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FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, January 11, 2023

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 Mark Robinson, 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 floor to former Governor of North Carolina Jim Hunt.

The President extends courtesies of the gallery to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moser of Greensboro.

The President extends courtesies of the floor to Mr. Michael Sims, Clayton City Council member.

The President recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms of the 2021 Session, who announces the presence of The Honorable Tamara Barringer, Associate 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 to escort the members of the judiciary to their seats.

The President recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms, who announces the presence of Master Sergeant Ronda Vazquez of the North Carolina Army National Guard at the doors of the chamber. The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the doors and to escort Master Sergeant Vazquez to the well of the chamber.

The President introduces Pastor Steve Griffith of Osborne Baptist Church in Eden, North Carolina, who offers prayer as follows:

“Father, we come to you today in the name of your Son, Jesus, by whom all things were created and in whom all things are sustained. God, I ask your blessings on these proceedings today. Father, I ask your blessings on these men and women, who, by your hand, are here to serve the good people of North Carolina. I pray

you encourage them on days when so many things seem against them. I pray, God, you give them humble hearts to serve well. God, I pray that you give them courage and strength and wisdom to lead well. We pray in the Mighty and Wonderful Name of Jesus Christ. 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 Army Junior ROTC Color Guard from Morehead High School in Eden, North Carolina.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The President recognizes Master Sergeant Ronda Vazquez of the North Carolina Army National Guard, 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 29th day of November, A.D., 2022 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 8th, 2022 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 2023 to wit:

DISTRICT	NAME
First District	Norman W. Sanderson
Second District	Jim Perry
Third District	Bobby Hanig
Fourth District	Buck Newton
Fifth District	Kandie D. Smith
Sixth District	Michael A. Lazzara

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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	Sydney Batch
Eighteenth District	Mary Wills Bode
Nineteenth District	Val Applewhite
Twentieth District	Natalie S. Murdock
Twenty-first District	Tom McInnis
Twenty-second District	Mike Woodard
Twenty-third District	Graig R. Meyer
Twenty-fourth District	Danny Earl Britt, Jr.
Twenty-fifth District	Amy S. Galey
Twenty-sixth District	Philip E. (Phil) Berger
Twenty-seventh District	Michael Garrett
Twenty-eighth District	Gladys A. Robinson
Twenty-ninth District	David (Dave) Craven, Jr.
Thirtieth District	Steve Jarvis
Thirty-first District	Joyce Krawiec
Thirty-second District	Paul Lowe, Jr.
Thirty-third District	Carl Ford
Thirty-fourth District	Paul R. Newton
Thirty-fifth District	Todd Johnson
Thirty-sixth District	Eddie Settle
Thirty-seventh District	Vickie Sawyer
Thirty-eighth District	Mujtaba Mohammed
Thirty-ninth District	DeAndrea Salvador
Fortieth District	Joyce Waddell
Forty-first District	Natasha Marcus
Forty-second District	Rachel Hunt
Forty-third District	Brad Overcash
Forty-fourth District	Ted Alexander
Forty-fifth District	Dean Proctor
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 13th day of December, 2022.

(SEAL)

S/ Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

OATH OF OFFICE

The President of the Senate recognizes The Honorable Tamara Barringer, Associate 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 2023 General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to the best of my knowledge and ability, so help me, God.”

With fifty 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, it is my honor to nominate Senator Phil Berger of Rockingham County for President *Pro Tempore*, of the United—of the North Carolina Senate. He deserves that too. Having served in this body as President *Pro Tem* since 2011, Senator Berger has led this chamber with honor and poise. Within these walls, debate is not limited and members of both sides of the aisle are heard. The respect Senator Berger shows to each individual who walks through these doors sets a standard that every state legislature should aspire to. Senator Berger, wherever you are, we are grateful to serve under your leadership. The impact of a great *Pro Tem* is not confined to the decorum within these walls. Since 2011, the entire state of North Carolina has benefited from the vision that Senator Berger brings to this

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chamber. From making North Carolina the leader of the flat tax revolution, to putting in place the foundation for our state to become the number one state for business. This body's list of accomplishments under Senator Berger's leadership is extensive and touches every corner of the state. With the possibility of an impending recession and a new biennium of challenges ahead of us, there is only one person who will most effectively lead this body. I believe Senator Berger to be this leader. He knows what government needs to do for the betterment of society. He knows what we as members need to do for North Carolina to prosper in times of uncertainty. Senator Berger continues his legal practice in my hometown of Eden, and I see bedrock, small-town values in him at work every day: integrity, trust, perseverance. But, most importantly, Senator Berger is family first. He always finds time for his wife, Pat, his children, and his grandchildren. I have no doubt that Senator Berger is, once again, the right senator for this job. Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege to nominate Philip Berger of Rockingham County for President *Pro Tempore* of the 2023 North Carolina Senate."

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

"Colleagues, friends, guests, today is a special day. And I believe it's an important day for lots of reasons. It's important to gather here with people who made this day possible: our loved ones, our staff, our support system, and our voters. And I believe it is important to begin this two-year session with the spirit of bipartisanship and togetherness. I hope you all will enjoy this day and remember the reverence you feel in this place. This is the seventh time that I have had the honor of being part of this day. I stood in this chamber twelve years ago, and, let me tell you, a lot has changed in those twelve years. Our state has changed. Our policies, of course, have changed. This body has changed. There are so many new colleagues present today and from the past from both sides of the aisle. Even those who were here twelve years ago, Senator Blue, are a little longer in the teeth, and we have changed. In my view, our politics have changed as well. The temperature, unfortunately, feels higher than it used to. The partisan rancor is a little more common, and our sense of congeniality seems to have lost its way—something I hope we can work on in 2023. But over the past twelve years, there is at least one thing about this place, or, rather, one person, who has been remarkably steady, consistent, and dependable. Phil Berger is the same person today as the man I got to know twelve years ago. Many of you know I'm a veterinarian, and I know a threatened and an endangered species when I see one. And Phil Berger is the rarest of public servants. He has the same impeccable character today that he had twelve years ago. The same humility. The same resolve. Same principles. Same honesty. Same toughness. Same sense of duty. The same lack of ego. Phil Berger has certainly changed this body and this state, I believe, for the better, but this place has not changed Phil Berger. We're fortunate to have had his leadership for the past twelve years—and twelve years ago—and we're fortunate to have his leadership today. It is my great honor to second the nomination of Phillip E. Berger to serve as President *Pro Tem* of the Senate. And, Mr. President, I furthermore move that the nominations be closed."

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The motion offered by Senator Rabon that the nominations be closed prevails, and Senator Phil Berger is elected President *Pro Tempore* of the 2023 Senate by acclamation.

The President declares Senator Phil Berger duly elected President *Pro Tempore* and appoints Senator Barnes, Senator Blue, Senator P. Newton, and Senator Rabon to escort the President *Pro Tempore*-elect to the well of the chamber, where he is presented to the President by Senator P. Newton. The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Luke Snyder and Ashley Berger Snyder to the well of the chamber, where they join 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 chamber, offering the following remarks:

“Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Robinson, Justice Barringer, Justice Berger, my fellow senators, Majority Leader Newton, Minority Leader Blue, family, friends, and those joining us via the internet, which is live streaming all of our proceedings today. I want to thank you for the warm welcome and for bestowing on me the real high honor of continuing to serve as President *Pro Tempore* of the North Carolina Senate. Before I begin, I want to thank, again, although they’ve left, the members of the Color Guard from Morehead High School in Eden and Master Sergeant Ronda Vazquez for helping to make this event special and memorable for all of us. And I would like to thank and recognize our clerk, Sarah Holland, and her staff for all they do to help us. And, finally, thanks to our Sergeant-at-Arms, Bob Myrick, and his staff for their help and assistance—I am presupposing some things that are going to happen as we go forward. We enter this new year, and new legislative session, with a renewed commitment to the people of North Carolina. While today is a ceremonious occasion for the General Assembly, we must remember why we are here. We are here because the people of North Carolina placed faith in us to care for the state they love. This day is as much about them as it is about us. Their voices, uttered through ballot boxes across North Carolina, signaled the direction they want North Carolina to take. North Carolina is growing every day. Between July 2021 and July 2022 nearly 100,000 new residents moved here from other states—many to escape states like New York, Illinois, and California, where opportunities and jobs are hard to come by. Those new residents see the promise in North Carolina of more freedom, of an opportunity to prosper, and of a bright future for themselves and their families. As more people find a home here, we must remain committed to what has made North Carolina the best state in which to live, to work, and to raise a family. A little over a decade ago, a new majority gained control of this body and of the chamber on the other side of this building. That new majority made a commitment to the people that North Carolina would take a new direction. I stood before this body at that time and said that history would judge the success or failure of that commitment. Looking back, we were in a dire situation at that time. We inherited

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a two and a half billion-dollar budget deficit, teachers and state employees were facing layoffs, job creation was lagging, and North Carolina's tax and regulatory climate were both impediments to growth and to employment. Our vision for North Carolina was clear: smaller, smarter, more efficient government and a confidence that the private sector would respond positively to lower taxes and less government red tape. Over the last twelve years, and following the simple formula of lower taxes, less regulation, and a commitment to quality education, our state has flourished. North Carolina regularly ranks as a top state for business and jobs. We continue to recruit and attract a wide variety of employers and entrepreneurs to the state. The big job announcements grab the headlines, but every job created in the private sector, facilitated by conservative state policy, makes an impact. And look at the result. Since 2011, more than 643,000 new jobs have been created in North Carolina, our unemployment rate has dropped, the rate of citizens in poverty has been reduced, and, thanks to historic reductions in tax rates, North Carolinians are keeping more of their money. Confounding so-called experts in government finance, we accomplished all this and, at the same time, saw revenue to state coffers exceed projections, creating record state surpluses and a rainy-day reserve fund that is the envy of our neighboring states. Those results were not achieved by accident or happenstance. And contrast what we've done with what is happening in those states that our new residents are fleeing—high taxes, out-of-control government spending, schools that cater to bureaucrats instead of students and parents, and politicians and special interest activists trampling the values that many Americans and North Carolinians still hold dear. Today I can't help but think about what we have done and what we will continue to do for our citizens, their children, their grandchildren, and for generations to come. Many articulate as a goal to leave something better than when they found it. Without question, North Carolina and its state government are in a far better place today than twelve years ago. Now we must build on that success, so future generations of North Carolinians can reach even greater heights. We must provide them with the tools needed to determine their future, from a world class education, to finding a good paying job in a career of their choice, or to the freedom and opportunity to open their own businesses. All of the accolades we collect now aren't guaranteed in the future. Presently, we're the best state in which to live, work, and do business, but the wrong policy decisions could change that status at any moment. In order to stay on top, we must continue to make the right decisions and do the hard work to maintain and improve the opportunities that currently exist. We must continue to keep regulations in check and roll back those that are unnecessary and create impediments to growth and job creation. We must effectively address critical infrastructure needs like roads, water and sewer, and broadband. We must continue to demand world class educational opportunities for our students. We have made incredible strides, but there is always more to be done. Parents across North Carolina want a greater say in their child's education. From being involved and knowledgeable about curriculum to the opportunity to send their child to a school that fits that child's educational needs. Our schools must be focused on serving students and parents. In previous sessions, legislators came together to pass historic legislation to return students to in-person instruction and to address

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childhood literacy. We're seeing some promising gains since we passed the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021 and implemented the Science of Reading in our elementary school curriculum. We cannot be complacent simply because we're starting to see gains. There are still far too many students who are struggling to read. We must renew and redouble efforts to improve reading outcomes for all students. We must disabuse ourselves of the notion that more money alone buys positive outcomes for students. Success in education policy is about more than hitting some arbitrary funding goal. This isn't a partisan issue. We must come together to ensure that our students can read and have the opportunity for a quality education. Without question, education is the great equalizer in a free society. We fail in our most important task if we fail to recognize and act on that fact. We need our K-12, community college, and university systems to work together to meet the demands of a twenty-first century economy. As we begin to look at the issues we must tackle in the upcoming biennium, one of those issues is expanding Medicaid. I support expanding Medicaid. However, we must recognize that it is not a silver bullet. North Carolinians are saddled with some of the highest health care costs in the country. We need to eliminate regulatory red tape and other bureaucratic barriers that impede access to care and unnecessarily increase medical costs. I intend to work towards expanding Medicaid together with the necessary regulatory changes to expand access to care. I hope you will join me. North Carolinians deserve to feel safe in their communities. We will continue to support law enforcement and uphold rights guaranteed by the second amendment. It is our duty as elected officials to represent the people. We must come together, no matter our party, to find solutions and follow through on those solutions. While the voters returned a Republican supermajority to this chamber, endorsing the conservative policies that have restored North Carolina as the leader in the Southeast, I believe we can achieve a shared goal of moving North Carolina forward. Despite any disagreements, we owe it to the people of this great state to work tirelessly for them. I am optimistic about our state's future just as I was twelve years ago. To the people of North Carolina, thank you for trusting us to serve you. May God bless this chamber, may God bless North Carolina, and may God bless everyone here. Thank you."

ADOPTION OF 2023 PERMANENT RULES

Senator Rabon submits a resolution for filing, introduction, and immediate consideration. The resolution is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

S.R. 1, A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The resolution is read a second time and placed before the Senate for adoption.

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

The text of Senate Resolution 1 is as follows:

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A SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PERMANENT RULES OF THE SENATE FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it resolved by the Senate:

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
2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

- 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., except that if the next legislative day is Monday, the time for reconvening shall be 7:00 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

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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 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, and 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.

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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.

RULE 13. (Reserved for future use).

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RULE 14. Limitations on individual debate. – (a) No Senator shall speak on the same reading more than twice on the main question, nor longer than 30 minutes for the first speech and 15 minutes for the second speech. No Senator shall speak on the same reading more than once on any motion or appeal, and then no longer than 10 minutes.

(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 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.

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.

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- (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 or stand in recess; standard stipulations. – A motion to adjourn or stand in recess subject to the standard stipulations shall constitute a motion to adjourn or stand in recess 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.

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.

(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:

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“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 Senators 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.

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(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 majority vote of the Senators 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
- Finance
- Health Care
- Judiciary
- Pensions and Retirement and Aging
- Redistricting and Elections
- 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 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 11, 2023, a simple resolution to establish the Senate Permanent Rules, and a joint resolution to adjourn to January 25, 2023, may be filed. No other bills are eligible to be filed on January 11, 2023.

(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 according to the following schedule:

Monday until 30 minutes after adjournment; and

Any other 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.

(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.

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(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 23, 2023, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate before 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

(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, March 9, 2023, and must be filed for introduction in the Senate before 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

(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 2023 or 2024 Regular Session of the 2023 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 4, 2023, 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.

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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 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.

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(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. – (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. – (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 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.

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(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. Content of appropriations bills. – (a) No provision changing existing law shall be contained in any of the following bills: (i) the Current Operations Appropriations Bill; (ii) the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill; (iii) any bill generally revising appropriations for the second fiscal year of a biennium.

(b) No amendment to any bill listed in subsection (a) of this rule shall be in order if the language is prohibited by that subsection.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this rule, any of the bills listed in subsection (a) of this rule or an amendment to such bill may change existing law if the change:

- (1) Alters expenditures or salaries;
- (2) Changes the scope or character of a program which must be reduced, increased, or changed because of an increase or decrease of funds appropriated for the program or because of changes in federal law or regulation; or
- (3) Modifies any function of State government which necessitates a transfer of funds from one department to another;

provided, that for a provision to be in order under this subsection, it must be recommended to the General Assembly in a written report adopted by the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee before or at the same time the bill is reported, or, if such provision is contained in a floor amendment, the sponsor of the amendment must present to the Principal Clerk at or before the time the amendment is offered an explanation of the amendment for distribution to each member of the Senate.

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. 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.

RULE 47. Recall of bill from committee and discharge petition; re-calendar 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, 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 members 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 members 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 two-thirds 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 vote of two-thirds 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 vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

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

(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 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.

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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 vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Senate present and voting.

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.

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(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.

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 Krawiec, who offers the following nomination and remarks:

“Mr. President, members, I rise today to happily place in nomination the name of Senator Ralph Hise for position of Deputy President *Pro Tem*. Senator Hise has led us in this position for the last four years and has done an outstanding job. My relationship with Senator Hise predates him or I being here in the Senate. His mom was a dear friend of mine, so I should have been his mentor. But we reversed the roles, and when I came to the Senate, Senator Hise became my mentor. I have learned so much from him. You all probably know that he attended the North Carolina School of Math and Science, that he graduated from Appalachian, and that he has a master’s degree from NC State, and that he’s a statistician. What does that mean? That means that he is brilliant. He truly is. Senator Hise has led this body through some major pieces of legislation—one being Medicaid transformation. That was a huge lift. Without Senator Hise’s expertise and his knowledge of all things health care and Medicaid, I don’t believe we would’ve been able to get it done, certainly not with the efficiency that we were able to get it done. Even though he is brilliant, he’s a very humble man, and he has this gift to dumb things down where I can understand them. I really appreciate that because he has been a godsend to me. When we were co-chairs together in Health Care—and I always have said many times in this body, when Senator Hise speaks, nobody needs to say anything, everything has been said. I always hated it when we were co-chairs together and we would have co-sponsored a bill and he would speak on it and then he would want me to add something to it, and I always thought, ‘There’s nothing else to say.’ Senator Hise has a gift to say it where we can all understand it. I am very honored, Mr. President, to place his name in nomination, and I encourage all of you to support the nomination. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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

“Members, I rise to second the nomination for the office of Deputy President *Pro Tempore* of the North Carolina Senate. Ralph Hise of Mitchell County has dutifully served this body as Deputy President *Pro Tempore* since 2019, helping usher in important changes to our state government. His leadership in this role, as well as serving as co-chair of numerous committees, most recently Appropriations and Redistricting and Elections, has been exemplary and effective. Senator Hise will continue to serve this body honorably and is the right member to assist Senator Berger as his deputy here in the Senate. Therefore, Mr. President, I’m honored to second the nomination of Senator Hise for Deputy *Pro Tempore* of the North Carolina Senate and do move that the nominations be closed and that Senator Hise’s nomination be accepted by acclamation. Thank you.”

The motion offered by Senator P. Newton that the nominations be closed and that Senator Ralph Hise be elected Deputy President *Pro Tempore* of the 2023 Senate by acclamation prevails.

The President declares Senator Ralph Hise duly elected Deputy President *Pro Tempore* and appoints Senator Daniel, Senator Galey, Senator B. Newton, and Senator Sanderson to escort the Deputy President *Pro Tempore*-elect to the well of the chamber, where he is presented to the President by Senator Daniel. The President directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Mrs. Linn Hise to the well of the chamber, where she joins the Deputy President *Pro Tempore*-elect as he receives the prescribed oath of office. The Honorable Tamara Barringer, Associate 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 chamber, offering the following remarks:

“Thank you, Mr. President, President *Pro Tempore*, distinguished members of the judiciary, visitors, guests, and my fellow members of the Senate. Thank you for your vote. I will work to the very best of my abilities for this office to support the President *Pro Tempore* Phil Berger and all the members of this exalted chamber. I truly appreciate the support that you have all given. Justice Barringer, I truly appreciate you coming down and giving the oath of office today. It was an honor to serve with you in this amazing body, and I am humbled that you would take the time to return and fulfill this role for this chamber and myself. I’d also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our president, Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson. We look forward to continuing working alongside you and remain excited about your historical service and what that means for the citizens of North Carolina. I will keep my comments brief. For three sessions now, you’ve afforded me the privilege to stand and serve you in this role. I want to start by recognizing and honoring my wife, Linn; my sons, Thomas Hise and Deren Hise; and my

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mother-in-law, who is with me today, Mary Ann England. Thank you. None of us were able to serve here through our own strength and abilities. The support of my family, just like the support of those who are with each of you today, and the many others who were unable to be here are the true reasons that we have this privilege to serve and to make our state so successful. When I began twelve years ago, Senator Jim Forrester stood in this very place, in this position, and declared the dawn of a new age in the history of the North Carolina Senate. He also quoted Speaker John Boehner for the U.S. House of Representatives, saying, 'It's not as much a time of celebration as it is for humility and hard work.' Under the unmatched leadership of Senator Phil Berger, we have transformed this state, and we will continue to make North Carolina the lighthouse of our blessed nation. As I have searched for words to say in this moment, given everything we're seeing in this nation right now—sky-rocketing prices, labor shortages, uncertainty, fear, predictions of recession, even rumors of war—I am constantly drawn back to a scripture from 2 Chronicles chapter seven, verses 13-15. The Lord said to his people, 'If I shut up heaven and there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.' My ask of each of you is not only that you do all you can in and through this legislative body to improve the condition and lives for all the constituents we serve, but I also ask you that as leaders each of you answers a higher purpose. And lift up your districts, this state, and this nation, as stated in our state constitution and just affirmed by our oath, 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:

"Members, today I rise to nominate Sarah Holland to continue as the Principal Clerk. For more than a decade, Sarah has served this body honorably and ably. Every senator here has come to, or soon will come to, rely on Sarah's knowledge of our Senate process, her professionalism, her competence, and her kindness. Sarah is not only a consummate professional herself, she leads an entire staff of dedicated and responsive public servants. They're some of the first people here in the morning and some of the last to leave at night. She has also consistently strived to streamline and improve our Senate operations. Over the last two years, in particular, I've been impressed with Sarah's ability to turn the challenge of conducting the public's business during a pandemic into an opportunity to improve our systems further. During this time, she led a seamless switch to

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electronic bill filing and electronic sponsorship of pages, just among many of the other improvements. She's done an outstanding job for the Senate, and I'm pleased to recognize her and recommend her to serve this body for another term. With that, Mr. President, I formally recognize Sarah Holland to serve as Principal Clerk of the 2023 Senate."

