDGE

G.S.115D-12		
Mr. William R. Rhodes	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BRUNSWICK

G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Sheila D. Grady	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CALDWELL

G.S.115D-12		
Mr. C. Chase Keller	07/31/2025	06/30/2026
Ms. Katie M. Woodle	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

President <i>Pro Tempore</i> Appointments	Appointed	Expires
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CAPE FEAR		
G.S.115D-12		
Dr. Marc Sosne	09/29/2025	06/30/2026
Ms. Shannon B. Winslow	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CARTERET		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Melodie M. Darden	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CATAWBA VALLEY		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Dwight E. Shook	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CENTRAL CAROLINA		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Charissa H. Moore	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CENTRAL PIEDMONT		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Bradford D. Muller	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Ms. Patricia A. Rodgers	06/30/2025	06/30/2028
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CLEVELAND		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Robert P. Queen	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, COASTAL CAROLINA		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. L. Ward Sylvester III	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CRAVEN		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Daniel “Dan” M. Roberts IV	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DAVIDSON-DAVIE		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Jason Gibson	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DURHAM TECHNICAL		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Nicholas J. Tennyson	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EDGECOMBE		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Joy M. Chafin	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Semone Pemberton	06/30/2025	06/30/2028
Mr. Kenneth W. Smith	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FORSYTH		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Charles A. Corpening	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GASTON		
G.S.115D-12		
The Honorable Jesse Caldwell III	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GUILFORD TECHNICAL		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Lisa S. Jessar	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HALIFAX		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Joyce V. Buffaloe	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, HAYWOOD		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. William H. Hollingsed III	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ISOTHERMAL		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Bryson C. Smith	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JAMES SPRUNT		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Robert "Rob" E. Bogaard	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JOHNSTON		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Gregory P. Whitehurst	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, LENOIR		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Robin A. Roberson	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MARTIN		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Ashley P. Leggett	06/30/2025	06/30/2026
Dr. Derrick L. Wilkins	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MAYLAND		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Jeffery S. Gouge	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MCDOWELL		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Garland L. Norton	06/30/2025	06/30/2026
Mr. Gary S. Stroud	06/30/2025	06/30/2026
Mr. Darren M. Waugh	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MITCHELL		
G.S.115D-12		
The Honorable Constantine "Costi" H. Kuttch	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MONTGOMERY		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Jelinda "Brooke" B. Cranford	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