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

"Members of the Senate, I rise to second the nomination of Sarah Holland to serve as Principal Clerk of the 2023 North Carolina Senate. Members, for those who were here, or those who have just heard the stories, I take you back to when I came into this chamber twelve years ago. Remember this thing we all had called bill books? Your legislative assistant got to spend most of the morning making sure that you had every copy of every bill in your desk, ready to go, with the hopes that no one amended or changed anything before that book got here. I think most of you who have served know our process well enough to know that that generally didn't work out the best in the world. So, we'd have these long lines of individuals that would have to print out all the copies, and we would just come almost in receiving lines to pick the bills up, especially when we got near days like crossover and others. When we agreed to change that, Sarah and her staff were really the ones that had to make every bit of that happen. And I will say—almost like I could say on legislators in general—most of us are not technology experts when we come here, and to have someone who could lead us through that process—it has been twelve years now that she has served in this role, and I would challenge anyone here to identify a single error that has occurred in twelve years with our bills that wasn't the fault of the House. Let me put that in there. Sometimes they don't know how to send things over, and the special messenger gets lost in this process. But I couldn't be more excited to have her serve in this role. We have seen her grow, and she's been there when we've gone through challenges. We've seen her through challenges, and I'm just excited that she will continue to serve for another two years. I'm honored that we will continue to select her for 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 2023 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 directs the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Mr. Perry Holland to the well of the Senate, where he joins 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.

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

“Members, I rise to nominate Robert ‘Bob’ Myrick to serve as Senate Sergeant-at-Arms. Bob Myrick is a proud alumni of East Carolina University. Since his graduation in 1976, he has been busy. He played professional football in the Canadian Football League; he was a high school coach, teacher, and administrator; and in 1983, Bob realized his lifelong ambition when he joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Bob spent more than twenty-five years working increasingly sophisticated cases in areas of organized crime, violent crime, as well as domestic and international terrorism. During his career, the FBI took full advantage of Bob’s organizational, supervisory, and leadership abilities. Bob was an instructor as well as unit chief at the FBI academy in Quantico, Virginia. He was a supervisor with a special operations and research unit and, later, the critical incident response group, where his assignments took him and his teams and agents around the globe. Bob’s final FBI position was with the United States Marine Corps during Operation Enduring Freedom. When Bob retired in 2008, he signed on as a contractor with the Marine Corps and later worked as an independent contractor in Egypt and East Africa. Bob joined the Sergeant-at-Arms staff in 2011, and he has been the Sergeant-at-Arms since 2019. Bob has served on the Board of Directors of the New Hanover County Law Enforcement Association, the FBI Retired Associations, and just involved in his community in so many ways. He is also a former commissioner of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Bob and his wife, Linda, live in Wilmington. They have two children, Scott—daughter-in-law Jessica—and Caroline—son-in-law Aaron; one granddaughter, Della Francis; and two grandsons, Lincoln and Quincy. It is my honor to nominate my good friend, Bob Myrick. With that, Mr. President, I formally nominate Bob Myrick to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms of the 2023 North Carolina Senate.”

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

“Members, I’m honored to second the nomination of Bob Myrick, and you’ve just heard his outstanding qualifications. We could not be more fortunate than to have Bob Myrick serve in this position. He’s done an outstanding job serving us as Sergeant-at-Arms over the last few years, leading a very capable team and taking care of those of us here in this chamber. With all of his qualifications, he is such a humble man and such a gentleman, and I am so honored to second his nomination. Mr. President, I second that nomination, and I also move that the nominations be closed and that Bob Myrick’s nomination be accepted by acclamation. Thank you, Mr. President.”

The motion offered by Senator Krawiec that the nominations be closed and that Robert Myrick be elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the 2023 Senate by acclamation prevails.

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The President declares Robert Myrick 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. Linda Myrick to the well of the Senate, where she joins the Sergeant-at-Arms-elect as he receives the prescribed oath of office. The Honorable Tamara Barringer, Associate 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 9, 2023

The Honorable Mark Robinson
President of the Senate
Room 2105, Legislative Building
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear President Robinson:

This is to advise you that the Senate Republican Caucus met on November 28, 2022, with 30 members present and elected the following officers for the 2023 Session of the General Assembly:

Senate Majority Leader - Senator Paul Newton
Senate Majority Whip - Senator Tom McInnis
Senate Majority Whip - Senator Jim Perry
Republican Joint Caucus Leader - Senator Carl Ford

In addition, the following officers were nominated for the 2023 Session of the General Assembly:

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

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

cc: The Honorable Philip Berger
Ms. Sarah Lang Holland

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North Carolina General Assembly

December 15, 2022

The Honorable Mark Robinson:
Legislative Building
Room 2104
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson,

The Senate Democratic Caucus met on December 5, 2022, and elected the following officers for the 2023-24 Legislative session:

Senator Daniel T. Blue (Wake), Minority Leader
Senator Jay Chaudhuri (Wake), 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 Daniel T. Blue, Jr.
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 2023 Senate be reconsidered. He further moves that the motion to reconsider do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Perry, which motion prevails (50-0).

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 Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 2, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

The Joint Resolution is placed before the Senate for immediate consideration.

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CALENDAR

A Joint Resolution is taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.J.R. 2, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 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, without objection, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

REMARKS BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Honorable Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate, offers the following remarks:

“I have a note here that says that I’m supposed to say a few words or give a speech. I don’t really write speeches, as most of you all know, but I think what I guess I will say to you all is this, it’s been a pleasure working with you the last session, although it drug on and on and on. It was almost like that Groundhog Day movie. But what I really want to say is this, some of you all may have heard this story before. When I was a child growing up in Greensboro, I used to sit on the porch of my house and take the trash can lid, and I used to dream about driving off to great places, driving a big semi-truck or driving a big ship or maybe even dreaming of driving a spacecraft into outer space. I bring that up because of this, ladies and gentlemen, we’re not here for ourselves. We are not here for ourselves. We are here to make dreams possible for people, to help people’s dreams be possible, to help the people of North Carolina realize their dreams and to make those dreams a reality. I urge each and every one of you to work together to that end—to help the dreams of the people of North Carolina to become a reality. So those little kids out there, like me, who dream of doing great things can also do great things in this state. It has been a pleasure working with all of you, looking forward to the session. I enjoy your professionalism, and I hope we have a great session. Thank you all.”

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 2023 General Assembly is organized and ready to proceed with public business.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 1:22 p.m., in accordance with S.J.R. 2, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, January 25, at 12:00 p.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
January 11, 2023

Mr. 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 Tim Moore
Speaker <i>Pro Tempore</i> :	Representative Sarah Stevens
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 John R. Bell, IV
Deputy Majority Leader:	Representative Brenden H. Jones
Conference Chair:	Representative Jason Saine
Deputy Conference Chairs:	Representative Matthew Winslow Representative Erin Paré
Majority Whip:	Representative Jarrod Lowery
Deputy Majority Whips:	Representative Jon Hardister Representative Keith Kidwell Representative Jake Johnson Representative Kristin Baker, M.D. Representative Jeffrey C. McNeely Representative Karl E. Gillespie Representative Steve Tyson
Republican Joint Caucus Leader:	Representative Harry Warren
New Member Leader:	Representative Kevin Crutchfield
New Member Whip:	Representative Brian Biggs
Democratic Leader:	Representative Robert T. Reives, II
Deputy Democratic Leader:	Representative Ashton Wheeler Clemmons
Conference Chair:	Representative Cynthia Ball
Legislative Chair:	Representative Brandon Lofton
Democratic Whips:	Representative Amos L. Quick, III Representative Marcia Morey Representative Terry M. Brown, Jr.
Freshman Co-Chairs:	Representative Allen Buansi Representative Ya Liu

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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ENROLLED RESOLUTION

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. 2, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN, AS PROVIDED BY LAW. (Res. 2023-1)

SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2023-2024

Pursuant to Senate Rule 31, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, makes the following appointments of committee chairs and committee members for the 2023-2024 Session:

Agriculture, Energy, and Environment

Co-Chair: Senator Barnes

Co-Chair: Senator Jackson

Co-Chair: Senator Sanderson

Members: Senators Burgin, Craven, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hunt, Jarvis, McInnis, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Settle, Smith, Woodard

Appropriations on Agriculture, Natural, and Economic Resources

Co-Chair: Senator Craven

Co-Chair: Senator Johnson

Co-Chair: Senator Sanderson

Members: Senators Applewhite, Barnes, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt, Salvador, Smith

Appropriations on Department of Transportation

Co-Chair: Senator Lazzara

Co-Chair: Senator McInnis

Co-Chair: Senator Sawyer

Members: Senators Garrett, Murdock, Rabon, Woodard

Appropriations on Education/Higher Education

Co-Chair: Senator Barnes

Co-Chair: Senator Galey

Co-Chair: Senator Proctor

Members: Senators Chaudhuri, Hanig, Mayfield, Overcash, Waddell

Appropriations on General Government and Information Technology

Co-Chair: Senator Alexander

Co-Chair: Senator Ford

Co-Chair: Senator Jarvis

Members: Senators Bode, Hunt, Meyer, Proctor

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Appropriations on Health and Human Services

Co-Chair: Senator Burgin

Co-Chair: Senator Corbin

Co-Chair: Senator Krawiec

Members: Senators Adcock, Batch, Blue, Robinson, Sawrey, Settle

Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety

Co-Chair: Senator Britt

Co-Chair: Senator Daniel

Members: Senators Grafstein, Marcus, Mohammed, B. Newton, Sanderson

Appropriations/Base Budget

Co-Chair: Senator Hise

Co-Chair: Senator Jackson

Co-Chair: Senator Lee

Members: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Johnson, Krawiec, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Mohammed, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawyer, Waddell, Woodard

Commerce and Insurance

Co-Chair: Senator Craven

Co-Chair: Senator Johnson

Co-Chair: Senator Proctor

Members: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Britt, Corbin, Garrett, Jackson, Jarvis, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Robinson, Salvador, Sawyer

Education/Higher Education

Co-Chair: Senator Galey

Co-Chair: Senator Lee

Members: Senators Barnes, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Garrett, Hanig, Lazzara, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Waddell

Finance

Co-Chair: Senator P. Newton

Co-Chair: Senator Perry

Co-Chair: Senator Rabon

Members: Senators Alexander, Batch, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Sawyer, Waddell, Woodard

Health Care

Co-Chair: Senator Burgin

Co-Chair: Senator Corbin

Co-Chair: Senator Krawiec

Members: Senators Adcock, Barnes, Batch, Britt, Galey, Hise, Jarvis, Mayfield, Mohammed, Perry, Robinson, Sawrey, Woodard

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Judiciary

Co-Chair: Senator Britt

Co-Chair: Senator Daniel

Co-Chair: Senator B. Newton

Members: Senators Batch, Blue, Galey, Grafstein, Hunt, Lazzara, Lee, Marcus, Mohammed, P. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson, Sawrey

Pensions and Retirement & Aging

Co-Chair: Senator Ford

Co-Chair: Senator Krawiec

Members: Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Meyer, Moffitt, Overcash, Proctor, Settle, Waddell

Redistricting and Elections

Co-Chair: Senator Daniel

Co-Chair: Senator Hise

Co-Chair: Senator P. Newton

Members: Senators Blue, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Jackson, Krawiec, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson

Rules and Operations of the Senate

Chair: Senator Rabon

Vice Chair: Senator Daniel

Members: Senators Barnes, Blue, Britt, Chaudhuri, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Mohammed, P. Newton, Perry, Sanderson, Sawyer, Waddell, Woodard

Select Committee on Nominations

Chair: Senator Rabon

Members: Senators Blue, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Hise, Jackson, Krawiec, P. Newton, Robinson, Sanderson, Woodard

State and Local Government

Co-Chair: Senator Alexander

Co-Chair: Senator Ford

Co-Chair: Senator Jarvis

Members: Senators Applewhite, Bode, Corbin, Grafstein, Hanig, Lazzara, Meyer, Moffitt, Proctor, Robinson, Sawrey, Settle, Smith

Transportation

Co-Chair: Senator Lazzara

Co-Chair: Senator McInnis

Co-Chair: Senator Sawyer

Members: Senators Adcock, Bode, Craven, Daniel, Garrett, Jarvis, Johnson, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, Proctor, Rabon, Settle, Smith, Woodard

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

SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, January 25, 2023

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 Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Eternal God, our heavenly Father, thou who hast cast our lot in this wonderful state of North Carolina, we praise thee for our godly heritage. For the consecration of good men and women who established this nation upon the enduring foundation of religion and the ideal that each individual is of intrinsic value, we give thee thanks. We pause in remembrance of those who have served unselfishly, here and around our world, to build and preserve this way of life. May thy blessings, this day, be upon our officials. Divinely guide our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor, each elected official, our Senators and Representatives. May the measure of health be theirs that is necessary for the great tasks that lie immediately before them. As we come to the opening day of this session, we realize that for some this is a new experience and for others a return to the field of former labors. Whether one is returning or whether one is new, we pray, our Father, that each will see in this office a challenge, a responsibility, an opportunity, and a concern. A challenge to work for the highest good for all of our people; a responsibility to provide a way whereby our children and youth may be prepared for twentieth-century living’—twenty-first now—‘an opportunity to help our state so develop that our people may find work that will mean more abundant living; and a concern for the security and health of our aged and sick. Endow each one, our Father, with wisdom, with unselfish devotion, with loyalty, and with love. We thank thee that men are concerned about justice, about freedom, and about goodwill. As thou hast blessed us so abundantly, make us a blessing in the midst of the earth. In the Master’s name we bring our prayer. Amen.”

Prayer offered to open session
by The Reverend John Julian Holmes
of Central Methodist Church, Concord, N.C.
Senate Chamber, February 4, 1959

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator McInnis, the Senate adjourns at 12:19 p.m., in honor of the American patriots who have sacrificed for us, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, January 26, at 12:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

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

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

January 17, 2023

Mr. James White, Principal Clerk
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2330
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Ms. Sarah Holland, Principal Clerk
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2020
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Mr. White and Ms. Holland:

This is written to comply with Section 1 and Section 2 of Executive Order No. 107 signed by Governor Hunt February 20, 1997.

This shall serve as my official designation of Room 1140 within the Department of Administration Building as the "Office of the Legislative Counsel" under provision of Section 1.

I hereby designate the following employees of the Governor's Office as the officials to whom delivery of bills can be made under the provisions of Section 2.

Alicia Davis
Claudia Shoemaker
Jessica Winebrenner

Alicia Davis and Claudia Shoemaker shall serve as the designated liaisons to lobby on behalf of this office. Ms. Davis' office is located in Room 1140B of the Administration Building and her phone number is (919) 814-2027. Ms. Shoemaker's office is located in Room 1140C of the Administration Building and her phone number is (919) 814-2015.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: Senator Phil Berger
Representative Tim Moore

January 25, 2023

MODIFICATION OF 2023-2024 SENATE COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Rule 31, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, makes the following standing committee membership changes:

Senator Mayfield is removed from the **Education/Higher Education Committee** and appointed to the **Transportation Committee**.

Senator Adcock is removed from the **Transportation Committee** and appointed to the **State and Local Government Committee**.

Senator Smith is removed from the **State and Local Government Committee** and appointed to the **Education/Higher Education Committee**.

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

THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, January 26, 2023

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 Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Dear Lord, we thank you so much for the day, and we thank you for the rain we had yesterday. Lord, we are excited about this new session and just ask you to bless us. Lord, let our bills be just great bills that help the people of the state of North Carolina. Protect us all, and especially be with our children, Lord, and our elderly. We just thank you for the wonderful state that we live in. We ask this in your Son, Jesus' name. Amen.”

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

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hunt, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Friday, January 27, 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 Senators Rabon, Lee, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Britt, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hunt, Lazzara, Marcus, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 3, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT.

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Grafstein, Hunt, Salvador, Sawrey, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 4, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT RETIREMENT INCOME OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 5, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 35TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Galey (Primary Sponsor) and Waddell:

S.B. 6, 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 Adcock:

S.B. 7, 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 Perry:

S.B. 8, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 2ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Adcock and Batch (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 9, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF APEX TO ALLOW THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK.

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

By Senator Craven:

S.B. 10, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 29TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 11, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 10TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Batch:

S.B. 12, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE ESSENTIAL HOLDINGS OF ROE V. WADE AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTHEASTERN PA V. CASEY.

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

By Senator Overcash:

S.B. 13, 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 Mayfield:

S.B. 14, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 49TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Burgin, Corbin, Woodard (Primary Sponsors) and Adcock:

S.B. 15, 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 Senators Burgin, Corbin and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 16, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PRESERVING COMPETITION IN HEALTH CARE BY REGULATING THE CONSOLIDATION AND CONVEYANCE OF HOSPITALS.

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

By Senator Ford:

S.B. 17, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 33RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Ford:

S.B. 18, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY WHO MAY SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS.

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

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

S.B. 19, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE ESSENTIAL HOLDINGS OF ROE V. WADE AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTHEASTERN PA V. CASEY.

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

By Senators Burgin, Corbin, Ford (Primary Sponsors) and P. Newton:

S.B. 20, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS, TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO EXPAND THE SAFE SLEEP NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN.

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
Friday, January 27, 2023

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

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, you’ve given us another day, and we are thankful for that. We thank you for your love and mercy. We pray that you’ll give us traveling mercies today. Guide and direct us here today and this weekend and in the days to come. Father, we thank you for everything. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Barnes announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, January 26, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Barnes, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, January 30, at 4:00 p.m.

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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 Senator Settle:

S.B. 21, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 36TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Johnson, Perry, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Craven, Hanig, Lazzara, B. Newton and Woodard:

S.B. 22, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE NORTH CAROLINA OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE YOUTH OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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

By Senator Barnes:

S.B. 23, 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 Blue:

S.B. 24, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 14TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Grafstein:

S.B. 25, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 13TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Jackson:

S.B. 26, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY, BY RESOLUTION, AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX OF UP TO ONE PERCENT.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 27, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN UNION COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS.

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

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By Senator Hanig:

S.B. 28, 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 Krawiec:

S.B. 29, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 31ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Burgin, Corbin and Ford (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 30, 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**.

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Adcock:

S.J.R. 31, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF NELS ROSELAND AS STATE CONTROLLER.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Britt, Hanig, Lazzara and Sanderson:

S.R. 32, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TODD ISHEE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION.

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

By Senator Jarvis:

S.B. 33, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 30TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

BILL HELD AS FILED

S.B. 34 is ordered held as filed in the Senate Principal Clerk's Office.

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. 18, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY WHO MAY SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 26.

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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. 26, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY, BY RESOLUTION, AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX OF UP TO ONE PERCENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 27.

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. 27, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN UNION COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 27.

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

S.R. 32, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TODD ISHEE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 27.

The resolution is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

January 27, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

January 27, 2023

Dear Lt. Mark Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 53C-2-2, I am pleased to nominate Ms. Katherine M. R. Bosken of Wake County for reappointment to continue to serve as the Commissioner of Banks for a term beginning April 1, 2023 and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

I am grateful for her willingness to serve in this important role for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

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

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

S.B. 3, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 26.

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

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

FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, January 30, 2023

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:

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“Father, we thank you for your blessings, your blessings of life and it more abundantly. We thank you for everything that you give us every day: grace and mercy and love. We pray that you’ll bless us here today and this week, Father, in all that we do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, January 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, January 31, 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 P. Newton:

S.B. 35, 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 McInnis:

S.B. 36, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 21ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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

SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, January 31, 2023

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

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

“Father, we thank you for another day. We thank you for your mercy that lasts forever and ever. We thank you for what you do for every generation past, present, and future. We thank you for blessing us; continue to do so, and guide and direct us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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 Hise, seconded by Senator Applewhite, the Senate adjourns at 10:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, February 1, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator B. Newton:

S.B. 37, 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 Lee:

S.B. 38, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 7TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Lazzara:

S.B. 39, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 6TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Britt, Daniel, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Corbin, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 40, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS.

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

By Senators Britt, Daniel, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Corbin, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 41, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2023 AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES.

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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SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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:

“This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. We thank you for this day, Lord. We thank you for this beautiful earth that you created and life that you’ve given us every day. We thank you for all that you do. Help us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, January 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 Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 9:38 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, February 2, 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 Senators Johnson, Lazzara, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Perry, Salvador and Sawyer:

S.B. 42, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADVANCE BUILDING RESILIENCY AND UTILITY EFFICIENCY IN NORTH CAROLINA BY AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE ASSESSMENTS TO REPAY NONPUBLIC FINANCING OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REDUCE UTILITY BILL COSTS, AND HARDEN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE.

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

By Senator Corbin:

S.B. 43, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 50TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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By Senators Krawiec, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 44, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors) and Sanderson:

S.B. 45, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS AND CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jarvis, Lowe, Moffitt, Mohammed and Sanderson:

S.B. 46, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT NORTH CAROLINIANS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF SURPRISE BILLING BY OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE RENDERED HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES THAT ARE IN-NETWORK WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Sanderson and Woodard:

S.B. 47, 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 Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis and Sanderson:

S.B. 48, 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 Galey, Lee, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 49, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN.

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**.

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By Senators Britt, Sanderson, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Hanig, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Moffitt, Overcash and Settle:

S.B. 50, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 49, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee**.

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

S.R. 32, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TODD ISHEE 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**.

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. 20, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS, TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO EXPAND THE SAFE SLEEP NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 26.

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**.

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S.B. 46, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT NORTH CAROLINIANS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF SURPRISE BILLING BY OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE RENDERED HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES THAT ARE IN-NETWORK WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 1.

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

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

EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, February 2, 2023

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

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

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us. We thank you for the Word of God. We thank you for the reading today, we are to overcome evil with good. Help us to do that, Father, in the coming days and weeks. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 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 Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:10 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

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

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By Senators Britt, Craven, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Batch, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Hanig, Hunt, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Moffitt, Robinson, Sanderson, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 51, 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 Sawyer, Johnson, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, Hanig, Moffitt and Sanderson:

S.B. 52, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN G.S. 115C-407.50 IS A PUBLIC BODY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW.

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

By Senators Sawyer, Overcash, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Burgin, Craven, Hanig, Johnson, Lee, McInnis and B. Newton:

S.B. 53, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Burgin, Craven, Krawiec and Sanderson:

S.J.R. 54, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE M.R. BOSKEN TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKS.

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

By Senator Alexander:

S.B. 55, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 44TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Daniel:

S.B. 56, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 46TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Lowe:

S.B. 57, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 32ND SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

February 2, 2023

By Senators McInnis, Britt, P. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Galey, Hanig, Hunt, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Moffitt, B. Newton, Sanderson, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 58, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY.

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

By Senator Lazzara:

S.B. 59, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 49, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR 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. 20, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS, TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO EXPAND THE SAFE SLEEP NORTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN, 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, 15025, which changes the title to read **S.B. 20** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary 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. 52, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN G.S. 115C-407.50 IS A PUBLIC BODY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 2.

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

S.B. 53, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 2.

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

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

NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, February 6, 2023

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

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

“Father, we thank you for this day you’ve given us and your grace, mercy, and love. We pray that you’ll be with Senator Tillman’s family. Pray that you’ll help them through this tough time. Guide and direct them, and give them what they need, the grace that they need. We pray that you’ll bless us here today. We thank you for all that you do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, February 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Woodard, the Senate adjourns at 2:15 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, February 7, 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 Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 60, 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 Johnson (Primary Sponsor) and Moffitt:

S.B. 61, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A SKI PATROL MEMBER IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN ACTS OR OMISSIONS COMMITTED WHILE ACTING IN THE PERSON'S CAPACITY AS A SKI PATROL MEMBER.

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

By Senators B. Newton, Daniel (Primary Sponsors) and McInnis:

S.B. 62, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND.

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

By Senator Hunt:

S.B. 63, 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 Sawyer:

S.B. 64, 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 Woodard:

S.B. 65, 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 Sanderson:

S.B. 66, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 1ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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By Senators Hanig, Britt, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Galey, Garrett, Hunt, Lazzara, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Sawrey, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 67, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF A RESOLUTION

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

S.J.R. 31, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF NELS ROSELAND AS STATE CONTROLLER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 27.

The Joint Resolution is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

February 3, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

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

- W. Hugh Bailey of Wake County, licensed attorney with experience in legal matters associated with oil and gas exploration
- Dr. William Vizquete of Orange County, experience in matters related to public health

February 6, 2023

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

Sincerely,
S/Roy Cooper

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

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. 45, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS AND CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 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**.

S.B. 59, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 2.

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

S.B. 62, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND, 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**.

S.B. 40, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 31.

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. 41, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2023 AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 31.

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**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A select committee report and a standing committee report are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.J.R. 31, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF NELS ROSELAND AS STATE CONTROLLER, with a favorable report.

S.R. 32, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TODD ISHEE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 49, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, with a favorable report.

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

TENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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

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

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 68, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Britt, Craven, Hunt, Lowe, Mohammed, B. Newton, Overcash, Robinson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Smith:

S.B. 69, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS.

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

By Senators Hanig, Jarvis, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Hunt, Lowe and Perry:

S.B. 70, 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 Senator Proctor:

S.B. 71, 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 Proctor:

S.B. 72, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

By Senator Britt:

S.B. 73, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 24TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

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

S.B. 74, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS HELD BY PARENTS RELATED TO THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILD AND TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS HELD BY STUDENTS RELATED TO THEIR OWN EDUCATION.

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

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. 68, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 7.

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. 72, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 7.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 53, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES, 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, 45041, 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. 20 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, 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, 35032, 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 Jarvis for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 18, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY WHO MAY SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY 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, 35033, which changes the title to read **S.B. 18** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS, 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 Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Our God, our Father, who sometimes acts as our mother. We thank thee and we love thee for this day and for all that you do in our lives. We ask that you would continue to help us and to bless us and to keep us as we deliberate for the benefit of all North Carolinians. These things we pray in your name, the name of Christ Jesus. Thank you, and all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, February 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 Garrett, Senator Hunt, and Senator Krawiec.

SENATE PAGES

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

Callie Barnett, Franklin; Emma Cait Breeden, Franklin; Kade Cooper, New London; Aidra Hood, Southport; and Elizabeth Nutley, Supply.

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

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **S.B. 49** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR

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

S.J.R. 31, A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF NELS ROSELAND AS STATE CONTROLLER, upon second reading.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0) and changes the title to read, **S.J.R. 31**, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING NELS ROSELAND AS STATE CONTROLLER.

The Joint Resolution, 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.R. 32, A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, NOMINATION, AND CONFIRMATION OF TODD ISHEE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, for adoption.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0) and changes the title to read, **S.R. 32**, A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING TODD ISHEE AS SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the resolution, as amended, is adopted (47-0), and the amendment is ordered engrossed.

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S.B. 49, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, upon second reading.

The 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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Woodard, the Senate adjourns at 5:01 p.m., in memory of former Senator Jerry Tillman, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

February 7, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Dear Lt. Governor Mark Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-291, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to serve on the North Carolina Mining Commission for terms beginning January 1, 2024 and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the General Assembly:

- Mr. Corey M. Viers of Forsyth County, mining industry representative
- Mr. Alexander Thompson of Mecklenburg County, mining industry representative

February 7, 2023

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

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

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

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator McInnis requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.B. 49, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN.

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

ELEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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, you’ve given us another day, and you’ve given us life and it more abundantly, and we thank you for that. We thank you for your love for us. Help us in everything we do here to bring honor to you. Thank you in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Overcash, the Senate adjourns at 10:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, February 9, at 11:00 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 Waddell:

S.B. 75, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 40TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Lowe (Primary Sponsor); Mayfield and Robinson:

S.B. 76, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT GRANTING CITIES THE SAME AUTHORITY AS COUNTIES TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS TO IMPLEMENT FLOOD REDUCTION TECHNIQUES THAT RESULT IN IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.

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

By Senators Lowe (Primary Sponsor); Mayfield, Robinson and Woodard:

S.B. 77, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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

By Senator Salvador:

S.B. 78, 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 Rabon:

S.B. 79, 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 Britt, Craven, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Galey, Johnson, Moffitt, Sawrey and Sawyer:

S.B. 80, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE STATE AUDITOR DISCLOSURE AND DISCOVERY ACT.

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

S.B. 18 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 20 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 53 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES, with a favorable report.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

H.B. 40, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING OR INCITING RIOTING THAT CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH AND ASSAULTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DURING A RIOT OR STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW RECOVERY OF TREBLE DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY RIOTING OR LOOTING; AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR RIOTING AND LOOTING OFFENSES TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DEVELOP MODEL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PROTEST RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES.

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

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

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TWELFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, February 9, 2023

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 Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Father, we come before you thankful that you have made work a part of life and given us the opportunity to glorify you in our work. Thank you that we can awaken each day. We are here for this great state. Thank you for the good days and the difficult ones and for the gifts you have given us to help this world and this state be a better place in which to live. Teach us to align our work, family, prayer life, and rest in a way that would maximize your glory and allow us to bear the most fruit of your kingdom. These blessings we ask in your name, and all the people said, ‘Amen’.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 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 Chaudhuri, Senator Garrett, Senator Krawiec, Senator Meyer, and Senator Salvador.

ENROLLED RESOLUTION

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. 31, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING NELS ROSELAND AS STATE CONTROLLER. (Res. 2023-2)

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 18 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY 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.

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S.B. 20 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, 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.

S.B. 53 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES, upon second reading.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 1.

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

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 2.

Without objection, the Chair grants a leave of absence for the entirety of today's session to Senator McInnis.

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

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 (28-16).

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-16).

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

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Burgin, the Senate adjourns at 12:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, February 13, 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 Moffitt, Sawrey, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Galey, Hanig and B. Newton:

S.B. 81, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES RELATED TO VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, AS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.

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

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By Senator Perry:

S.B. 82, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGETON TO REFLECT THE GENERAL LAW ON QUORUMS.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Perry, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Ford, Galey, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis and B. Newton:

S.B. 83, 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 Senator Berger:

S.B. 84, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 26TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Hise:

S.B. 85, 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 Mayfield:

S.B. 86, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO LEVY A MUNICIPAL QUARTER-CENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION UPON A VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS IN A REFERENDUM.

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:

H.B. 26 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION LAWS.

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. 9, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF APEX TO ALLOW THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 26.

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. 67, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS, 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 **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 80, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE STATE AUDITOR DISCLOSURE AND DISCOVERY ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 8.

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. 81, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES RELATED TO VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, AS REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 9.

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

S.B. 83, 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 February 9.

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

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

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THIRTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, February 13, 2023

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

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

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. You told us in your Word to stand and stand fast for what is right and what is true. I pray that you’ll help us do that. Bless us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 3:09 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, February 14, 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 Senators Hise, Krawiec, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Corbin, Ford, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 87, 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 Daniel, P. Newton, Hise (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Corbin, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Perry and Settle:

S.B. 88, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DATE BY WHICH MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED, TO REQUIRE PUBLISHING OF THE DATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPORTING OF BALLOTS BY THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS.

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

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By Senators P. Newton, Hise, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash and Perry:

S.B. 89, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE MONEY FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS OR HIRING TEMPORARY ELECTIONS WORKERS.

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

By Senators Lazzara, Galey, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Corbin, Hanig, Lee, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 90, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

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

By Senators Galey, Sawrey, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Moffitt:

S.B. 91, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING A FORM ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

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

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

S.B. 92, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER.

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

By Senator Corbin:

S.B. 93, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO IMPLEMENT AN IN-STATE TUITION PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN GEORGIA COUNTIES.

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

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. 48, 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 February 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**.

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S.B. 88, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DATE BY WHICH MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED, TO REQUIRE PUBLISHING OF THE DATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPORTING OF BALLOTS BY THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 13.

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

S.B. 89, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE MONEY FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS OR HIRING TEMPORARY ELECTIONS WORKERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 13.

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

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

S.B. 46, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT NORTH CAROLINIANS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF SURPRISE BILLING BY OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE RENDERED HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES THAT ARE IN-NETWORK WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, referred to the **Health Care Committee** on February 1, with sequential referrals to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the sequential referral to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** is stricken.

S.B. 83, 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 **State and Local Government Committee** on February 9, 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.

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

FOURTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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 for this day; and we thank you that we should and could love you because you first loved us. Thank you for showing us just grace and mercy every day. We thank you for this day, and we praise you for it. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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 Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 10:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, February 15, 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 Galey:

S.B. 94, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A REGIONAL FIRING RANGE FACILITY OPERATED BY ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

By Senators Barnes, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Galey, Jarvis, Lazzara, Moffitt and P. Newton:

S.B. 95, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 96, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD TO THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

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By Senator Murdock:

S.B. 97, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 20TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor) and Robinson:

S.B. 98, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A NEW FIRE STATION IN THE CITY OF FARMVILLE.

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

By Senators Johnson, Ford, Settle (Primary Sponsors); Krawiec, Moffitt, Perry and Sawyer:

S.B. 99, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES ON BOND APPLICATIONS, THE ORDER APPROVING THE BOND APPLICATION, AND ON THE BALLOT.

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 **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 41, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2023 AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, 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, 45053, which changes the title to read **S.B. 41** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, AND TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS, 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 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. 22, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE NORTH CAROLINA OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE YOUTH OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 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**.

S.B. 51, 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** on February 2.

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

S.B. 91, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING A FORM ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 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. 92, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD CIRCUIT BREAKER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 13.

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. 93, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO IMPLEMENT AN IN-STATE TUITION PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN GEORGIA COUNTIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 13.

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

S.B. 94, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A REGIONAL FIRING RANGE FACILITY OPERATED BY ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 14.

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**.

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S.B. 98, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A NEW FIRE STATION IN THE CITY OF FARMVILLE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 14.

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**.

S.B. 99, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES ON BOND APPLICATIONS, THE ORDER APPROVING THE BOND APPLICATION, AND ON THE BALLOT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 14.

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**.

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

FIFTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

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

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this another day you’ve given us. We thank you for your Word telling us to be steadfast and unmovable, always working for you, Lord. We pray that you’ll help us to do that this day and every day. God bless us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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

Upon motion of Senator Craven, seconded by Senator Sawrey, the Senate adjourns at 10:07 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, February 16, at 11:00 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 Senators Galey (Primary Sponsor) and Murdock:

S.B. 100, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAW RIVER 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 Johnson:

S.B. 101, 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 Senators Johnson, Corbin, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Blue, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Hanig, Krawiec, Overcash, Perry, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer and Smith:

S.B. 102, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD ISSUED BY A FEDERAL RECOGNIZED TRIBE WHEN MAKING ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PURCHASES.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 103, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS OF THE HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Lowe, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Lee:

S.B. 104, 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 Applewhite:

S.B. 105, 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 Moffitt, Sawrey, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Galey, Hanig, Johnson, Krawiec, B. Newton and Sawyer:

S.B. 106, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

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

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor) and Applewhite:

S.B. 107, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT EXCESS RECEIPTS IN THE CIVIL PENALTY AND FORFEITURE FUND TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY FUND IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR AND ANY CAPITAL FUNDS FOR SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

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TO BE USED TOWARD PAYMENT OF THE 2019 COURT JUDGMENT ON CIVIL PENALTIES, FINES, AND FORFEITURES AND TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY WAYS TO SATISFY THE REMAINDER OF THE JUDGMENT.

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

By Senator Corbin:

S.B. 108, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD ISSUED BY A STATE OR FEDERAL RECOGNIZED TRIBE WHEN MAKING ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PURCHASES.

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. 41 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, AND TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 45, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS AND CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 46, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT NORTH CAROLINIANS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF SURPRISE BILLING BY OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE RENDERED HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES THAT ARE IN-NETWORK WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, 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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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. 58, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 2.

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. 90, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 13.

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. 100, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAW RIVER STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 15.

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. 103, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS OF THE HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 15.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

February 15, 2023

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

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

February 15, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

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

- Edwin G. Wilson, Jr. to fill the vacancy created on December 31, 2022.

I hereby submit his name for confirmation by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

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

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

Enclosure

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

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

SIXTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, February 16, 2023

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

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

“Lord, we just praise you that we can rejoice in the Lord always. We rejoice in the good on this good day too. We’re created by you in your image. We rejoice in the ability to live our lives in service to you. We now lift up the families of Paul Coble, in the loss of his mother, and Senator Jarvis, in the loss of his stepfather, and others, who have had similar losses, and for those, Lord, affected by disasters, both at home, in Ohio, and abroad in Turkey and Syria. We pray, Lord, that you never let us take for granted the minutes, the hours, the days, the weeks, and years that you’ve granted us. I pray this by the grace of your salvation through Jesus Christ, whose name I pray. Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 15, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Jarvis, Senator Salvador, and Senator Smith.

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 41 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, AND TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS, upon second reading.

Upon the appearance of Senator Salvador in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges her presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Britt moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (29-19).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Daniel moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Hise, which motion prevails (29-19).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-19).

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Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-19).

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (29-19) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Woodard submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY’S FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2022 CELEBRATION BOWL.**” Upon motion of Senator Woodard, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

Senator Mohammed submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS.**”

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING BOB AUSTELL, FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE.**”

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 12:00 p.m., in memory of Bob Austell, former Mayor of the City of Cherryville, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, February 20, at 4:00 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 Mayfield, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Meyer, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 109, 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 Galey and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 110, 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.**

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By Senators Lazzara, Sawrey and McInnis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 111, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION ON CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING CITY ORDINANCES REGULATING TAXIS AND PROVIDING THAT REPEAT VIOLATORS OF CITY ORDINANCES MAY BE HELD RESPONSIBLE AND SUBJECT TO A FINE.

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

By Senators Galey and Overcash (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 112, 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 Britt, Perry, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Applewhite, Burgin, Hanig, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt and Sawrey:

S.B. 113, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO SERVICE.

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

By Senators Sanderson, Perry, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, Hanig, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, Moffitt and Sawrey:

S.B. 114, 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 Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Alexander and Moffitt:

S.B. 115, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FORMER STATE-OPERATED FACILITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; AND REMOVING THE R.J. BLACKLEY ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE FACILITY CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF G.S. 122C-181.

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

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By Senators Corbin, Adcock, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Applewhite, Meyer, Murdock, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 116, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE “YOUTH END NICOTINE DEPENDENCE ACT” OR “YOUTH END ACT.”.

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

By Senators Lee and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 117, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE AUTHORITY OF CIVILIAN TRAFFIC INVESTIGATORS IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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

By Senator McInnis:

S.B. 118, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN ITS CALENDAR WITH SANDHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE’S CALENDAR.

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

By Senators McInnis (Primary Sponsor) and Applewhite:

S.B. 119, 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**.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 27 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS.

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

H.B. 30 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS RATHER THAN SIX-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

H.B. 31, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

H.B. 36 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED PROBATION OR PAROLE CERTIFIED OFFICER IS DEEMED TO HAVE SATISFIED THE APPROVED FIREARMS SAFETY AND TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENT FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT.

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

H.B. 49 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY SECURITY AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2023 AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES.

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

H.B. 88 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

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

SEVENTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, February 20, 2023

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

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

“Father, we thank you for another day and week you've given us. We pray that you'll give everyone traveling mercies coming in. Help us and lead us this week, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, February 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, February 21, 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 Corbin (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 120, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SWAIN COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO TWO PERCENT.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Lazzara, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Galey, Johnson, Krawiec, B. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 121, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PERSONS BASED ON THEIR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF A COVID-19 VACCINATION OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION AND PROHIBITING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REQUIRING ANY PERSON TO PROVIDE PROOF OF OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 122, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PLACING A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 123, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING PREPARING, ISSUING, REQUESTING, OR REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THAT INCLUDES EXTRANEIOUS INFORMATION.

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

By Senator Johnson:

S.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE.

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

By Senators Johnson, Burgin and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 125, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSURANCE RATE-MAKING LAWS.

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

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

S.B. 126, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 127, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 5TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Robinson:

S.B. 128, 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. 129, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF GREENVILLE'S TOWN COMMON BULKHEAD PROJECT.

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:

H.B. 76, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS.

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. 45, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS AND CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 46, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT NORTH CAROLINIANS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF SURPRISE BILLING BY OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE RENDERED HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES THAT ARE IN-NETWORK WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, with a favorable report.

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 22, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE NORTH CAROLINA OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE YOUTH OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** on February 14, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Appropriations/Base Budget 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**.

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

S.B. 110, 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 16.

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. 112, 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 16.

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. 115, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FORMER STATE-OPERATED FACILITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; AND REMOVING THE R.J. BLACKLEY ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE FACILITY CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF G.S. 122C-181, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 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**.

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S.B. 116, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE “YOUTH END NICOTINE DEPENDENCE ACT” OR “YOUTH END ACT,” referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 16.

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**.

S.B. 120, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SWAIN COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO TWO PERCENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 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**.