President <i>Pro Tempore</i> Appointments	Appointed	Expires
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NASH		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Amy S. Pearson	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PAMLICO		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Cecilia “Candy” A. Bohmert	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PIEDMONT		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Dustin G. Brann	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PITT		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. David L. Davenport	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RANDOLPH		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Grant Hollowell	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Mr. Dennis Mabe	09/29/2025	06/30/2026
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, RICHMOND		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. James N. Tate	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROANOKE-CHOWAN		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Geneva Riddick-Faulkner	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROBESON		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Timothy B. Brooks	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROCKINGHAM		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Alan R. Isley	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ROWAN-CABARRUS		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Brittany H. Barnhardt	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SAMPSON		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Donna C. Bullard	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SANDHILLS		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. William R. Maness	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SOUTHEASTERN		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Brett C. Burroughs	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SOUTH PIEDMONT		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Jeffrey P. Nahrgang	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SOUTHWESTERN		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Jenny S. Holland	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, STANLY		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Blake E. Underwood	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SURRY		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Barbara Hudson Harrell	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TRI-COUNTY		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Brandon K. Lovin	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VANCE-GRANVILLE		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Xavier L. Wortham	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WAKE TECHNICAL		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Jennifer H. Willis	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WAYNE		
G.S.115D-12		
Dr. David T. Tayloe	07/31/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WESTERN PIEDMONT		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Ryan H. Morgan	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WILKES		
G.S.115D-12		
Mr. Arnold N. Lakey	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WILSON		
G.S.115D-12		
Ms. Julie T. Williams	07/31/2025	06/30/2029
COMMUNITY COLLEGES, STATE BOARD OF		
G.S.115D-2.2		
Ms. Paula T. Benson	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Ms. Stacy R. Griffin	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Mr. Geoffrey J. Lang (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Dr. William D. McInnis	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Mr. Thomas S. Ottman	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
CONTINUING CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE		
G.S.58-64-80		
Mr. James "Jay" Matthews II	12/01/2025	11/30/2028
COSMETIC ART EXAMINERS, STATE BOARD OF		
G.S.88B-3(a)(1)		
Ms. Tana C. Tucker (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION COMMISSION		
G.S.15B-3(a)		
Ms. Mel Laura Chilton (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION		
G.S. 17C-3(a)(5); G.S. 17C-3(a)(6)		
Mr. Jamie L. Bullard (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Richard A. Epley (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Ronald L. Parrish (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Michael D. Slagle (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-1204		
Mr. Daniel Kiger (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Ms. Ellen N. Thomas (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR		
G.S. 84-28.1(a)		
Mr. Heath R. Jenkins (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Richard "Rick" Parrotte	09/29/2025	06/30/2027
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-394.15(c)(2)		
Ms. Cathy Cloninger (RA)	09/01/2025	08/31/2027
Ms. Carianne E. Fisher (RA)	09/01/2025	08/31/2027
Ms. TeAndra M. Miller (RA)	09/01/2025	08/31/2027
Ms. Avis Watkins-Smith (RA)	09/01/2025	08/31/2027
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator W. Ted Alexander	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Jay J. Chaudhuri	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator David W. Craven, Jr. (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Lisa Grafstein	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Todd Johnson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Timothy D. Moffitt	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Natalie S. Murdock	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Brad Overcash.	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Bill Rabon	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Vickie Sawyer	08/18/2025	end of biennium
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.		
G.S. 143B-431.01(d)(2)		
Ms. Pamela Cundiff (RA)	10/23/2025	10/05/2029
Ms. Sheila Knight (RA)	10/23/2025	10/05/2029
ECONOMIC INVESTMENT COMMITTEE		
G.S. 143B-437.54(a)(5)		
Mr. Joshua A. Yost	12/01/2025	11/30/2027

President Pro Tempore Appointments**Appointed****Expires****EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, COUNCIL ON**

G.S. 115C-112.1

Senator Dana Jones

09/15/2025

06/30/2027

**EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE INNOVATION COMMISSION,
NORTH CAROLINA**

G.S. 115C-64.15(b)(8)

Mr. Randall "Randy" S. Burns

07/01/2025

06/30/2028

Mr. Stephen E. Griffin (RA)

07/01/2025

06/30/2028

EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator Lisa S. Barnes

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr.

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Kevin Corbin (VC)

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Michael Garrett

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Dana Jones

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Michael V. Lee

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Tom McInnis

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Brad Overcash (CC)

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Gladys A. Robinson

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Benton G. Sawrey

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Joyce Waddell

08/18/2025

end of biennium

**EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, NORTH
CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL**

G.S. 115C-268.1(c)(1)

Ms. Alexandra B. Hoskins (RA)

09/01/2025

08/31/2027

Dr. Paula G. Price

09/01/2025

08/31/2027

Dr. Paola Sztajn

09/01/2025

08/31/2027

Ms. Ida M. Weisner (RA)

09/01/2025

08/31/2027

ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator Sydney Batch

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Dan Blue

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Warren Daniel (CC)

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Carl Ford

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Amy S. Galey

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Michael Garrett

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Ralph Hise

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Brad Overcash

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Bill Rabon

08/18/2025

end of biennium

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT
LEGISLATIVE**

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator Val Applewhite

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Bob Brinson

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr.

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Bobby Hanig

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Todd Johnson (CC)