S.B. 126, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 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**.

S.B. 129, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF GREENVILLE’S TOWN COMMON BULKHEAD PROJECT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 20.

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**.

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

EIGHTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

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

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RECESS**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

By Senator Settle:

S.B. 130, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF JONESVILLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOUBLE BLUFF RECREATIONAL PARK.

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

By Senator Jackson:

S.B. 131, 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 Hanig:

S.B. 132, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BERTIE COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.

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

By Senator Garrett:

S.B. 133, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 27TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor) and McInnis:

S.B. 134, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY POLICYHOLDERS FROM CERTAIN UNDERWRITING ABUSES.

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

By Senator Rabon:

S.B. 135, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM USING A TITLE OR ABBREVIATION INDICATING THE QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD.

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 APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TOWN OF JONESVILLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOUBLE BLUFF RECREATIONAL PARK, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 21.

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**.

S.B. 132, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BERTIE COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 21.

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. 135, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM USING A TITLE OR ABBREVIATION INDICATING THE QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 21.

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**.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages are received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

February 21, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-77 (a1), I am pleased to nominate Mr. Philip A. Baddour III of Wake County for reappointment to the North Carolina Industrial Commission for a term beginning on May 1, 2023 and hereby submit his name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

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

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

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

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

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

February 21, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 96-15.3 (c), I am pleased to nominate Theresa B. Stephenson of Wake County for reappointment to the North Carolina Employment Security Board of Review for a term beginning on July 1, 2023 and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the General Assembly.

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

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 52, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN G.S. 115C-407.50 IS A PUBLIC BODY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, 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 **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 83, 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, 15058, which changes the title to read **S.B. 83** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE USE OF HIGH RISK PLATFORMS ON GOVERNMENT NETWORKS AND GOVERNMENT DEVICES, is adopted and engrossed.

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

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 3, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE 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, 15059, 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 Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Lisa S. Barnes, Senator from Nash County, as follows:

“Lord Jesus, we are rejoicing today for the beautiful, sunshiny day you have given us. Lord, I just thank you and praise you that you’re a loving God, that your mercies are new every single morning. Lord, I just thank you for small blessings, like today when I was able to call a teacher and tell him that he would be receiving a grant to take his class on a field trip and how he was so overjoyed and just overcome with emotion. Lord, because your Word says that we are to give you thanks in everything, I thank you that on Sunday afternoon North Carolina State beat Carolina in basketball. I just thank you that you’re involved in every single detail of our lives. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

February 21, 2023

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, February 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

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

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 45, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS AND CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS, upon second reading.

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

Senator Krawiec offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The 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.

S.B. 46, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT NORTH CAROLINIANS FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF SURPRISE BILLING BY OUT-OF-NETWORK HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE RENDERED HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES THAT ARE IN-NETWORK WITH AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN, 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.

SENATE PAGES

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

Francesca Jones, Burlington; Finn Lambe, Wilmington; and Devon Taranto, Warrenton.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Daniel submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF OLD FORT ON ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.**"

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator McInnis, the Senate adjourns at 4:24 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, February 22, at 9:30 a.m.

February 21, 2023

NINETEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, February 22, 2023

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, I thank you and praise you for this another day, and I thank you for the blood you shed for our sins on Calvary. Thank you for all that you do for us in forgiving us of our sins, and we praise you for that. In all that we do today, let us do it to the honor and glory of you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Woodard announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, 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 Woodard, the Senate adjourns at 9:33 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, February 23, at 9:45 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 Senator Meyer:

S.B. 136, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 23RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senators Lowe, Perry, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Britt, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hunt, Johnson, Lazzara, Marcus, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, P. Newton, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 137, 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**.

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Alexander, Britt, Galey, Hise, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, P. Newton, Perry and Sanderson:

S.R. 138, 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**.

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By Senators Britt, McInnis, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Johnson, Lazzara, Lowe, Moffitt, Mohammed, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 139, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

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

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 140, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 12TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Batch:

S.B. 141, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 17TH 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 resolution as follows:

S.R. 138, 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** on February 22.

The resolution is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 3 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, 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, 45071, 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 Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 115, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FORMER STATE-OPERATED FACILITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO A

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PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; AND REMOVING THE R.J. BLACKLEY ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE FACILITY CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF G.S. 122C-181, 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.

TWENTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, February 23, 2023

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 praise you for another day. It's a beautiful day that you've created. We thank you for it. Thank you for your love and grace. Give us travel mercies home, and continue to bless us as we do your work. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 9:59 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, February 27, at 1:00 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 Grafstein, Murdock, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Meyer, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 142, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX PHASEOUT.

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

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By Senators McInnis (Primary Sponsor); Hanig, Jarvis, Moffitt and Perry:

S.B. 143, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE IMPOSITION OF MORATORIA ON COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST.

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

By Senators Johnson and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 144, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR DELIVERY SELLERS MAKING DELIVERY SALES OF NON-TAX-PAID CIGARETTES, TO REMOVE THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR DELIVERY SELLERS OR REMOTE SELLERS MAKING DELIVERY SALES OR REMOTE SALES OF NON-TAX-PAID TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND TO CREATE A DISTINCT LICENSE TYPE FOR VAPOR PRODUCTS.

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor); Adcock and Chaudhuri:

S.B. 145, 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 Marcus:

S.B. 146, 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 Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Hise, Moffitt and Mohammed:

S.B. 147, 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**.

By Senators Johnson, Lazzara, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Britt, Chaudhuri, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hunt, Jarvis, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Perry, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 148, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION AMOUNT FOR DISABLED VETERANS, TO REIMBURSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR RESULTING REVENUE LOSS, 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**.

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By Senators Johnson, Lazzara, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Britt, Chaudhuri, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jarvis, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Perry, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 149, 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 Daniel (Primary Sponsor) and Hise:

S.B. 150, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

By Senator Chaudhuri:

S.B. 151, 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 Hise:

S.B. 152, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 47TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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

By Senator Bode:

S.B. 153, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 18TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT.

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:

H.J.R. 157, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE.

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. 148, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION AMOUNT FOR DISABLED VETERANS, TO REIMBURSE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR RESULTING REVENUE LOSS, 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** on February 23.

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. 149, 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** on February 23.

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. 150, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 23.

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

H.B. 27 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 16.

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

H.B. 30 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS RATHER THAN SIX-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 16.

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

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H.B. 31, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 16.

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

H.B. 88 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 16.

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

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

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, February 27, 2023

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

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

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us in your grace and love. Thank you for our time together in your house yesterday. We pray that you’ll help us this week with everything that we say and do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, February 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 1:11 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, February 28, 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:

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By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Daniel and Mayfield:

S.B. 154, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY.

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

By Senator Hise:

S.B. 155, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Bode, Britt, Craven, Daniel, Galey, Hise, Hunt, Jarvis, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 156, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SPECIALTY PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES TO RELATED STATUTES GOVERNING MEDICAID MANAGED CARE.

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

By Senators Sawyer, Lazzara, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Craven, Hise, Johnson, Moffitt, Mohammed, Overcash and Perry:

S.B. 157, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSE.

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

By Senator Mohammed:

S.B. 158, 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 Sawyer (Primary Sponsor) and McInnis:

S.B. 159, 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**.

By Senators Ford, Lazzara, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 160, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT AND TO ALLOW FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A BENEFICIARY ON VEHICULAR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE.

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

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By Senators Jarvis, Hise, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Galey, Grafstein, Hunt, Johnson, Krawiec, Marcus, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 161, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION.

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. 2, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED AS A DIRECTED GRANT TO THE ROWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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

H.B. 29, 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. 34 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISCHARGING OR ATTEMPTING TO DISCHARGE A FIREARM AT OR INTO AN UNOCCUPIED EMERGENCY VEHICLE AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR POINTING A LASER DEVICE AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, OR OTHER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHEN THE PERSON OR ANIMAL IS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES.

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

H.B. 35, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXPANDING THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO INCLUDE ALL OPIOID ANTAGONISTS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE; AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL SUCH FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG-APPROVED OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN NEEDLE AND HYPODERMIC SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

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

H.B. 41 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL

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STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES.

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

H.B. 45, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS PANDEMIC LEARNING LOSS BY TEMPORARILY ALLOWING ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ALAMANCE-BURLINGTON SCHOOLS.

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

H.B. 50 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS.

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

H.B. 72 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS.

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

H.B. 73 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGETON TO REFLECT THE GENERAL LAW ON QUORUMS AND VOTING.

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

H.B. 75 (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.

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

H.B. 106 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS, DAVIDSON COUNTY SCHOOLS, GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS, JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS, LEXINGTON CITY SCHOOLS, STOKES COUNTY SCHOOLS, SWAIN COUNTY SCHOOLS, THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOLS, TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

H.B. 129, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

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H.B. 115 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR CERTAIN LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A select committee report and a standing committee report are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.R. 138, 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.

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

S.B. 3 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 115, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FORMER STATE-OPERATED FACILITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; AND REMOVING THE R.J. BLACKLEY ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE FACILITY CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF G.S. 122C-181, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

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

S.B. 156, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SPECIALTY PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES TO RELATED STATUTES GOVERNING MEDICAID MANAGED CARE, 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**.

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S.B. 95, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 14.

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. 157, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A FULL PROVISIONAL LICENSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

The bill is re-referred to the **Transportation 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. 154, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A VERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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. 155, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

S.B. 160, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT AND TO ALLOW FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A BENEFICIARY ON VEHICULAR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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.J.R. 157, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 23.

The Joint Resolution is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, February 28.

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

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, February 28, 2023

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

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

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Hise:

S.B. 162, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION.

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

By Senators Lowe (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Hanig, Mayfield and Moffitt:

S.B. 163, 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. 164, 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 Smith:

S.B. 165, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN OF AYDEN.

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

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By Senators Krawiec, Jarvis, Lowe (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 166, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO COVER A CUSTOMER'S COSTS TO COMPLY WITH RULES ADOPTED AFTER THE CUSTOMER'S CONNECTION TO THE SYSTEM.

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

By Senators Mayfield, Murdock, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Grafstein, Marcus, Meyer, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 167, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE HOUSING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF "SOURCE OF INCOME" A VIOLATION OF THE STATE FAIR HOUSING ACT.

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

By Senators Murdock, Salvador, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Sawyer, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 168, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA CROWN ACT TO CREATE A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR.

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. 162, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 28.

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. 164, 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 28.

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**.

S.B. 165, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN OF AYDEN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 28.

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**.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 91, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING A FORM ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 110, 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**.

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

S.B. 58, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY, 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, 15075, which changes the title to read **S.B. 58** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST UTILITIES, INCLUDING FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY, is adopted and engrossed.

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

S.B. 95, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES, 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, 35075, 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 **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 22, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE NORTH CAROLINA OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE YOUTH OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, with a favorable report.

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

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

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

“Lord, we come before you today in need of your healing hand for our world, our community, and our constituents. In you all things are possible. Hold our hearts within yours, and renew our minds, body, spirits, and soul. We love you. We need you this day and always. Lord, help us to be your servants to do your will. In Jesus’ name, and all the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Moffitt, Senator B. Newton, and Senator P. Newton.

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 3 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 36, noes 10, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---36.

Voting in the negative: Senators Alexander, Burgin, Daniel, Ford, Jarvis, Krawiec, McInnis, Overcash, Sanderson and Settle---10.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 remains on the calendar for Wednesday, March 1, upon third reading.

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S.B. 115, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FORMER STATE-OPERATED FACILITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; AND REMOVING THE R.J. BLACKLEY ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE FACILITY CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF G.S. 122C-181, 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.

H.J.R. 157, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

S.R. 138, 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 (46-0).

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Woodard, the words spoken by Senator Burgin, Senator Sawyer, and Senator Robinson are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR BURGIN: “A lot of you may know that Dave Richard, the Deputy Secretary of DHHS for Medicaid, today is his last day, and right now they’re actually having a party for him over at DHHS. Mr. President, with your permission, can I read a statement about Dave? I just think this is a big day for him. I rise today to honor Dave Richard, who is retiring from state service today as Deputy Director for Medicaid. He leaves North Carolina Medicaid stable and strong with a robust team of leaders to carry the torch. Few have done more to improve the health and well-being of North Carolinians. Dave joined the department in 2013 and served the last eight years as Deputy Secretary of North Carolina Medicaid. He made it his focus to improve our mental health system, increase community-based supports for those with disabilities, and partner with providers. It’s worth noting that at eight years, Dave is the longest-serving Medicaid Director in the country. A tenure for Medicaid Directors is eighteen months. Dave is pulling up the average quite a bit. He also pulls up the average in quality. In Medicaid he bolstered the financial stability of the program and worked closely with the General Assembly to shape the vision for managed care. He worked to ensure a sustainable, person-centered, and innovative Medicaid program for more than two million North Carolinians who use Medicaid. He has led the agency during the most significant reform in North Carolina’s Medicaid

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program in its history, which has transformed Medicaid from a fee-for-service program to a managed care model. Through this work he has committed to the fundamental goal of improving the health and well-being of all residents. Core to his approach was a belief that the right way to achieve success is to work closely with the stakeholders in all aspects of Medicaid, including beneficiaries, providers, and legislators like us. This is just a small slice of his decades of dedication to individuals with developmental disabilities and those with behavioral health needs. As many of you know, he led the Arc of North Carolina for twenty-four years as its Executive Director. Finally, many, including those of us in this chamber, will reflect on Dave as a source of support and wise counsel. He has lifted others up, built incredibly strong teams, and invested in the development and success of so many colleagues. DHHS is a better department and North Carolina is a better state because of his service and leadership. Thank you, sir.”

SENATOR SAWYER: “Senators, one of the greatest gifts that we have, and I’ll share, is to rise on this floor in honor of a fellow North Carolinian. On most occasions, the folks we celebrate are decorated with medals, won a championship, or retiring from a distinguished career, their names already etched in history. However, today I ask for your indulgence as I stand here in honor of a man who doesn’t fit any of those categories, but he did achieve a great success in life, one that can only be truly appreciated by those in his same situation. Frederick Eugene Burgess, Jr., or, as his family called him, ‘Buster,’ born in Forsyth County on January 23, 1961. At an early age, Buster suffered with a handful of surgeries that caused lifelong, debilitating pain and the subsequent addiction and the ever-present chase to find the remedy for physical comfort. He was a talented sketch artist and mechanic. He was married to the love of his life, Sharlene, for forty years and father to a daughter, Ashley Burgess Flynn, and a son, Cole Burgess. The family is saying goodbye to Buster in a ceremony tonight, as he passed February 23, 2023, at the age of sixty-two. I want to take a moment to celebrate Buster’s success, one that doesn’t get recognized with a medal or a gold watch, but one that is hard-fought and to be honored. You see, for the past six years, he won his battle against that demon named addiction and led a sober life. I am so very proud of my big brother for achieving sobriety and having solace that his pain is finally over and relieved in his faith in our Lord. Thank you for allowing me to honor the memory of my brother. Mr. President, I kindly ask that you adjourn today’s meeting, or session, in memory of Frederick Eugene Burgess, Jr. Thank you.”

SENATOR ROBINSON: “It certainly is my opportunity to join Senator Burgin in honoring the work of Dave Richard. Dave worked in Guilford County and probably had a lot of his beginning there before going to the Arc, etcetera. But during the time I have been here, my greatest, I suppose, admiration has been for Dave’s dedication. I knew I could always call him. Regardless of the question, he would try to find the answer. Whether it was about a constituent—he’d make sure that that issue got addressed, whether it was positive or negative, but the real facts were pulled up so that that person could understand even the process in the system, which is very difficult. But Dave had—he has—because I believe you

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give people their flowers while they're alive—he has a character that he could work with us and y'all and everybody else and could get it done, whether it was Republican or Democrats or whoever. He carried that respect from everybody because of the kind of person he is, being dedicated to the welfare of all human beings. I believe that the department is so much better because Dave worked there. Dave gave it his all, whether it was Medicaid—when we weren't getting quite the right information all the time and the systems weren't working and we knew our data was terrible—I see Senator Hise smiling—the data was awful, we couldn't get the right information, but all the way through managed care, and now foster care, etcetera, Dave has been just that vehicle for information for dedication to 'let's get it done, and let's get it right because it benefits our citizens.' So, I join you and join the rest of us in really congratulating him. He deserves retirement if he had to work with all of us, but mostly because he has dedicated his life's work to improving the lives of citizens in this state. So, I really hope that all of us will congratulate him. Mr. President, if you will also add congratulations to Dave in our adjournment today. Thank you."

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Sawyer, the Senate adjourns at 4:39 p.m., in memory of Frederick Eugene Burgess, Jr., and in congratulations of the service of Dave Richard, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 1, at 9:30 a.m.

REMOVAL OF A BILL SPONSOR

Senator Applewhite requests to be removed as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.B. 113, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO SERVICE.

Pursuant to Senator Hise'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 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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RECESS**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. 169, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ANNEXED SATELLITE AREAS MAY BE REZONED BY MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY.

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

By Senators Corbin (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Burgin, Mayfield and Robinson:

S.B. 170, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES.

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

By Senators Daniel (Primary Sponsor); Britt, Hanig, Lazzara and Sanderson:

S.B. 171, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

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

By Senators Sawrey, Johnson, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Hanig, Mayfield, Sawyer, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 172, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ABC STORES TO SELL GIFT CARDS.

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

By Senator Hanig:

S.B. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM IN CURRITUCK COUNTY SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A VOCATIONAL GRADUATION PATHWAY FOR STUDENTS.

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

By Senators P. Newton, Perry, Rabon (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Moffitt:

S.B. 174, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.

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

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By Senators Hise, Krawiec, Adcock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Barnes, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Daniel, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Jackson, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, P. Newton, Sanderson and Waddell:

S.B. 175, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DELIVER SAFE, ACCESSIBLE, VALUE-DIRECTED, AND EXCELLENT (SAVE) HEALTH CARE THROUGHOUT NORTH CAROLINA BY MODERNIZING NURSING REGULATIONS.

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

By Senators Johnson, Britt, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Corbin, Ford, Hanig, Jarvis, Lazzara, Perry and Sawyer:

S.B. 176, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT.

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

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Batch, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Perry, Robinson, Salvador and Sawyer:

S.B. 177, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE TO TEACHERS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES WITH SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS.

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

By Senators Robinson and Garrett (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 178, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GREENSBORO TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SPEED-MEASURING SYSTEMS TO DETECT SPEED LIMIT VIOLATIONS IN SCHOOL ZONES.

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

By Senators Mayfield and Daniel (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 179, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHIN THE COUNTY.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 180, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND A SCHOOL NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

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

By Senator Smith:

S.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND A SCHOOL NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN PITT COUNTY.

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. 174, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 1.

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**.

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. 157, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE. (Res. 2023-3)

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

H.B. 40, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING OR INCITING RIOTING THAT CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH AND ASSAULTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DURING A RIOT OR STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW RECOVERY OF TREBLE DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY RIOTING OR LOOTING; AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR RIOTING AND LOOTING OFFENSES TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DEVELOP MODEL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PROTEST RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 8.

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**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 174, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, 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, 15083, 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 Hise for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

H.B. 27 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS, 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. 30 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS RATHER THAN SIX-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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. 31, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the 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 Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Thou who cares for us, our ups and our downs, we ask that you will continue to be with us, to give us courage, to give us strength even at this moment. These things we pray in your name, and all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, February 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 Britt, Senator B. Newton, Senator Salvador, and Senator Waddell.

CALENDAR

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

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S.B. 3 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE NORTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 36, noes 10, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, P. Newton, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith and Woodard---36.

Voting in the negative: Senators Alexander, Burgin, Daniel, Ford, Jarvis, Krawiec, McInnis, Overcash, Sanderson and Settle---10.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“CONGRATULATING MCGINNIS FURNITURE ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.”**

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Daniel, the Senate adjourns at 4:25 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 2, at 9:30 a.m.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, March 2, 2023

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

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

“Father God, as always I thank you for another day of life. I thank you for the rain you sent our way to wash away the pollen. We thank you for all that you do and what you do for us every day. Give us grace and mercy today and traveling mercies on our way home. Help us to be in your will. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 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 Hise, the Senate adjourns at 9:33 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, March 6, at 4:00 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 Sawrey, Settle, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Perry and Sawyer:

S.B. 182, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN PRIVILEGE TAXES.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Batch, Moffitt, Perry and Waddell:

S.B. 183, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPLACE THE GRAY SQUIRREL WITH THE BLACK BEAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE MAMMAL.

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

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

S.B. 184, 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 Waddell, Hunt, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 185, 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 Johnson, Perry, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Moffitt and Sawyer:

S.B. 186, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO BAIL BONDSMEN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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

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By Senators McInnis, Johnson, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Hanig, Krawiec, Lowe, Mayfield, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawyer, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 187, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND 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 Moffitt and Hanig (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 188, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT FIX THEIR COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES AT AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN THAT OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

By Senators McInnis, Britt, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, Hanig, Krawiec, Lee, Moffitt, Perry, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 189, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF FENTANYL TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS.

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

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor) and Adcock:

S.B. 190, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, AND FOR NEW COMPLIANCE OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE DIVISION.

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

By Senators Hanig, Alexander, Ford (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Daniel, Hise, Jarvis, Krawiec, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, Perry, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 191, 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**.

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By Senators Britt, Lazzara, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Lee, Moffitt and Woodard:

S.B. 192, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSES OF BREAKING OR ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND POSSESSION OF COCAINE WITH INTENT TO SELL OR DELIVER OR SELL AND DELIVER, TO PROHIBIT EXPUNCTION OF A FELONY OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES INVOLVING FENTANYL, AND TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Hise for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

H.B. 88 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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, 10128, which changes the title to read **H.B. 88** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE, 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 Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 156, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SPECIALTY PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES TO RELATED STATUTES GOVERNING MEDICAID MANAGED CARE, with a favorable report.

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

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

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S.B. 169, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ANNEXED SATELLITE AREAS MAY BE REZONED BY MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 1.

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. 179, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHIN THE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 1.

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. 180, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND A SCHOOL NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN EDGECOMBE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 1.

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**.

S.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND A SCHOOL NURSE FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN PITT COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 1.

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**.

S.B. 188, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT FIX THEIR COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES AT AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN THAT OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 2.

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 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, AND FOR NEW COMPLIANCE OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE DIVISION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 2.

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. 76, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 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 **Appropriations/Base Budget 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-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 6, 2023

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 4:00 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 6:30 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 Senators Galey, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 193, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

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

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By Senators Galey, Craven, Settle (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hise, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Salvador, Sawyer, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 194, 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 Galey, Barnes, Proctor (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Lowe, Murdock, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 195, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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

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

S.B. 196, 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 Blue (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Lowe, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 197, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY.

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. 11 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND.

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

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H.B. 60, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING THE SHANNON LEIGH ADCOCK, STEVEN ANTHONY CHRISTOS, AND SAMANTHA DAVIS MEMORIAL 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. 89, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE MORAVIAN COOKIE AND THE MORAVIAN STAR AS THE OFFICIAL STATE COOKIE AND STAR.

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

H.B. 103, 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**.

H.B. 104, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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. 119, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY.

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

H.B. 131 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR FUNDS HELD IN NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND NC ABLE ACCOUNTS FROM CLAIMS OF CREDITORS AND OTHER JUDGMENTS.

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

H.B. 152 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

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

H.J.R. 175, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN G. WILSON, JR., AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

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. 22, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE NORTH CAROLINA OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE YOUTH OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 52, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN G.S. 115C-407.50 IS A PUBLIC BODY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, with a favorable report.

S.B. 91, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING A FORM ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 110, 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.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

S.B. 189, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF FENTANYL TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 2.

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**.

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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
March 6, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to **H.J.R. 157 (Resolution 2023-3)**, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER, 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 Roy Cooper to the Joint Session:

Representative Bell, Chair
Representative Reives
Representative Cotham
Representative Dixon
Representative Paré
Representative Willingham

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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

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

“Father, we just want to embrace that scripture tonight—the scripture that tells us what it is that we need to do to find favor in your sight: to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Lord, help us to do that because that’s not human nature. But, Lord, help us to do that. As President Warren Harding did in 1921 when he took his oath of office, he placed his hand on that scripture; and so did Jimmy Carter in 1977. Lord, let us embrace that scripture tonight. Let us understand that you have not made it complicated for us. God, you love us above anything that we can ever know, that we can ever expect. God, you have blessed this state, and we ask you to continue to find favor—allow us to find favor in your sight, for we know that there are things that we have to do in order to find that favor. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, March 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.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ESCORT COMMITTEE

Senator Hise announces the President *Pro Tempore's* appointment of Senator P. Newton, Chair; Senator Blue, Senator Jackson, Senator Rabon, Senator Robinson, and Senator Woodard to serve with a like committee of the House of Representatives to escort The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina, to the Joint Session of the General Assembly on Monday, March 6. The House of Representatives is so notified.

MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Lieutenant Governor orders a message sent to the House of Representatives notifying that honorable body that pursuant to H.J.R. 157 (Res. 2023-3), 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 Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House of Representatives
March 6, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to **H.J.R. 157 (Resolution 2023-3)**, A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR ROY COOPER, TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE, the House stands ready to receive your Honorable Body in Joint Session.

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 Governor Cooper's State of the State address, and to adjourn upon the dissolution thereof, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m.

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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 Tim Moore, Speaker of the House of Representatives, presides and 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 Governor's Cabinet to their seats.

The Speaker extends courtesies of the gallery to the First Lady of North Carolina, Mrs. Kristin Cooper; the wife of Lieutenant Governor Robinson, Mrs. Yolanda Hill Robinson; and all invited guests.

The Speaker relinquishes the gavel to Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson, President of the Senate, who presides.

The President of the Senate 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 Roy Cooper, 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 Destin Hall is recognized and presents the Governor to the President. The President presents His Excellency, The Honorable Roy Cooper, who delivers the State of the State address to the 2023 General Assembly.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

“Thank you, everybody. Mr. President *Pro Tem*, Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Governor, Members of the General Assembly, Council of State, Mr. Chief Justice and Members of the Supreme Court, Madam Chief Judge and Members of the Court of Appeals, Cabinet secretaries, and my fellow North Carolinians. I'm so honored to join you to report on the state of our great state. With me tonight is my

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remarkable wife, our First Lady, Kristin; our three wonderful daughters, Hilary, Natalie, and Claire; and my son-in-law, Zach; and brother, Pell, all of whom I'm thankful for, each and every day. Thank you, guys. So grateful for all of you. You know, each generation has but so many chances to leave an indelible mark on history that benefits generations to come, and so often, our greatest advancements come after our greatest upheavals: war, protests, strife, disasters, pandemic. To find ourselves as state leaders at a time like this is to bear tremendous responsibility—responsibility to learn from adversity and make things better, a responsibility that reaches far into the future. Two hundred thirty-four years ago, legislative leaders, following the directive in our first constitution, sighted the indispensable duty to consult the happiness of a rising generation and chartered the first public university in the nation. Today the positive effects of North Carolina's great public university system reach around the globe. Sixty years ago, a forward-looking group of North Carolinians had the vision to see a place for research and development. They recognized an urgent need to diversify our state's economic anchors, and they worked collaboratively to do something about it. Today we know their work as the Research Triangle Park. Thirty-nine years ago, spotting yet another shift in industry, our leaders gathered strength from our world class universities, medical schools, and researchers to launch the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, which has helped to spark a surging life sciences sector in our economy. Time and again, overcoming adversity, our leaders had the foresight and the resolve to invest in new ideas that have revolutionized our state, impacting the generations that followed. And while we stand on their shoulders, we also stand at an altogether new crossroads, one that demands that we have the same clarity of purpose, the same innovation, the same determination that brought us here. Our moment to build enduring prosperity is now, and I know that North Carolina is ready. As we sit here tonight, North Carolina is cementing its place as a leader in the global clean energy economy—no longer the industry of the future, but the flourishing business of today. North Carolina is now a clean energy destination, bringing good paying manufacturing jobs to parts of our state that, years ago, knew more factory closures than ribbon cuttings. Consider electric vehicles, now projected to grow into a four hundred billion dollar-global market in just five years, and it's cranking up right here. From the battery manufacturing in Randolph County, to the semiconductor production and electric vehicle manufacturing in Chatham County, to the charging station production in Durham County, North Carolina has a claim to every link and every job in this fast growing, lucrative supply chain. The private sector electric vehicle market is about to take the world by storm, and North Carolina is riding the first wave. And that means more money in the pockets of North Carolinians, even as we do our part to fight climate change. Now through bipartisan cooperation right here in this General Assembly, we became just the second state in the Southeast to put carbon reduction requirements into law. And through my executive orders, we brought people together to plot our course to a lower-cost, net zero carbon future, to cleaner transportation, and toward more renewable energies like wind and solar. With challenges like jobs and climate change, you can only make progress when you set ambitious goals, and we're taking action to reach those goals because

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progress is never passive. And it's not just clean energy that's thriving in our state. Technology, aerospace, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing, and many more industries are building for growth in North Carolina. In 2022 we broke records, yet again, with tens of thousands of new jobs last year alone, from the cities of Charlotte and Greensboro to the counties of Halifax and Scotland. In urban and rural areas far and wide, North Carolina continues to be the best place—the best place—for people to live, learn, work, and raise a family. And we've made sure that it's no secret, in 2022 North Carolina was named the number one state in the country for business. You legislators deserve some of the credit for that. My administration deserves some of the credit for that. Our business community deserves some of the credit for that, but we all know who deserves the bulk of credit: those who make up our amazing workforce, the determined, dedicated, and diverse people of North Carolina. Our talented, educated workers are the foundation of our economic success, and we've succeeded in expanding that workforce to be more diverse and more inclusive. Like with veterans, who served our great country, people with disabilities, formerly incarcerated people, who've paid their debt to society, all are becoming integral parts of our workforce because we are being intentional about making it happen. And as our growth accelerates, we must not forget that once-in-a-generation opportunities require once-in-a-generation investments. Because these new jobs require more skill, the education pipeline from early childhood all the way through community college and universities is more important than ever. A great workforce requires real investment from cradle to career, and it starts with early childhood education at quality childcare centers. With federal resources initiated by the Biden administration, we've invested more than eight hundred million dollars to stabilize childcare, helping centers with great teachers stay open and helping parents get back to work. It's a triple play, guys: education for the child, a job earning money for the parent, and a badly needed employee for the business. We need to fill them with high quality staff and keep these childcare centers open. One childcare leader is with us tonight. Rhonda Rivers is the Regional Director of Curriculum and Training for Leaf Springs Schools in Charlotte. Her centers used our childcare grants to give bonuses to recruit and retain high quality teachers. Rhonda has said that these grants helped her keep good teachers, who might have been forced to go elsewhere even though they loved their jobs. For all they do for children, parents, and businesses, let's give Rhonda and her colleagues a hand for their amazing work. Rhonda. Now, we all know that a great workforce also relies on public schools. Educating the next generation of workers who will fill the jobs that we haven't even imagined yet is how we're going to stay an economic powerhouse. And we know that a sound, basic education, as is required by our state constitution, calls for qualified teachers in every classroom, skilled principals in every school, excellent counselors, and funding to support every student from every walk of life. Now, I know that many of my Republican friends don't believe the North Carolina Supreme Court should be able to order you to invest more in our children's education to comply with the constitution, but the Court should uphold decades of bipartisan Supreme Court precedent that comes down on the side of the children because that's what really matters: the children.

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The education investments ordered by the Court are not only the right thing to do for our children, but for our parents, our workforce, our businesses. We have the money this year and next to fund the plan. And if we're smart about our tax policy, we can fund it well into the future. The budget I will present to you invests in the entire education plan ordered by the Court. It gives teachers and principals double digit raises. It keeps the buses running. It helps kids with special needs. It keeps schools safe. It does not raise taxes, and it balances the budget. Supporting students also means more mental health care. The youth mental health crisis cannot be ignored. Just ask Meredith Draughn, who is here with us tonight. Meredith experiences this crisis up close as a counselor. A school counselor at B. Everett Jordan Elementary School in Alamance County, Meredith sees firsthand the increasing number of children dealing with stress and anxiety. Her support is critical to their well-being and can be lifesaving. All our counselors, teachers, and school staff play a vital role in student mental health. And we are so proud that Meredith was named the 2023 National School Counselor of the Year. Let's give Meredith a big hand. With Federal Bureau Funds, I've already directed tens of millions of dollars to this critically important effort, including mental health first aid that helps teachers and school staff recognize the signs of a child in crisis. And in the coming days I'll propose a plan that makes historic investments in the whole person health of every North Carolinian. It'll save lives and save government resources and pay dividends for decades to come. The education pipeline continues with our community colleges and universities that are central to the educated workforce of the future. In every corner of our state, community colleges are coordinating directly with local industry and workforce development boards. They're creating hands-on training programs that help our graduates cross the stage with the degree or credential and a job offer in hand. I've worked with you legislators in a bipartisan way, and I'm grateful for that to make sure that people can get this training through Longleaf Commitment grants, Finish Line grants, and other community college funding. Altogether, let's keep at this, guys. We've got to do it. We also have the very best array of public and private universities, including more four-year HBCUs than any other state in the country and we need to keep investing. But in order for our public universities to stay great, our leaders on the university Board of Governors and Trustees must reflect the broad demographic and political diversity in our state. That's why I created the bipartisan commission on the future of public universities to propose changes to the way our university leadership is selected to better reflect who we are. I ask you to carefully consider their report. We must maintain a world-class education system, keeping our amazing state employee workforce together, building infrastructure, making sure that people are healthy, and making other investments to keep our state thriving. That requires a smart tax policy. Now, before the finger pointing starts, I want to be clear. We do not need to raise taxes. But even the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce has said that our current corporate tax rates are already competitive. Guys, the jobs are coming fast and furious to North Carolina right now. And more tax cuts for those at the top will stunt our growth when we should be investing in our workforce. We don't need more tax breaks for corporations and the wealthiest North Carolinians. In addition to education,

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we're tackling the challenge of our robust growth with more critical infrastructure like roads and bridges and ports and rail. And thanks to the generational investments of the American Rescue Plan and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we're investing more than two billion dollars to do what once seemed like a faraway dream. We are going to ensure that every home in North Carolina has access to highspeed internet. And our Office of Digital Equity and Literacy, the first in the nation, by the way, is working to ensure that everyone can get online with affordable devices and good training. And getting more people online means healthier communities. That's something that Phyllis Pillmon knows well. Phyllis lives in Ahoskie, and she's here tonight with Kim Schwartz, the CEO of Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center, to highlight the remarkable ways that telemedicine can benefit our state. Phyllis has a hybrid plan of care where she sees a regular doctor in person while connecting with specialists as far away as Charlotte. That's a two-hundred-and-eighty-mile gap that Phyllis and her specialist can span in just seconds. Phyllis, we're glad you're online, and, Kim, we're glad that your center provides that valuable service for the people in Eastern North Carolina. Let's give them a hand tonight. We're also using federal funds to make historic investments in clean water. Across the country we've seen the consequences of neglected water systems, particularly in our rural communities. Without reliable, clean drinking water, families struggle, new businesses won't come to town, and communities can wither. Traveling across the state, I've heard stories from families who can't wash their clothes regularly because the water is brown, about pipes that freeze and break when it's cold, about frequent boil alerts, because the water may not be safe. Now those stories will change. In a normal year, our state invests around two hundred million dollars in clean water infrastructure, but with this new federal funding, we're investing more than two point three billion dollars over the next two years to rebuild hundreds of water systems in nearly every single county in our state. The town of Ivanhoe in Sampson County got one of these grants because Russell Devane, who's here with us tonight, worked with other members of his community and with local and state government to highlight the problem, resulting in thirteen point two million dollars, bringing clean water to his town. Let's give Russell and all of the community leaders who are working to make life better for their residents—let's give them a big hand. Tonight I've stressed how we are at a pivotal moment with unprecedented opportunities to benefit the generations to come. One of the ways we are seizing that moment is by expanding Medicaid. I'm grateful for our unified Democratic legislators and some of the Republicans, who have been relentless for years in this effort to expand Medicaid. And I commend the hard work of the Republican leadership of this legislature for embracing this and coming together in agreement. I also deeply appreciate the many health care professionals and advocates from all walks of life who have worked tirelessly to get this done. When we get Medicaid Expansion across the finish line, it will save lives. And tonight I bring a message of urgency that I hope all of you will keep at heart as we go through these legislative weeks. Every month we wait to expand not only cost lives but costs our state more than five hundred twenty-one million dollars a month in federal health care dollars. And if we don't expand soon, we will forfeit an additional one point eight billion

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dollars in health care access and stabilization—or HASP funds—that our hospitals will never get back. And that would be particularly hard on our rural hospitals. No business would make that kind of financial decision. Guys, finally we all now agree on Medicaid Expansion. We all now agree on how to do it, and we all now agree on what other health care laws will be changed with it. For mental health, for working families, for rural hospitals, for a healthier North Carolina, for one point eight billion dollars that we cannot afford to leave behind, let's expand Medicaid now. Another important group that has frequently called for Medicaid Expansion is our law enforcement officers. They witness every day the consequences of people who need mental healthcare instead of handcuffs. As one sheriff told me, jails are our biggest mental health facilities. That's a problem we need to solve. We need law enforcement focused on protecting our communities, and there's more we can do to reduce crime and keep communities safe while making sure our criminal justice system operates fairly and without prejudice. My Task Force on Racial Equity in Criminal Justice has offered smart solutions, like a duty for officers to intervene, and I'm glad that this legislature, working together, took action on that recommendation to pass a bipartisan bill that I signed. Let's continue that important work, as there is more to do. And let's invest the resources to recruit and retain more good law enforcement officers and support them with the better pay and the better training that they deserve. And let's take affirmative steps to make life safer for these brave law enforcement officers and everyday people by keeping guns away from children, criminals, and those who are a danger to themselves or others. This is particularly true now that death by gunfire has surpassed car accidents as the number one cause of injury deaths for children. A recent report found that in 2021 children in North Carolina were fifty-one percent more likely to die from gun violence than children in the United States as a whole. If you support the responsible gun ownership that we are granted under the second amendment as I do, then we cannot accept this. In the weeks to come, let's move forward, not backward, to fight gun violence. At the outset of my time as Governor, I set a clear goal. I wanted North Carolinians to be healthier, better educated with more money in their pockets, to have lives of purpose and abundance. And though we still have hard work ahead for working families, for hurricane survivors, and those who feel forgotten and left behind, I'm encouraged by the progress that we have made as a state, progress that's been possible because we've all agreed on economic development strategies and worked to create a good business environment with the best employees in the world. Now, avoiding the worst of the culture wars these past six years has also been good for business. We worked together in a bipartisan way to fully repeal the horrible bathroom bill the first year I took office. And as we look to the future, I challenge this General Assembly to keep us off the front lines of those culture wars that hurt people and cost us jobs, so that we can continue our successful bipartisan work. Use the public schools to build a brighter future, not to bully and marginalize LGBTQ students. Don't make teachers rewrite history. Keep the freedom to vote in reach for every eligible voter. Leave the decisions about reproductive health care to women and their doctors. We must not go backward when so much promise lies ahead. In my six years as Governor, you legislators and I have found plenty to disagree about, but we have found areas of common ground to strengthen our communities, create

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opportunity, and make our state more resilient and prepared for the future. Many of us in here have a deep faith in God. We share common aspirations. We want safe communities, good jobs, and an affordable quality of life. We want to give our children more and better opportunities than we had. This has always been North Carolina's story—good people from diverse communities coming together to build a common future. I know that fierce debate will continue, but I appreciate that regardless of perspective, the men and women who serve in this body share a love of our state and a respect for the responsibility that comes with public service. Thank you for that. We must commit wherever possible to pursue together our shared ambitions for our great state. You know, the leaders who steered us through the crossroads of the last century kept front and center the promise of the future. Building on their foresight, North Carolina's growth and success have eclipsed anything that seemed possible. Now it is on us to lay the foundation for North Carolina's next transformation that promises growth for generations ahead. Today I stand before you to report that the state of our state is bright and energized with the promise of tomorrow. And as we envision tomorrow, and all the days that follow, let's work toward a North Carolina where the doors of opportunity are wide open, bursting with possibility for everyone; a North Carolina where hope abounds; and a North Carolina where strong growth is made possible by the investments we make today in our classrooms, in our economy, in our communities, and in our people. Thank you, and may God bless North Carolina and the United States of America.”

Senator P. Newton and Representative Bell are recognized to escort Governor Roy Cooper from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

Upon motion of Senator Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore* of the Senate, seconded by Representative Tim Moore, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Joint Session is dissolved at 7:42 p.m., and, pursuant to the motion prevailing earlier in the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned, to reconvene on Tuesday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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

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

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 198, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE AND MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN IREDELL COUNTY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

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

By Senators Woodard and Murdock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 199, 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 Senator Lazzara:

S.B. 200, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITIES IN ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE.

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

By Senators Johnson and Craven (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 201, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO USE WHEEL LOCKS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY LEASED BY THE COUNTY.

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

By Senators Britt (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Hunt, Lowe, Mohammed, Perry, Robinson, Salvador and Sawyer:

S.B. 202, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REINSTATE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR CERTAIN TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 203, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLK COUNTY TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT SKATEBOARDING.

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

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By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 204, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A MUNICIPAL ONE-QUARTER PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX.

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

By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 205, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A MUNICIPAL ONE-QUARTER PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX.

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

By Senators McInnis (Primary Sponsor); Hise, Lazzara, Moffitt, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 206, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ESTABLISHING AND REVISING PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

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

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

S.B. 207, 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 Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 208, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED.