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Buck Newton

08/18/2025

end of biennium

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143-510(a)(3)		
Mr. Charles "Chuck" J. Elledge (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/29
ENERGY POLICY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Jim Burgin	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator David W. Craven, Jr.	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Timothy D. Moffitt (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Buck Newton (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-283(a1)(13)		
Ms. Diane R. Hardison	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION		
G.S. 120-70.42		
Senator Val Applewhite	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Lisa S. Barnes	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator David W. Craven, Jr.	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Todd Johnson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Norman W. Sanderson (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Eddie Settle (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
ETHICS COMMISSION, STATE		
G.S. 139A-7		
Mr. Kevin N. Lewis	06/30/2025	12/31/2026
ETHICS COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE		
G.S. 120-99		
Senator Mujtaba Mohammed (RA)	01/23/2025	01/08/2029
Senator Gladys A. Robinson (RA)	01/23/2025	01/08/2029
Senator Benton G. Sawrey (CC)(RA)	01/23/2025	01/08/2029
FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION, STATE		
G.S. 58-78-1(a)(3)		
Mr. Mason M. James	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
FUNERAL SERVICE, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF		
G.S. 90-210.18A(b)(4)		
Mr. David "Brian" B. Sutphin	06/30/2025	12/31/2026
GLOBAL TRANSPARK AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 63A-3(b)(3)		
Mr. Danny Barwick Smith (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, LOCAL		
G.S. 159-3(a)		
Mr. Michael C. Brown	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

President Pro Tempore Appointments**Appointed****Expires****GOVERNMENT, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON GENERAL**

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator W. Ted Alexander	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Woodson Bradley	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Terence Everitt	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Carl Ford (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Bobby Hanig	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Chris Measmer	08/18/2025	end of biennium

GOVERNMENT, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator W. Ted Alexander (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Kevin Corbin	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Lisa Grafstein	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Bobby Hanig (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Steve Jarvis	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Chris Measmer	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Graig Meyer	08/18/2025	end of biennium

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator Gale Adcock	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Lisa S. Barnes	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Woodson Bradley	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Jim Burgin (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Amy S. Galey (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Mark Hollo	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Steve Jarvis	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Benton G. Sawrey	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Vickie Sawyer	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Waddell	08/18/2025	end of biennium

HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ADVISORY BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA

G.S. 90-414.8(a)(1)(a); G.S. 90-414.8(a)(1)(d)

Dr. John Meier (RA)	10/01/2025	09/30/2027
Mr. Ryan Wilkins (RA)	10/01/2025	09/30/2027

HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

G.S. 135-48.20(h)

Mr. Joseph P. Slater	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
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HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS, UNC

G.S. 116-350.10

Mr. D. Brandon Greife (RA)	11/01/2025	10/31/2029
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President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE, JUSTUS-WARREN		
G.S. 143B-216.60(b)(1)		
Ms. Tara Aker	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Senator Jim Burgin (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Adrienne G. Calhoun (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Senator Mark Hollo	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Dr. David Y. Huang (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Christy E. Land	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Dr. Lindsey H. Maslow (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Senator Benton G. Sawrey (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
HOLOCAUST, NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON THE		
G.S. 143A-48.1(b)		
Ms. Amy Clark (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Lauren Piner (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Juanita Ray (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Laurie Schaefer (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Julian Schmidt (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Richard Schwartz (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 122E-4		
Mr. Malcolm K. Fearing III	06/30/2025	08/31/2026
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
G.S. 126-2(b1)(2)		
Mr. Douglas D. Boyette (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
HURRICANE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY, THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS: SUBCOMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-75(b)		
Senator Danny Britt	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
Senator Warren Daniel	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
Senator Ralph Hise	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
Senator Brent Jackson (CC)	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
Senator Steve Jarvis	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
Senator Julie Mayfield	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
Senator Timothy Moffitt	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
Senator Kandie Smith	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
Senator Joyce Waddell	01/21/2025	at the pleasure
INDIAN AFFAIRS, NORTH CAROLINA STATE COMMISSION OF		
G.S. 143B-407		
Mr. Gerald Goolsby (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator W. Ted Alexander	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Jim Burgin	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Sophia Chitlik	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON (continued)		
Senator Steve Jarvis (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Todd Johnson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator DeAndrea Salvador	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Caleb Theodros	08/18/2025	end of biennium
INVESTMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 147-71.1		
Mr. Daniel A. Ward	07/01/2025	06/30/2026
IRRIGATION CONTRACTORS' LICENSING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 98G-4(a)(3)		
Mr. Daniel C. Baker (RA)	10/01/2025	09/30/2028
JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Sydney Batch	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr. (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Sophia Chitlik	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Kevin Corbin	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Warren Daniel	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Steve Jarvis	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Michael A. Lazzara	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Buck Newton (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Norman W. Sanderson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
LAND AND WATER FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NORTH CAROLINA		
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Mr. Terry A. Shelton	07/02/2025	07/01/2028
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION		
G.S. 120-30.10		
Senator Phil Berger (ex-officio)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Dan Blue	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Bill Rabon (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Waddell	08/18/2025	end of biennium
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION		
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Senator Phil Berger (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Bill Rabon	08/18/2025	end of biennium