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

By Senators Woodard and Murdock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 209, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM TO MAKE GRANTS TO BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE OR PUBLIC NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND WELL-BEING OF THE DURHAM COMMUNITY AND ITS CITIZENS.

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

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

S.B. 210, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERMIT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR LONG GUN; TO REQUIRE A SEVENTY-TWO-HOUR WAITING PERIOD BEFORE A PURCHASED FIREARM MAY BE DELIVERED OR OTHERWISE POSSESSED; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON OR LONG GUN TO PERSONS UNDER A CERTAIN AGE; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF A BUMP STOCK OR TRIGGER CRANK; TO REQUIRE THE

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SAFE STORAGE OF A FIREARM; TO REVISE RECIPROCITY LAW FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT; TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF A LOST OR STOLEN FIREARM; TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON WHO OWNS A FIREARM TO CARRY FIREARM LIABILITY INSURANCE; TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF AMMUNITION MAGAZINES; TO REPEAL THE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL REGULATION OF FIREARMS; TO ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF A SEIZED FIREARM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP A ROSTER OF HANDGUNS THAT MEET CERTAIN DESIGN AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROHIBIT THE SALE, TRANSFER, OWNERSHIP, OR POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE ROSTER; TO REPEAL THE “STAND YOUR GROUND LAWS” AND CODIFY COMMON LAW REGARDING USE OF FORCE AGAINST AN INTRUDER; TO PROHIBIT LEAVING A FIREARM IN AN UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE UNLESS FIREARM IS SAFELY STORED; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR POSSESSION OF GHOST GUNS; TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF A SEMIAUTOMATIC FIREARM BY PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; TO REQUIRE THE SHERIFF UPON DENIAL, REVOCATION, OR REFUSAL TO RENEW A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT OR PISTOL PERMIT TO TRANSMIT THE PROHIBITION RECORD TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM; AND TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO DIVEST THE PENSION FUND OF GUN STOCKS.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 211, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADJOINING STATES TO BE MEMBERS OF A NORTH CAROLINA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY.

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

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 212, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A YMCA FACILITY IN POLK COUNTY.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

H.B. 27 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 30 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS RATHER THAN SIX-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 88 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 95 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 156, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SPECIALTY PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES TO RELATED STATUTES GOVERNING MEDICAID MANAGED CARE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 174 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, with a favorable report.

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

H.B. 40, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING OR INCITING RIOTING THAT CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH AND ASSAULTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DURING A RIOT OR STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW RECOVERY OF TREBLE DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY RIOTING OR LOOTING; AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR RIOTING AND LOOTING OFFENSES TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DEVELOP MODEL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PROTEST RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES, 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 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST UTILITIES, INCLUDING FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 35101, 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. 189, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF FENTANYL TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS, 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, 45112, which changes the title to read **S.B. 189** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW 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. 83 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE USE OF HIGH RISK PLATFORMS ON GOVERNMENT NETWORKS AND GOVERNMENT DEVICES, 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, 15097, 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 AND RESOLUTIONS

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

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H.B. 76, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS, referred to the **Health Care Committee** on March 2, with sequential referrals to the **Finance Committee**, the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**, and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the sequential referral to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** is stricken.

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

S.J.R. 54, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE M.R. BOSKEN TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 2.

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**.

S.B. 197, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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**.

S.B. 198, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE AND MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN IREDELL COUNTY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 7.

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

S.B. 200, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITIES IN ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 7.

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**.

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S.B. 203, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLK COUNTY TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT SKATEBOARDING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 7.

The bill is re-referred to the **Transportation 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. 204, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A MUNICIPAL ONE-QUARTER PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 7.

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. 205, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A MUNICIPAL ONE-QUARTER PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 7.

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. 206, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ESTABLISHING AND REVISING PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 7.

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. 212, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A YMCA FACILITY IN POLK COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 7.

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.J.R. 175, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN G. WILSON, JR., AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

The Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

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

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

“Create in us a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of thy salvation and uphold us with thy free spirit.* Lord, bless each person under this roof this day and their families who are represented. Imbue within each of us the urgency to seek renewal through the repentance, mercy, grace, and courage that we so desperately need in this day and age, so that we will see even brighter days ahead; and the sun—and your Son—will continue to rise over this state of North Carolina and over these United States of America. In the strong name of Jesus I pray. Amen.”

*Psalm 51: 10-12, KJV (paraphrase)

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator McInnis and Senator Murdock.

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 22, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE NORTH CAROLINA OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE YOUTH OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, 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.

S.B. 52, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN G.S. 115C-407.50 IS A PUBLIC BODY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, upon second reading.

Senator Lazzara offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-2) and changes the title to read, **S.B. 52**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION THE FINAL AUTHORITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY APPEALS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN ADMINISTERING ORGANIZATION AS DEFINED IN G.S. 115C-407.50 IS A PUBLIC BODY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW.

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The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-1) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives. Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the bill will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 91, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING A FORM ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The 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.

S.B. 110, 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 (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

SENATE PAGES

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

Claire Durig, Wake Forest; Henry Howard, Raleigh; Katelyn Jones, Eure; Caitlyn Lister, Wake Forest; and Kyler Osby, Zebulon.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Sawrey, the Senate adjourns at 4:25 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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

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

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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 Robinson, Garrett (Primary Sponsors) and Mayfield:

S.B. 213, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES.

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

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

S.B. 214, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS WHERE THERE EXISTS A SAFETY HAZARD THAT POSES AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO OCCUPANTS OF A DWELLING UNIT.

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

By Senators Mayfield, Chaudhuri, Marcus (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Grafstein, Hunt, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 215, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER TO RESTRICT TEMPORARILY A PERSON'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON POSES A DANGER OF PHYSICAL HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS AND TO REQUIRE A COURT TO ORDER THE SEIZURE OF ANY FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR PERMITS 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 Corbin, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Adcock and Hanig:

S.B. 216, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MUDDY SNEAKERS PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Galey, Daniel, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 217, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.

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

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By Senators Galey, Daniel, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 218, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.

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

By Senators Robinson (Primary Sponsor) and Garrett:

S.B. 219, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GREENSBORO TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SPEED-MEASURING SYSTEMS TO DETECT SPEED LIMIT VIOLATIONS IN SCHOOL ZONES.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Robinson and Sanderson:

S.J.R. 220, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF PHILIP A. BADDOUR, III, TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.J.R. 221, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THERESA B. STEPHENSON TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

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

By Senators Johnson, Perry, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Hanig:

S.B. 222, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OF CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

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

By Senators Robinson (Primary Sponsor) and Garrett:

S.B. 223, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REMEDIATION OF THE BINGHAM PARK LANDFILL IN GUILFORD COUNTY.

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

By Senators Robinson and Garrett (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 224, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING AND BETTERMENT IN EAST GREENSBORO.

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

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By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 225, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENACT RENT CONTROL MEASURES.

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

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

S.B. 226, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES REGARDING VOTING; TO CLARIFY LAWS AND PROHIBIT VOTER INTIMIDATION; TO IMPROVE VOTING ACCESS AND ENCOURAGE VOTING BY ESTABLISHING ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION, EXPANDING EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING HOURS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, AND REVISING THE LAWS PERTAINING TO LIST MAINTENANCE; AND TO STUDY CREATING A NONPARTISAN PROCESS FOR REDISTRICTING REGARDING CERTAIN ELECTIONS.

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. 5 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA.

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

H.B. 57, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED.

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

H.B. 86, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

H.B. 122 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT.

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

H.B. 125 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES.

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

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H.B. 135 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TRINITY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

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

H.B. 136, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CREATE AN ARTS PROFICIENCY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENT AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H.B. 149 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES AND TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM.

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

H.B. 166 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

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

H.B. 179 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

H.B. 239, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

H.B. 76, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS, 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, 30138, is adopted and engrossed.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is ruled to be material, which constitutes first reading.

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

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

H.B. 40, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING OR INCITING RIOTING THAT CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH AND ASSAULTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DURING A RIOT OR STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW RECOVERY OF TREBLE DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY RIOTING OR LOOTING; AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR RIOTING AND LOOTING OFFENSES TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DEVELOP MODEL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PROTEST RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES, with a favorable report.

By Senator P. Newton for the **Finance Committee:**

H.B. 76 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS, 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 Lazzara for the **Transportation Committee:**

S.B. 157, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A FULL PROVISIONAL 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, 45122, which changes the title to read **S.B. 157** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED LEARNER'S PERMIT MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE AND TO AMEND THE PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance 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 Kevin Corbin, Senator from Macon County, as follows:

“Lord, I want to pause just now. Thank you for these colleagues in this room. Thank you for their lives of service and their love for our great state. God bless our efforts to faithfully serve the citizens of this great state of North Carolina. God, we ask for wisdom and your divine blessing. In Jesus’ name I pray, and all God’s children said, ‘Amen.’”

March 8, 2023

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 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 Blue, Senator Craven, Senator Lowe, Senator McInnis, and Senator Proctor.

ENROLLED BILL

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

S.B. 53, AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES.

CALENDAR

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

H.B. 27 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS, 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 enrolled.

H.B. 30 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS RATHER THAN SIX-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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 enrolled.

H.B. 88 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE, upon second reading.

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

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (27-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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S.B. 174 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, 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, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, March 9, upon third reading.

S.B. 95 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES, 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. 156, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SPECIALTY PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN AND MAKING OTHER CHANGES TO RELATED STATUTES GOVERNING MEDICAID MANAGED CARE, upon second reading.

The 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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Daniel, the Senate adjourns at 4:33 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 9, at 11:00 a.m.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, March 9, 2023

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

March 9, 2023

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

“Father, we thank you for this beautiful day you’ve given us, and we thank you for this time together. We pray that you’ll bless these wonderful children that are here today and all of us as we do work to make this great state better than it is. We pray that you’ll give us traveling mercies home. We thank you and praise you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 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 Barnes, Senator Batch, Senator Craven, Senator Hunt, and Senator McInnis.

ENROLLED BILLS

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

S.B. 115, AN ACT CREATING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FORMER STATE-OPERATED FACILITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; AND REMOVING THE R.J. BLACKLEY ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE FACILITY CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF G.S. 122C-181.

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

H.B. 27, AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS.

H.B. 30, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS RATHER THAN SIX-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

CALENDAR

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

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S.B. 174 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, upon third reading.

Senator P. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 43, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard--43.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives. Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 40, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING OR INCITING RIOTING THAT CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH AND ASSAULTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DURING A RIOT OR STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW RECOVERY OF TREBLE DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY RIOTING OR LOOTING; AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR RIOTING AND LOOTING OFFENSES TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DEVELOP MODEL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PROTEST RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES, upon second reading.

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 1.

Without objection, the chair grants a leave of absence for the entirety of today's session to Senator Proctor.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-17).

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 (26-17).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-17).

The bill passes its second reading (27-16) 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 Hise, seconded by Senator Applewhite, the Senate adjourns at 11:26 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, March 13, at 4:00 p.m.

March 9, 2023

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Marcus and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 227, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON.

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**.

By Senators Sawrey, Craven and B. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 228, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISBURSEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DEPOSIT MADE BY A CONDEMNOR IN A PRIVATE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING.

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

By Senators Marcus, Hunt, Salvador (Primary Sponsors) and Mohammed:

S.B. 229, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY TO THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

By Senators Johnson and Craven (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 230, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – MONROE.

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

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

S.B. 231, 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 Sanderson, Settle (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 232, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DISAPPROVE CERTAIN RULES ADOPTED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

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

By Senator Settle:

S.B. 233, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALEXANDER COUNTY TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN.

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

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By Senators Daniel, Perry, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 234, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSESSORS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY.

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 Woodard and Murdock (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 235, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF DURHAM AND DURHAM COUNTY TO USE ELECTRONIC MEANS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC HEARINGS.

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

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

S.B. 236, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY 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 Mayfield, Moffitt and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 237, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPORT LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER BASIN.

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**.

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

S.B. 238, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY AT WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.

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**.

By Senators Corbin, Lee, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Batch, Burgin, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Krawiec, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton and Perry:

S.B. 239, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.

Referred to the **State and Local Government 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**.

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By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHOICE OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES.

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

By Senator Marcus:

S.B. 241, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN DESIGN AND AESTHETIC CONTROLS FOR STRUCTURES LOCATED ALONG NC HIGHWAY 115 IN THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OF DAVIDSON.

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

By Senator Marcus:

S.B. 242, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON TO ADOPT ORDINANCES REGULATING THE DEMOLITION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES.

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

By Senator Marcus:

S.B. 243, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EXPEDITED REVIEW OF CERTAIN SUBDIVISION APPROVALS.

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

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

S.B. 244, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE NEW LANDLORDS TO PROVIDE CURRENT TENANTS WITH SIXTY DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE TO VACATE BEFORE TERMINATING A TENANCY AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT TENANTS WITH SIXTY DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE OF RENT INCREASE WITH THE OPTION TO VACATE THE PROPERTY WITHIN SIXTY DAYS IF THE CURRENT TENANT REJECTS THE RENT INCREASE.

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

By Senator Salvador:

S.B. 245, 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 Britt, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Jarvis, Johnson, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 246, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND WHAT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF FIRST DEGREE TRESPASS TO INCLUDE ENTERING OR REMAINING ON THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 A.M.

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

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By Senators Mayfield, Woodard (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 247, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESUMPTION OF A PERSON HAVING A REASONABLE FEAR OF IMMINENT DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY HARM TO HIMSELF OR HERSELF OR ANOTHER WHEN USING DEFENSIVE FORCE OF A HOME, MOTOR VEHICLE, OR WORKPLACE DOES NOT APPLY IF THE PERSON ENTERING OR ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE PROPERTY IS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL OR FIREFIGHTER.

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

By Senators Barnes and B. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 248, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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

By Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 249, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF MOORESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEMS.

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

By Senators Hanig, Salvador, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors) and Batch:

S.B. 250, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO PROVIDE THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN EITHER SEMIANNUAL OR ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS.

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

By Senators Lazzara, P. Newton, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Grafstein, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Salvador and Woodard:

S.B. 251, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE.

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

By Senator Murdock:

S.B. 252, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF SILER CITY FROM TWO YEARS TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

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

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By Senators Jackson, Hise and Lee (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 253, 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** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sanderson, Rabon, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Hise, Krawiec, McInnis, Moffitt and Settle:

S.B. 254, 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 Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 255, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CURRENT IREDELL COUNTY-WIDE OCCUPANCY TAX, TO CREATE IREDELL COUNTY DISTRICT I, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT.

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 Sawyer (Primary Sponsor) and Marcus:

S.B. 256, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE HARMONY REQUIREMENT LIMITATION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT CONTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE.

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

By Senators Hise, Jackson and Lee (Primary Sponsors):

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

By Senators Lee, Hise and Jackson (Primary Sponsors):

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 **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 8 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMPLETION OF A COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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

H.B. 66 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

H.B. 81 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF THE CHAIR AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO ALLOW THE HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY COMPENSATION OF ITS MEMBERS AND ESTABLISH AN EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS.

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

H.B. 87, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO FILE A PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITION.

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

H.B. 99 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO NINE MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2026.

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

H.J.R. 151, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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

H.B. 153 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD ISSUED BY A STATE OR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE WHEN MAKING ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PURCHASES.

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

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H.B. 174 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL.

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

H.J.R. 235, 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**.

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. 187, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND 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** on March 2.

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. 193, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

S.B. 195, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

S.B. 216, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE MUDDY SNEAKERS PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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**.

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S.J.R. 220, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF PHILIP A. BADDOUR, III, TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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**.

S.J.R. 221, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THERESA B. STEPHENSON TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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**.

S.B. 223, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REMEDIATION OF THE BINGHAM PARK LANDFILL IN GUILFORD COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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**.

S.B. 224, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING AND BETTERMENT IN EAST GREENSBORO, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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. 2, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED AS A DIRECTED GRANT TO THE ROWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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

ENROLLED BILL

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

H.B. 40, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING OR INCITING RIOTING THAT CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH AND ASSAULTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DURING A RIOT OR STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW

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RECOVERY OF TREBLE DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY RIOTING OR LOOTING; AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR RIOTING AND LOOTING OFFENSES TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DEVELOP MODEL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PROTEST RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES.

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. 27, AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS. (Became law upon ratification, March 9, 2023 - S.L. 2023-1)

H.B. 30, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS RATHER THAN SIX-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. (Became law upon ratification, March 9, 2023 - S.L. 2023-2)

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

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 13, 2023

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

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

“Father, we thank you for this day. Thank you for the beautiful weather you’ve sent our way. Thank you for your grace and love every day of our lives. We pray that you’ll bless us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, March 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 4:06 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, March 14, 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 Murdock and Woodard (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 259, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHIN PAGE RTP REGIONAL LIFT STATION.

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

By Senators Murdock, Woodard (Primary Sponsors); Adcock and Batch:

S.B. 260, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO UPGRADE THE TRIANGLE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

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

By Senators Murdock and Woodard (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 261, 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 Murdock and Woodard (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 262, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN DURHAM COUNTY.

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

By Senators Adcock, Hise, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Batch, Bode, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Grafstein, Hunt, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 263, 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 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT.

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

By Senator Marcus:

S.B. 264, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT DESIGNATED HISTORIC DISTRICTS FROM CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON ZONING IN THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON.

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

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By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 265, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS.

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

By Senator Murdock:

S.B. 266, 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 McInnis, Craven, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Alexander and Moffitt:

S.B. 267, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS THAT ARE NOT ATTACHED TO A MOTOR VEHICLE.

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

By Senators Sawyer (Primary Sponsor) and Burgin:

S.B. 268, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER TO PAY A FEE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS WHO, BY ORDER OF A COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, TRANSPORT DEAD BODIES TO HOSPITALS OR FUNERAL HOMES FOR EXAMINATION; AND REQUIRING THAT THE AMOUNT OF THIS FEE BE ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS.

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

By Senators Lazzara (Primary Sponsor); Burgin and Perry:

S.B. 269, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-CERTIFIED CHILD CARE FACILITIES THAT ARE ADJACENT TO A MILITARY INSTALLATION AND OTHERWISE MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE.

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

By Senators Marcus and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 270, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS MAINTAINS IN THE SMITHVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD.

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

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By Senators Marcus and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 271, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ACQUIRE AND RESTORE THE HISTORIC CORNELIUS HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE BUILDING TO SERVE AS A HISTORY MUSEUM IN THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS.

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

By Senators Marcus and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 272, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HISTORICALLY AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN AS SMITHVILLE IN THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS.

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

By Senators Perry (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Krawiec and Moffitt:

S.B. 273, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOBBYISTS AND THE SPOUSES OF LOBBYISTS FROM SERVING AS MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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

By Senators Perry, Sawyer, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Corbin and Moffitt:

S.B. 274, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DELIVERY OF HOME CARE SERVICES.

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

By Senators Jarvis, Moffitt, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Galey, Hanig, Johnson, Proctor and Sawyer:

S.B. 275, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE THE APPROVAL OF SEALED COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDING PLANS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

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

By Senators Johnson and Craven (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 276, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO USE WHEEL LOCKS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY LEASED BY THE COUNTY.

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor); Adcock and Lowe:

S.B. 277, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ELEVATOR INSPECTORS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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By Senators Murdock and Woodard (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 278, 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 Murdock and Woodard (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 279, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DURHAM COUNTY TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR TEACHERS, POLICE OFFICERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DURHAM COUNTY.

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

By Senators Woodard (Primary Sponsor) and Murdock:

S.B. 280, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CENTRAL PARK SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN DURHAM COUNTY TO CONDUCT A WEIGHTED ADMISSIONS LOTTERY PILOT PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Salvador, Lowe (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 281, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STEELE CREEK COMMUNITY PLACE.

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

By Senators Jackson and Rabon (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 282, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSPECTION PROCESS OF THE VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD.

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

By Senators Garrett (Primary Sponsor) and Robinson:

S.B. 283, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RESTORING FAIR TREATMENT FOR JOURNALISM IN GUILFORD COUNTY BY REPEALING A PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZING GUILFORD COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN GUILFORD COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND AUTHORIZING GUILFORD COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA A COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE.

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

By Senator Salvador:

S.B. 284, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STEELE CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE.

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

By Senator Marcus:

S.B. 285, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONSENT FROM THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS' SUPERINTENDENT BEFORE USING CERTAIN SCHOOLS AS EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING SITES.

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

By Senator Sanderson:

S.B. 286, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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

By Senator Britt:

S.B. 287, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY TO SELL, LEASE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY WITHOUT COMPLYING WITH STATE LAWS REGULATING THE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

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

By Senators Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Bode, Hunt, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 288, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES TO THOSE IN THE 2021 MARKET RATE STUDY, WITH AUTOMATIC INCREASES UPON COMPLETION OF SUBSEQUENT NEW STUDIES, TO IMPLEMENT TEMPORARY MARKET RATE INCREASES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES.

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

By Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 289, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICT TO SERVE ALEXANDER AND IREDELL COUNTIES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

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

By Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 290, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SAFE RENTAL OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES BY REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL ORDINANCES AND CODES AND ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY LIMITATION.

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

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By Senators Burgin, Chaudhuri, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Robinson and Woodard:

S.B. 291, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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

By Senators Burgin, Chaudhuri, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Bode, Grafstein, Hunt, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 292, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXTEND THE COMPENSATION GRANTS PORTION OF THE STABILIZATION GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS.

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

By Senators Burgin, Chaudhuri, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Bode, Grafstein, Hunt, Lee, Marcus, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 293, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TRI-SHARE CHILD CARE PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

By Senators Burgin, Chaudhuri, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Bode, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 294, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RATE INCREASES FOR OBSTETRICS MATERNAL BUNDLE PAYMENTS FOR PREGNANCY CARE AND ADDITIONAL MEDICAID ADD-ON RATES AND COVERED SERVICES.

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

By Senators Murdock, Robinson, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Settle, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 295, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE TAX BURDEN ON STUDENT DEBT RELIEF.

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

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. 76 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 58 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST UTILITIES, INCLUDING FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 189 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES, with a favorable report.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

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

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

March 13, 2023

March 10, 2023

The Honorable Philip E. Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
Legislative Office Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear Senator Berger:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 106-2, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to serve on the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the North Carolina Senate:

- Mr. Franklin Ray Allen of Montgomery County, Forestry Representative
- Mr. John E. Ashe of Rockingham County, Tobacco Farmer
- Ms. Ada Beatty of Bladen County, General Farming
- Mr. Douglas L. Boyd of Beaufort County, Cotton Grower
- Mr. Jose A. Calderon of Wake County, Marketing Experience
- Mr. Donald James Lambeth of Richmond County, Poultry Farmer
- Mr. D. Reid Smith of Davidson County, Dairy and Cattle Interest
- Mr. Jeffery B. Turner of Lenoir County, Pork Farmer
- Mr. Scott A. Tyson of Nash County, Fruit or Vegetable Farmer
- Mr. Wilbur D. Ward of Bladen County, Peanut Farmer
- Ms. Faylene Whitaker of Guilford County, Nursery Business

The above slate of nominees supersedes any previously pending nominations to the board. I am grateful for their willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Mark Robinson
Ms. Sarah Holland

The Honorable Dan Blue
The Honorable Steve Troxler

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. 236, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY 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** on March 9.

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**.

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S.B. 259, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHIN PAGE RTP REGIONAL LIFT STATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 260, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO UPGRADE THE TRIANGLE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 261, 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** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 262, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY AND ASSESSMENT CENTER IN DURHAM COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 263, 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 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 265, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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

S.B. 269, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-CERTIFIED CHILD CARE FACILITIES THAT ARE ADJACENT TO A MILITARY INSTALLATION AND OTHERWISE MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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. 270, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS MAINTAINS IN THE SMITHVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 271, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ACQUIRE AND RESTORE THE HISTORIC CORNELIUS HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE BUILDING TO SERVE AS A HISTORY MUSEUM IN THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 272, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE HISTORICALLY AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN AS SMITHVILLE IN THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 274, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DELIVERY OF HOME CARE SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

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S.B. 277, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CREATING A PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ELEVATOR INSPECTORS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 281, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STEELE CREEK COMMUNITY PLACE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 282, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSPECTION PROCESS OF THE VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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. 284, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE STEELE CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 286, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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

S.B. 289, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW PUBLIC DEFENDER DISTRICT TO SERVE ALEXANDER AND IREDELL COUNTIES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

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S.B. 291, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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. 292, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXTEND THE COMPENSATION GRANTS PORTION OF THE STABILIZATION GRANTS FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 293, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TRI-SHARE CHILD CARE PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY, AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 294, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RATE INCREASES FOR OBSTETRICS MATERNAL BUNDLE PAYMENTS FOR PREGNANCY CARE AND ADDITIONAL MEDICAID ADD-ON RATES AND COVERED SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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S.B. 115, AN ACT CREATING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A FORMER STATE-OPERATED FACILITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS; AND REMOVING THE R.J. BLACKLEY ALCOHOL AND DRUG TREATMENT CENTER FROM THE FACILITY CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF G.S. 122C-181. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, March 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-3)

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

THIRTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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

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

RECESS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Johnson, Craven, Proctor (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Garrett, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Moffitt, Murdock, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 296, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION.

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

By Senators Johnson, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Britt, Corbin, Jarvis, Lowe, Moffitt, B. Newton, Perry, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 297, 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 Senators Adcock, Woodard, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); Lowe, Marcus, Murdock, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 298, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SOLICIT ENROLLMENT IN THE NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM REGISTRY AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IS AUTHORIZED TO PERMIT THE REGISTRATION OF TISSUE DONATION AT THE DIVISION.

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

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

S.B. 299, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT.

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

By Senator Corbin:

S.B. 300, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY FUND GRANT PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Jarvis, Perry, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Daniel, Lowe, Moffitt, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 301, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS “LEARN TO FLY” MONTH.

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

By Senators Meyer (Primary Sponsor) and Corbin:

S.B. 302, 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 Britt, Sanderson, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Lee, Moffitt and Settle:

S.B. 303, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES CHARGED WITH CERTAIN FELONIES, AND TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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

By Senators Britt, Perry, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Batch, Chaudhuri, Hanig, Hunt, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Settle and Waddell:

S.B. 304, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR UNREIMBURSED BUSINESS EXPENSES.

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.J.R. 175, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN G. WILSON, JR., AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, with a favorable report.

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

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

S.B. 179, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE 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. 239, 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 **Education/Higher Education Committee**.

S.B. 9, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF APEX TO ALLOW THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK, 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, 15133, is adopted and engrossed.

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

March 14, 2023

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

S.J.R. 54, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE M.R. BOSKEN TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKS, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 157 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED LEARNER'S PERMIT MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE AND TO AMEND THE PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS, 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 Lee for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

H.B. 2, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED AS A DIRECTED GRANT TO THE ROWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 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, 10185, which changes the title to read **H.B. 2** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION, is adopted and engrossed.

By Senator P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 126, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, 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, 35121, 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. 68, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, with a favorable report.

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

March 14, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Principal Clerk Sarah Holland; Members of the Senate

FROM: Senator Bill Rabon, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Nominations

DATE: March 14, 2023

Re: The University of North Carolina Board of Governors Nominees

Pursuant to Senate Resolution 138, “*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

Harry C. Brown
 Joel D.M. Ford
 Martin L. Holton III
 O. Temple Sloan III
 Haywood E. White III
 Michael L. Williford

Sponsor(s)

Sen. Bill Rabon
 Sen. Carl Ford
 Sen. Joyce Krawiec
 Sen. Brent Jackson
 Sen. Michael Lee
 Sen. Jim Perry

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 praise you for this day you’ve given us. Thank you for life that you’ve given us. We praise you for that, and we pray that you’ll help us to keep your Word. Lord, in your Word you tell us to love our enemies, and I’ll admit sometimes that’s tough. But we are told to do it; it’s a command. Help us to do that and spread your love and your joy around this world, Father. Bless us here, and guide us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Rabon announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Hanig, Senator Hise, Senator Jarvis, Senator Meyer, and Senator Moffitt.

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CALENDAR

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

H.B. 76 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 43, noes 2, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---43.

Voting in the negative: Senators Sanderson and Settle---2.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Wednesday, March 15, upon third reading.

S.B. 58 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST UTILITIES, INCLUDING FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY, upon second reading.

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

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (45-0).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 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.

S.B. 189 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES, upon second reading.

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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.

SENATE PAGES

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

Palmer Bullard, Roseboro; Williford Bullard, Roseboro; Banks Gaskins, Smithfield; and Robert Liu, Durham.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, seconded by Senator Robinson, the Senate adjourns at 4:59 p.m., in honor of National Girl Scout Week and all the Girl Scouts in our state, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 15, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

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

H.B. 11 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 6.

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

Pursuant to Senator Rabon'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.

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

RECESS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Burgin, Corbin, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 305, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

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

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

S.B. 306, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING PROCESS; REENACTING LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHED A NONPARTISAN METHOD FOR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS; EXTENDING THE WAITING PERIOD FOR FORMER LEGISLATORS WHO BECOME LOBBYISTS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR WET INK REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION; INCREASING TRANSPARENCY BY REQUIRING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES AND SESSIONS OCCURRING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX AND REQUIRING LIVE VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING OF ALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS AND SESSIONS OCCURRING IN THE LEGISLATIVE COMPLEX; ENSURING VOTING PLACES ON CERTAIN COLLEGE CAMPUSES; PROHIBITING VOTER ROLL PURGING; MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS REGARDING TRANSPARENCY IN SOURCES OF SPENDING, DIGITAL ADVERTISEMENT CAMPAIGNS, PROTECTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS, AND LIMITING SUPER PAC INFLUENCE; REESTABLISHING PUBLIC FINANCING FOR JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS; AND RESTORING CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS OF CERTAIN OFFENDERS.

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

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By Senators Galey, Daniel, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 307, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA UNIFORM ELECTRONIC WILLS ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

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

By Senators Galey, Daniel, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Corbin, Grafstein, Krawiec, Moffitt, Sanderson, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 308, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.

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

By Senators Galey, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Hise and Moffitt:

S.B. 309, 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**.

By Senators Adcock, Woodard, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Batch, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Krawiec, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Perry, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 310, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM TO STUDY IMPEDIMENTS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED PRECEPTORS.

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

By Senators Robinson, Blue (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 311, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN- AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE STATE.

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

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By Senators Smith (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite and Robinson:

S.B. 312, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT NOTICE OF CLAIMS OF LIEN BE SERVED ON AN OWNER BY UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CERTIFIED MAIL AND TO ELIMINATE ASSOCIATIONS' ABILITY TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTIES FOR UNPAID ASSESSMENTS.

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

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

S.B. 313, 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**.

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.B. 100, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAW RIVER 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. 135, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM USING A TITLE OR ABBREVIATION INDICATING THE QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD, 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, 45152, 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 **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 9 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF APEX TO ALLOW THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 126 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, with a favorable report.

S.B. 157 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED LEARNER'S PERMIT MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE AND TO AMEND THE PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 179, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHIN THE COUNTY, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 269, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-CERTIFIED CHILD CARE FACILITIES THAT ARE ADJACENT TO A MILITARY INSTALLATION AND OTHERWISE MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 274, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DELIVERY OF HOME CARE SERVICES, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 291, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, 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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By Senator Galey for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

H.B. 11 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND, 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. 193, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ALL MIDDLE AND 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. 195, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 90, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, 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, 15141, is adopted and engrossed.

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

S.B. 187, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO REVIVE AND EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO ALLOW RETIRED EDUCATORS TO RETURN TO WORK IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS, 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, 15143, which changes the title to read **S.B. 187** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TEACHER LICENSURE 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. 239, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, 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, 35124, 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 Krawiec for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 206, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ESTABLISHING AND REVISING PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, 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, 15140, is adopted and engrossed.

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

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

H.J.R. 175, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN G. WILSON, JR., AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, with a favorable report.

S.J.R. 54, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE M.R. BOSKEN TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKS, 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. 268, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER TO PAY A FEE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS WHO, BY ORDER OF A COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, TRANSPORT DEAD BODIES TO HOSPITALS OR FUNERAL HOMES FOR EXAMINATION; AND REQUIRING THAT THE AMOUNT OF THIS FEE BE ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

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S.B. 276, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO USE WHEEL LOCKS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY LEASED BY THE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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. 309, 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 March 15.

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. 310, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE NORTH CAROLINA AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM TO STUDY IMPEDIMENTS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED PRECEPTORS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 15.

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**.

S.B. 311, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN- AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 15.

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**.

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:

“Dear God, forgive us for running all different directions and spinning our wheels to find help when true help and healing must first be found in you. Thank you that you are able to do far more than we could ever imagine. Thank you for

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your mighty power that acts on our behalf. Bless us and guide us in this General Assembly. Bless us as we move forward to make rules and legislation for the benefit of those who we serve. We love you. We need you today. In Jesus' name, and all the people said, 'Amen.'”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 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 Hanig, Senator Jarvis, Senator Meyer, and Senator Moffitt.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Chair 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: Harry C. Brown, Joel D.M. Ford, Martin L. Holton III, O. Temple Sloan III, Haywood E. White III, and Michael L. Williford. Senator Rabon explains the voting procedures for today's election.

The Chair announces that the Senate will now stand in recess, to begin the election of members to the UNC Board of Governors. During the recess, the Sergeant-at-Arms will distribute ballots to the 46 members present. Each member will proceed to vote by selecting six candidates and signing his or her ballot. When all members have completed their ballots, the ballots will be collected, and Senator Rabon, Senator Chaudhuri, the Senate Principal Clerk, and staff members from the Senate Principal Clerk's Office will repair outside the chamber to tally the votes.

The Senate recesses at 4:18 p.m., to reconvene at 4:35 p.m.

RECESS

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

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: Harry C. Brown, Joel D.M. Ford, Martin L. Holton III, O. Temple Sloan III, Haywood E. White III, and Michael L. Williford.

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Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the winners of the official ballot are confirmed first by electronic vote (39-7) 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. He directs Senator Rabon 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.

CALENDAR

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

H.B. 76 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 44, noes 2, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---44.

Voting in the negative: Senators Sanderson and Settle---2.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives. 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. 2 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION, 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. Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Grafstein submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**HONORING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO THE EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA.**" Upon motion of Senator Berger, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

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POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

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

“Mr. President, we have with us today representatives of the American Turkish Community in North Carolina in the gallery. I wanted to recognize them, but also bring to the body more awareness around something we’re all familiar with in our news and in the history of the last couple months, and that is the devastating earthquakes that occurred in southeast Turkey and in northwest Syria in February with over a thousand aftershocks that would, in themselves, constitute devastating events in many places. Tens of thousands of lives were lost, and untold numbers of lives have been affected by displacement and destruction. In Turkey alone, nearly 2 million people have been displaced, and, according to the UN, at least 2.9 million people in Turkey and Syria have been affected one way or another by these earthquakes. Sometimes we can’t really fathom the scale of such a disaster because it may seem remote. Even as we see images on the news of rescue efforts and whole towns turned to rubble, the scale is really just beyond our imagination unless we’ve lived through it. But for members of the Turkish community in North Carolina, the event was not remote. Many are closely connected with family and friends in Turkey who’ve been affected and, unfortunately, in some cases, with some who lost their lives. Members of the American Turkish Association of North Carolina, some of whom are in the gallery, have worked tirelessly over the last month raising funds and awareness about the ongoing struggles in Turkey and in support of those grappling with this tragedy. Through their efforts they are providing critical aid, but they’re also serving to remind us of the connectedness of our world and of all the people in it. Their tragedy is our tragedy, and we grieve with them. It will take years for the people of Turkey and Syria to rebuild. But while physical structures can be rebuilt, there’s no undoing the personal losses so many have suffered. In times like this it’s important that we honor the lives lost, but I think it’s also important to honor the spirit of those who are pouring their hearts and their souls into ensuring that this tragedy is not forgotten and who are working to rebuild lives and families and communities. Mr. President, I’m grateful that the Turkish Association is joining us today, and I ask that my colleagues join me in showing our appreciation for their humanitarian efforts.”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 4:53 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 16, at 11:00 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:

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S.B. 274, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DELIVERY OF HOME CARE SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 15.

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. 288, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY RATES TO THOSE IN THE 2021 MARKET RATE STUDY, WITH AUTOMATIC INCREASES UPON COMPLETION OF SUBSEQUENT NEW STUDIES, TO IMPLEMENT TEMPORARY MARKET RATE INCREASES, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 13.

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**.

S.B. 300, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY FUND GRANT PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 14.

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**.

S.B. 302, 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** on March 14.

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**.

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

THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, March 16, 2023

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 W. Ted Alexander, Senator from Cleveland County, as follows:

“I rise today, through God’s strength to pilot me, God’s might to uphold me, God’s wisdom to guide me, God’s eye to look before me, God’s ear to hear me, God’s Word to speak for me, God’s hand to guard me, God’s shield to protect me, God’s host to save me from snares of devils, from temptation of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. Christ with me, before me, behind me, in me, beneath me, above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lay down, when I sit down, when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, in every ear that hears me. I rise today through a mighty strength, the implication of the Trinity through belief in Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.’ Amen.”

From *St. Patrick’s Breastplate*
A prayer attributed to St. Patrick of Ireland

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 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 Daniel, Senator Hanig, Senator Jarvis, Senator Moffitt, Senator Murdock, and Senator Salvador.

ENROLLED BILLS

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

S.B. 41, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, AND TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS.

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

H.B. 88, AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE.

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CALENDAR

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

S.B. 126 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 43, noes 1, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Mohammed, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---43.

Voting in the negative: Senator B. Newton---1.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Monday, March 20, upon third reading.

S.B. 9 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF APEX TO ALLOW THE TOWN COUNCIL TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK, 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. 179, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE 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.J.R. 54, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE M.R. BOSKEN TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKS, upon second reading.

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

S.B. 157 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED LEARNER'S PERMIT MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE AND TO AMEND THE PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS, upon second reading.

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Without objection, Senator Meyer is excused from voting on the bill due to a family conflict.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (38-5) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

H.J.R. 175, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN G. WILSON, JR., AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator P. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 11:22 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, March 20, at 4:00 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 Mayfield, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Adcock and Moffitt:

S.B. 314, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A THIRTY-FIVE DOLLAR 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 Burgin, Corbin, Woodard (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Galey, Jarvis, Lowe, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 315, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DAY VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

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

By Senators Mayfield, Lazzara, Jarvis (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Meyer and Murdock:

S.B. 316, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.

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

By Senators P. Newton, Moffitt, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Krawiec, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

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S.B. 317, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL HOUSING SHORTAGES FOR FIREFIGHTERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TEACHERS, NURSES, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND OTHER VITAL WORKERS AND FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS.

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

By Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Alexander, Chaudhuri, Hise, Jarvis, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Moffitt, B. Newton, Salvador, Sawrey, Settle, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 318, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF NATIVE NORTH CAROLINA PLANTS AND SEEDS ON STATE PROPERTY AND HIGHWAYS AND ON LOCAL PROJECTS THAT USE STATE FUNDS FOR LANDSCAPING.

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. 67 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE MUSCADINE GRAPE JUICE USAGE IN THE STATE'S LEARNING INSTITUTIONS AND TO INCLUDE MUSCADINE GRAPE JUICE PRODUCERS AND OTHER FRUIT AND FRUIT PRODUCT PRODUCERS PARTICIPATING IN THE "GOT TO BE NC" MARKETING PROGRAM AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE FARM TO SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAM.

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

H.B. 69 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE WARREN COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.

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

H.B. 70, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO HALIFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

H.B. 78 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED.

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

H.B. 80, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF ST. JAMES TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.

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

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H.B. 130, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED.

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

H.B. 150 (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**.

H.B. 163 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

H.B. 176 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SCHOOL SYSTEMS FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

H.B. 195, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO ROANOKE RAPIDS GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

H.B. 207, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS TO OBTAIN CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS FROM COMPLETING MANDATORY TRAININGS.

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

H.B. 221, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW YADKIN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND DAVIE COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THEIR SCHOOL CALENDARS WITH SURRY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S OR DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CALENDAR.

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

H.B. 227 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

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

H.B. 229 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR YEARS.

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

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H.B. 236 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CARTERET COUNTY SCHOOLS TO ALIGN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH CARTERET COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

H.B. 247 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE.

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

H.B. 258 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT.

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. 208, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 7.

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

S.B. 211, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADJOINING STATES TO BE MEMBERS OF A NORTH CAROLINA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

S.B. 318, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF NATIVE NORTH CAROLINA PLANTS AND SEEDS ON STATE PROPERTY AND HIGHWAYS AND ON LOCAL PROJECTS THAT USE STATE FUNDS FOR LANDSCAPING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

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

S.B. 126 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Monday, March 20, and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, March 21.

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:

H.B. 88, AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF MAYSVILLE AND POLLOCKSVILLE. (Became law upon ratification, March 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-4)

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

THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 20, 2023

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, I praise you for this day and this week you’ve given us. Thank you for this wonderful spring weather. We praise you for it. Thank you for the cool weather. We pray that you’ll continue to bless us here this week as we work and do things for the folks of North Carolina. We pray that you’ll bless us in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Settle announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, March 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.

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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. 175, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF EDWIN G. WILSON, JR., AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. (Res. 2023-4)

Upon motion of Senator Settle, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 4:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, March 21, 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, Perry, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Corbin, Craven, Moffitt, Overcash and Sawyer:

S.B. 319, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE.