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LICENSE TO GIVE TRUST FUND COMMISSION		
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Mr. Charles "Chuck" C. Heald (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/2027
Ms. Jennifer L. Robinson	01/01/2026	12/31/2027
Mr. Michael W. Shelton	01/01/2026	12/31/2027
LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 74F-5(a)(1)		
Mr. Jack A. Walder (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/2028
LOTTERY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Brent Jackson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Dana Jones	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Michael A. Lazzara	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Tom McInnis	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Brad Overcash	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Kandie D. Smith	08/18/2025	end of biennium
MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143-143.10		
Mr. Neal R. Locklear (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
Mr. Charles S. Stone (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
MARINE INDUSTRIAL PARK AUTHORITY, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 113-315.25(d)		
Mr. Mark G. Vrablic (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
MEDIA, BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC		
G.S. 116-37.1(b)(1)		
Ms. Catherine K. Watts (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
MEDICAID, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Gale Adcock	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Jim Burgin	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Amy S. Galey (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Mark Hollo	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Gladys A. Robinson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Benton G. Sawrey (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
MEDICINE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE OF		
G.S. 90-471(a)(2)		
Mr. Andrew N. Kaiser (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/2029
Mr. Richard B. Montague (RA)	01/01/2026	12/31/2029
Mr. Michael N. Tart	01/01/2026	12/31/2029

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G.S. 143B-148(a)(1)

Dr. Sy A. Saeed (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
Dr. Reem S. Utterback	07/01/2025	06/30/2028

MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA

G.S. 143B-1311

Senator Michael Lazzara (RA)	08/01/2025	07/31/2027
Mr. Wade Leatham	08/01/2025	07/31/2027
Ms. Etteinne Mitchell (RA)	08/01/2025	07/31/2027
Colonel David Myers (RA)	08/01/2025	07/31/2027
Senator Norman Sanderson (RA)	08/01/2025	07/31/2027

MUNICIPAL INC. SUBCOMMITTEE OF JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator W. Ted Alexander	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Terence Everitt	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Carl Ford	08/18/2025	end of biennium

MUSEUM OF ART BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NORTH CAROLINA

G.S. 140-5.13(b)(5)

Ms. Mary "Jo" Cresimore	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Ms. Peggy L. Wilks (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029

NCINNOVATION

G.S. 143-728(d)(1)(a)

The Honorable Deanna M. Ballard (RA)	10/01/2025	09/30/2030
Mr. Benjamin P. Teague (RA)	10/01/2025	09/30/2030

PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY, NORTH CAROLINA

G.S. 143B-135.202(a)(8)

Mr. Benjamin Curtis	07/02/2025	07/01/2028
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PORTS AUTHORITY, NORTH CAROLINA STATE

G.S. 136-260(e)(2)

Mr. Patrick P. Joyce (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
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Mr. Stacy E. Buff (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
Mr. William "Bill" D. MacRae	07/01/2025	06/30/2028

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Mr. Thomas W. Glasgow (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
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Mr. William "Wes" L. Hall	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
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RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90C-650(a)(3)		
Mr. Lanny S. Inabnit (RA)	11/01/2025	10/31/2028
RETIREMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SUPPLEMENTAL		
G.S. 135-96(b)(3)		
Mr. James M. Richardson (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
RETIREMENT SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES'		
G.S. 135-6(b)(4)		
Mr. Warren "Lentz" Brewer (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
REVENUE LAWS STUDY COMMITTEE		
G.S. 120-70.105		
Senator Gale Adcock	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Dan Blue	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator David W. Craven, Jr. (VC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Warren Daniel	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Tom McInnis (CC)	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Bill Rabon	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Vickie Sawyer	08/18/2025	end of biennium
Senator Caleb Theodros	08/18/2025	end of biennium
RULES REVIEW COMMISSION		
G.S. 143B-30.1		
Mr. Wyatt T. Dixon III	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. William "Bill" W. Nelson (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF		
G.S. 116-233		
Ms. Jennifer Levy (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Dr. Anthony Negbenebor (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
Mr. Frederick L. Reese (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF		
G.S. 143B-472.81(a)		
Dr. Thomas J. Williams (RA)	06/01/2025	06/30/2027
SHERRIFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 17E-3(a)		
Mr. Eschol "BJ" Barnes, Jr.	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
TAX COMMISSION, STATE PROPERTY		
G.S. 105-288(a)		
Mr. W. Ellis Boyle	07/31/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Joe Knott	09/29/2025	06/30/2027

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G.S. 116-209.61(b)(2)(b)

Dr. Christiaan J. Ramsey

07/01/2025

06/30/2027

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, METROPOLITAN PUBLIC

G.S. 160A-905(a)(9)

Mr. Edward "Ned" Curran

09/29/2025

06/30/2027

TRANSPORTATION, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

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Senator Sydney Batch

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Bob Brinson

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Carl Ford

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Michael A. Lazzara

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Julie Mayfield

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Tom McInnis

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Graig Meyer

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Buck Newton

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Bill Rabon (CC)

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Vickie Sawyer (VC)

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Eddie D. Settle

08/18/2025

end of biennium

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON

G.S. 120-19.7

Senator Warren Daniel

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Michael A. Lazzara (CC)

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Timothy D. Moffitt

08/18/2025

end of biennium

Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed

08/18/2025

end of biennium

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE, NORTH CAROLINA

G.S. 116-233

Mr. Darrell S. McLean

06/30/2025

06/30/2029

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, APPALACHIAN STATE

G.S. 116-233

Mr. Steven D. Wyatt (RA)

07/01/2025

06/30/2029

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ARTS, NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF

G.S. 116-233

Mr. Kyle Petty (RA)

07/01/2025

06/30/2029

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

G.S. 116-233

Mr. Gregory "Gregg" J. Thompson

07/01/2025

06/30/2029

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CENTRAL, NORTH CAROLINA

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Ms. Francesca D. Gary

07/01/2025

06/30/2029

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UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA		
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Mr. William “Brian” BC Allen	06/30/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. William Marshall Kotis (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 116-233		
Ms. Amy Klein Aznar	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EAST CAROLINA		
G.S. 116-233		
Mr. Nicholas “Nick” P. Crabtree	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ELIZABETH CITY STATE		
G.S. 116-233		
Mr. Justin L. Waddell (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FAYETTEVILLE STATE		
G.S. 116-233		
Mr. Frederick D. Nelson, Jr. (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 116-233		
Mr. George G. Hoyle (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA		
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Dr. Johnanna O. Clark	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, STATE, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 116-233		
Mr. Ven Poole (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WESTERN CAROLINA		
G.S. 116-233		
Mr. Joseph “Joe” D. Crocker (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
The Honorable Joshua “Josh” R. Dobson	06/30/2025	06/30/2027
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 116-233		
Ms. Karen K. King	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, WINSTON-SALEM STATE		
G.S. 116-233		
Mr. Robert Barr (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2029
VOCATIONAL STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL		
G.S. 143-548(a)(1)		
Ms. Berlina Y. German (RA)	07/22/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Basil Lyberg	07/03/2025	06/30/2026
Ms. Amy Miller	07/22/2025	06/30/2027
Ms. Michelle Muir	11/18/2025	06/30/2027

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WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA ON-SITE		
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Mr. William “Russ” R. Davis (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2028
WELL CONTRACTORS CERTIFICATION COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
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Mr. William “Billy” Yow	09/29/2025	06/30/2026
WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143-241		
The Honorable John M. Alexander, Jr. (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Thomas Berry (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Joseph R. Bud (RA)	07/31/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Mark Craig (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
Mr. Landon Zimmer (RA)	07/01/2025	06/30/2027
YOUTH OUTDOOR ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
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Mr. Kevin R. Howell (RA)	10/01/2025	09/30/2029

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