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

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

S.B. 320, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING EVENTS AND PERSONS RELATING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE STATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO PLACE MARKERS AT SITES ALONG NORTH CAROLINA'S CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Ford, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Corbin, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Johnson, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, Perry and Robinson:

S.B. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE PRO-FAMILY, PRO-CONSUMER MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION ACT TO SET TRANSPARENT PARAMETERS AROUND THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES AND 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**.

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By Senators Perry, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Craven, Galey, Hanig, Johnson and Moffitt:

S.B. 322, 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 Senator Lowe:

S.B. 323, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION AT ASHLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

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

By Senators Perry, Sawrey, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Hanig, Hise and Moffitt:

S.B. 324, 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**.

By Senators Perry, Lazzara, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); B. Newton and Overcash:

S.B. 325, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT REGULATE CERTAIN ONLINE MARKETPLACES.

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

By Senators Johnson, Perry, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Britt, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hunt, Jarvis, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, Overcash, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Waddell:

S.B. 326, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY AMENDING THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUM ASSESSMENT AND TO SET RETAINED EARNING LIMITS FOR THE VOLUNTEER SAFETY WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND.

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

By Senators Galey, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Moffitt, B. Newton and Sawrey:

S.B. 327, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM THE GENERAL STATUTES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE BY UPDATING OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO "ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR" AND "EXCEPTIONS" AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

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

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By Senators Marcus (Primary Sponsor); Mohammed and Robinson:

S.B. 328, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM AGING AND POORLY MAINTAINED PIPELINES.

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

By Senators Perry and Britt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 329, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT.

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

By Senators Robinson, Britt, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 330, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING JUDGES' PERSONAL INFORMATION.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

March 17, 2023

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.

I hereby designate Emily "Emma" Hennen of the Governor's Office as an official to whom delivery of bills can be made under the provisions of Section 2, in addition to previously designated employees: Alicia Davis, Claudia Shoemaker, and Jessica Winebrenner.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: Senator Phil Berger
Representative Tim Moore

March 20, 2023

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. 11 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND, with a favorable report.

S.B. 68, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, with a favorable report.

S.B. 83 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE USE OF HIGH RISK PLATFORMS ON GOVERNMENT NETWORKS AND GOVERNMENT DEVICES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 100, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAW RIVER STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM, with a favorable report.

S.B. 187 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 195, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

S.B. 269, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-CERTIFIED CHILD CARE FACILITIES THAT ARE ADJACENT TO A MILITARY INSTALLATION AND OTHERWISE MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 291, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH

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CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, with a favorable report.

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. 53, AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT OCCUPANTS OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED BY HOTELS, MOTELS, OR SIMILAR LODGINGS DO NOT CREATE A TENANCY AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND TO CLARIFY THAT THESE OCCUPANCIES ARE GOVERNED BY THE STATUTES RELATING TO INNS, HOTELS, AND OTHER TRANSIENT OCCUPANCIES. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, March 19, 2023 - S.L. 2023-5)

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

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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

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

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Perry and Britt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 331, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE ACT.

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

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By Senators Johnson, Lazzara, Hanig (Primary Sponsors) and Burgin:

S.B. 332, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY BEACH PLAN POLICY LIMITS.

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

By Senators Burgin, Corbin and Krawiec (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 333, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CARE IN HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES.

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

By Senators Blue (Primary Sponsor); Mohammed and Murdock:

S.B. 334, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT DISABLED VETERANS FROM PAYMENT OF TOLLS FOR USE OF TURNPIKE PROJECTS.

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

By Senator Blue:

S.B. 335, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN WAKE COUNTY.

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

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

S.B. 336, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE PARAMETERS FOR OBTAINING INFORMED CONSENT FOR PELVIC OR RECTAL EXAMINATIONS ON ANESTHETIZED OR UNCONSCIOUS PATIENTS.

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

By Senators Burgin, Krawiec and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 337, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ACCREDITATION ASSOCIATIONS ACCEPTED FOR LICENSURE AS A LICENSED CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR ASSOCIATE.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

S.J.R. 220, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF PHILIP A. BADDOUR, III, 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**.

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S.J.R. 221, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THERESA B. STEPHENSON 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 B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 90 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, 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. 200, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MUNICIPALITIES IN ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE, 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, 45171, which changes the title to read **S.B. 200** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY AND ROBESON COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES IN ONSLOW COUNTY AND ROBESON COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY AND ROBESON COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee**.

S.B. 51, 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, 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, 15150, 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. 206 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ESTABLISHING AND REVISING PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

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Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 15149, which changes the title to read **S.B. 206** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, 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 Jarvis for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 276, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO USE WHEEL LOCKS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY LEASED BY 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. 208, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED, 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, 45173, 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 BILLS

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

S.B. 123, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING PREPARING, ISSUING, REQUESTING, OR REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THAT INCLUDES EXTRANEOUS INFORMATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 20.

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. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 20.

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. 134, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY POLICYHOLDERS FROM CERTAIN UNDERWRITING ABUSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 21.

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. 319, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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

S.B. 320, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING EVENTS AND PERSONS RELATING TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE STATE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION TO PLACE MARKERS AT SITES ALONG NORTH CAROLINA'S CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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**.

S.B. 323, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR RENOVATION AND CONSTRUCTION AT ASHLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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**.

S.B. 328, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM AGING AND POORLY MAINTAINED PIPELINES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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**.

S.B. 329, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT, 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**.

S.B. 335, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN WAKE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 21.

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**.

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 Newton, Senator from Cabarrus County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we thank you so much for everything you’ve done for the state of North Carolina. We now ask for your wisdom as we serve the people of North Carolina in this chamber. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Blue, Senator Lee, and Senator Sanderson.

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 126 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, 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, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: Senator B. Newton---1.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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S.B. 68, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, upon second reading.

The 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, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill remains on the calendar for Wednesday, March 22, upon third reading. Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Wednesday, March 22, and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, March 28.

S.B. 83 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE USE OF HIGH RISK PLATFORMS ON GOVERNMENT NETWORKS AND GOVERNMENT DEVICES, upon second reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-3).

The 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.

S.B. 100, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAW RIVER STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 187 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, upon second reading.

Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

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 engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 195, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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.

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S.B. 269, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE-CERTIFIED CHILD CARE FACILITIES THAT ARE ADJACENT TO A MILITARY INSTALLATION AND OTHERWISE MEET FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, 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. 291, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, 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.

H.B. 11 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND, upon second reading.

The 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 enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SENATE PAGES

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

Emme Babb, Matthews; Presley Barker, Traphill; Ruby Fincher, Raleigh; Andrew Jeong, Apex; Emily Newton, Holly Springs; Alex Olszewski, Asheville; and Jack Snipes, Morehead City.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Woodard submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**OBSERVING WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY.**”

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Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 4:46 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 22, 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.B. 217, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE LAW OF TENANCY IN COMMON IN THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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. 218, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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. 246, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND WHAT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF FIRST DEGREE TRESPASS TO INCLUDE ENTERING OR REMAINING ON THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 A.M, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

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. 303, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES CHARGED WITH CERTAIN FELONIES, AND TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 14.

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. 327, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM THE GENERAL STATUTES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE BY UPDATING OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO “ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR” AND “EXCEPTIONS” AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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**.

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. 40, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR RIOTING OR INCITING RIOTING THAT CAUSES DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, OR DEATH AND ASSAULTING EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DURING A RIOT OR STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ALLOW RECOVERY OF TREBLE DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY RIOTING OR LOOTING; AND TO REQUIRE PRETRIAL RELEASE CONDITIONS FOR RIOTING AND LOOTING OFFENSES TO BE DETERMINED BY A JUDGE AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO DEVELOP MODEL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PROTEST RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICIES. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, March 21, 2023 - S.L. 2023-6)

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

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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:

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“Father God, we thank you for another day, and we thank you for the Word of God. We know that your Word says that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach. Help us to be a righteous people and do righteous things. Pray that you’ll bless us, guide and direct us. Bless these children here with us today, and help them to learn about our great state of North Carolina. We thank you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 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.

ENROLLED BILL

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

H.B. 11, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 23, 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 Senators Marcus, Salvador, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hunt, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 338, 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 Britt, Lazzara, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors) and Woodard:

S.B. 339, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND TO PROHIBIT THE IMPERSONATION OF TAXICAB DRIVERS.

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

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By Senators Britt, Lazzara, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Adcock and Woodard:

S.B. 340, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES.

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

By Senators Jarvis, Ford (Primary Sponsors); Galey, Johnson, Krawiec, B. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 341, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE SAFETY AND EMISSION INSPECTION LAWS.

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

By Senators Jarvis, Sawyer, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Craven, Ford, Krawiec, Perry and Settle:

S.B. 342, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES AND EXPANDING THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED.

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

By Senators Jarvis, Britt, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, Daniel, Ford, Hise, Krawiec, Perry, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 343, 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**.

By Senators Krawiec, Overcash, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Bode, Galey, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 344, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE.

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

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By Senators Daniel (Primary Sponsor) and Craven:

S.B. 345, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT.

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

By Senators Meyer, Chaudhuri, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Marcus, Mayfield and Smith:

S.B. 346, 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 Meyer, Murdock, Marcus (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein and Smith:

S.B. 347, 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**.

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

S.B. 348, 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**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 236, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS, with 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, 45183, 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. 274, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DELIVERY OF HOME CARE SERVICES, 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, 15156, which changes the title to read **S.B. 274** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HOME ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM HOME CARE LICENSURE 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**.

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. 44, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 1.

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

S.B. 267, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS THAT ARE NOT ATTACHED TO A MOTOR VEHICLE, 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. 326, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY AMENDING THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUM ASSESSMENT AND TO SET RETAINED EARNING LIMITS FOR THE VOLUNTEER SAFETY WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND, 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 **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.

March 22, 2023

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, March 23, 2023

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

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Dear Lord, I just pray for the President’s back. Let it just get back to a hundred percent. Keep him safe and especially as he drives back and forth. Lord, we thank you so much for a beautiful day in North Carolina. This is an amazing place to live, and we are so thankful for it. I just thank you that the House got the Medicaid expansion bill passed today. We look forward to getting that implemented and the people that it’ll help. Lord, just give us wisdom and your guidance and direction in all the work we do up here. We ask you to protect the people of North Carolina. All this we ask in your Son, Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Burgin, the Senate adjourns at 10:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, March 27, 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 Meyer, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Blue, Lowe, Marcus and Murdock:

S.B. 349, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE PROCRASTINATORS THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE BY RECODIFYING SAME-DAY REGISTRATION FOR EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING AND 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 Meyer, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Marcus, Mohammed and Murdock:

S.B. 350, 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 Burgin (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.B. 351, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND POTENTIAL OUTCOMES OF A STATEWIDE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Alexander, Galey, Hise, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, Sanderson, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 352, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CODIFY THE COMMON LAW REQUIREMENT FOR UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TO QUALIFY AS A JUROR, TO ALLOW A CLERK OF COURT TO HEAR JURY EXCUSES IF SO DESIGNATED BY THE CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED FROM JURY DUTY BASED ON DISQUALIFICATION SHALL BE SHARED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IF THE DISQUALIFICATION IS DUE TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.

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

By Senators Marcus, Murdock, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Blue, Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Woodard:

S.B. 353, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO GAIN ACCESS TO ABORTION ACT (RBG ACT).

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

By Senators Sawyer, McInnis, Woodard (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Johnson, Lazzara, Mayfield, Moffitt, B. Newton, Perry and Salvador:

S.B. 354, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPORTATION REVENUE.

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

By Senators Jackson (Primary Sponsor); Hanig, Moffitt and Perry:

S.B. 355, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF PROPERTY-HAULING VEHICLES.

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

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By Senators Jackson, Perry, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Craven, Galey, Hanig, Jarvis, Johnson, Lee, Lowe, Moffitt, Overcash, Sawyer and Woodard:

S.B. 356, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

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

By Senators Jackson, Perry, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Moffitt:

S.B. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TIMELY NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING THE CONDITIONAL DELIVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

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

By Senators Burgin, Krawiec, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Murdock and B. Newton:

S.B. 358, 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 Sanderson, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Krawiec, Lee and Lowe:

S.B. 359, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.

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

By Senators Britt, Lazzara, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Lowe and B. Newton:

S.B. 360, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS PROTECTING AND AIDING VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REGISTRATION PROCESSES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY.

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

By Senators Burgin, Mayfield, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Galey and Lee:

S.B. 361, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023.

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:

March 23, 2023

H.B. 96 (Committee Substitute), 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.**

H.B. 97, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO IMPLEMENT AN IN-STATE TUITION PILOT PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN GEORGIA COUNTIES.

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

H.B. 113 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE REDESIGNATION OF FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY AS ANY OTHER NAME AS A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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

H.B. 133, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE GRAHAM COUNTY DISTRICT G AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT.

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

H.B. 158, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE CONTRACTING DATE FOR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND STANLY COUNTY JOINTLY TO ERECT BUILDINGS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO MAINTAIN MULTICAMPUS STATUS FOR THE WESTERN STANLY CAMPUS OF STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

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

H.B. 184 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE OCCUPANCY TAX RATE AUTHORIZED FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY.

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

H.B. 187 (Committee Substitute), 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.**

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H.B. 213 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL AND A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF STALLINGS TO EACH LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM.

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

H.B. 220 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LANSING, THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, AND STOKES COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.

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

H.B. 242 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE TOWN WHO MUST SIGN A PETITION TO THE TOWN BOARD TO PLACE AN ORDINANCE INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT.

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

H.B. 250 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES.

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

H.B. 278 (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.

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

H.B. 282 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO COMPILE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRADES WORKFORCE AND FUTURE TRAINING.

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 REQUIRE A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN.

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

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H.B. 411 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

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. 77 (Committee Substitute), 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. 288, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN 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**.

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTION

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

H.B. 2, AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION.

H.B. 76, AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS.

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. 54, A JOINT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE M.R. BOSKEN TO THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKS. (Res. 2023-5)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 174 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

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:

H.B. 411 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

S.B. 308, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 15.

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.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, March 27, 2023

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:

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“Father, we thank you for another day and week you’ve given us. We thank you for all that you do for us. We pray for the family of the former Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Kessler, and we pray that you’ll help them through this time of need and trouble, and help them get through it. Guide them with your hand. We pray that you’ll bless us here today and this week, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, March 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, March 28, 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 Moffitt (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Hanig, Hunt, Lowe, Murdock, B. Newton, Sawrey, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 362, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND.

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

By Senators Perry, Britt, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Hanig, Jarvis, Lazzara, Lee, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 363, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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

By Senators Daniel, Johnson, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Galey, Hanig, Jarvis, Krawiec, Lazzara, Moffitt, B. Newton, Sawrey and Sawyer:

S.B. 364, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.

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

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

S.B. 365, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A DEFAULT JURISDICTION FOR A PARCEL OF LAND THAT LIES WITHIN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATION JURISDICTION OF MORE THAN ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

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By Senators Lazzara, Perry, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Burgin, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Jarvis, Krawiec, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Woodard:

S.B. 366, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BAN DELTA-8 AND DELTA-9 PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS.

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

By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor) and Hanig:

S.B. 367, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE INTERCEPTION AND DISCLOSURE OF A WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES TO THE COMMUNICATION.

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

By Senators Meyer, Chaudhuri, Blue (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 368, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATION OF A COMMON EXAMINATION TO A SAMPLE OF CERTAIN NONPUBLIC AND PUBLIC STUDENTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENABLING OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM REPORTING AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDS FOR THE EVALUATION.

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

By Senators Moffitt, B. Newton and Hanig (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 369, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAIR ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT.

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. 51 (Committee Substitute), 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, with a favorable report.

S.B. 90 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 135 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM USING A TITLE OR ABBREVIATION INDICATING THE QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 193, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 206 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 208 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED, with a favorable report.

S.B. 239 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 276, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO USE WHEEL LOCKS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY LEASED BY THE COUNTY, 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. 5, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 35TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 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. 79, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 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**.

S.B. 228, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISBURSEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DEPOSIT MADE BY A CONDEMNOR IN A PRIVATE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

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. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE PRO-FAMILY, PRO-CONSUMER MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION ACT TO SET TRANSPARENT PARAMETERS AROUND THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES AND 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** on March 20.

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**.

S.B. 362, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST FUND, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

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 41, "An Act to Authorize Concealed Carry Permit Holders to Carry Firearms on Certain School Property at Certain Times and to Authorize Concealed Carry for Certain Law Enforcement Facility Employees, to Repeal Pistol Purchase Permits, and to Launch a Statewide Firearm Safe Storage Awareness Initiative to Educate the Public About the Importance of the Safe Storage of Firearms and to Facilitate the Distribution of Gun Locks."

Eliminating strong background checks will allow more domestic abusers and other dangerous people to own handguns and reduces law enforcement's ability to stop them from committing violent crimes. Second Amendment supporting, responsible gun owners know this will put families and communities at risk.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 24th day of March 2023, at 3:49 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, March 28, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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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. 76, AN ACT TO PROVIDE NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS WITH GREATER ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OPTIONS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, March 27, 2023 - S.L. 2023-7)

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

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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

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

RECESS**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

By Senators Johnson, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Hanig, Marcus, Mayfield and Mohammed:

S.B. 370, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR MOBILE DRIVERS LICENSES.

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

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

S.B. 371, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PURCHASE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO DISTRIBUTE FREE OF CHARGE TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS.

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

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

S.B. 372, 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**.

By Senators Batch, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield and Waddell:

S.B. 373, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING THE OPERATION OF AN UNLICENSED ADULT CARE HOME A CLASS H FELONY THAT REQUIRES PAYMENT OF A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE FOR EACH OFFENSE.

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

By Senators Moffitt and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 374, 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 Johnson (Primary Sponsor); Moffitt, B. Newton and Sanderson:

S.B. 375, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FROM REFUSING TO TREAT A PATIENT BASED ON VACCINATION STATUS.

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Hanig, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock and Robinson:

S.B. 376, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS TO REQUEST IN WRITING THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS BETWEEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGERS.

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

By Senators Burgin, McInnis, Woodard (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Hanig, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 377, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERSONNEL FOR LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES AND RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION.

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

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By Senators Jarvis, Moffitt, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Hanig, Jackson, Krawiec and McInnis:

S.B. 378, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.

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

By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 379, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRIBUTE THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS.

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. 236 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 274 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HOME ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM HOME CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

H.B. 411 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, with a favorable report.

S.J.R. 220, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF PHILIP A. BADDOUR, III, TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

S.J.R. 221, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THERESA B. STEPHENSON TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 282, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSPECTION PROCESS OF THE VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 211, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADJOINING STATES TO BE MEMBERS OF A NORTH CAROLINA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, 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, 15174, 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. 267, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS THAT ARE NOT ATTACHED TO A MOTOR VEHICLE, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 246, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND WHAT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF FIRST DEGREE TRESPASS TO INCLUDE ENTERING OR REMAINING ON THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 A.M, 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, 15179, which changes the title to read **S.B. 246** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND WHAT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF SECOND DEGREE TRESPASS TO INCLUDE ENTERING OR REMAINING ON THE CURTILAGE OF A DWELLING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 A.M, 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 **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 123, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING PREPARING, ISSUING, REQUESTING, OR REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THAT INCLUDES EXTRANEIOUS INFORMATION, 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, 45191, which changes the title to read **S.B. 123** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM KNOWINGLY PREPARING, ISSUING, REQUESTING, OR REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION NOT IN THE UNDERLYING INSURANCE POLICY AND TO CREATE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR ITS VIOLATION, 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. 134, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY POLICYHOLDERS FROM CERTAIN UNDERWRITING ABUSES, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 319, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

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

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

S.B. 200 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY AND ROBESON COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES IN ONSLOW COUNTY AND ROBESON COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY AND ROBESON COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE, 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, 15182, which changes the title to read **S.B. 200** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE, 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**.

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:

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“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. We thank you for what you did for us on the cross of Calvary, dying for our sins, defeating death, hell, and the grave, and resurrecting on the third day. We know you’re coming back. Praise you for everything that you do for us. Continue to bless us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Meyer and Senator Woodard.

POINTS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Berger, the words spoken in connection with the retirement of Mark Trogdon are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR BERGER: “Members, I believe before we get into our calendar we have a special presentation that we want to make. Senator Jackson is recognized.”

SENATOR JACKSON: “Thank you, Mr. President. Members, we have a guest with us here today that most of us have known for a number of years. I think it’s time—you know, he’s announced his retirement, and so I think we need to know a little bit more about him. So, I just wanted to tell you a little bit. You know, Mark Trogdon—he is sitting with us in the back over here—he has been working with our fiscal staff in Raleigh since the mid-1990s, after receiving his degrees from both Guilford College and UNC Chapel Hill. His dedication led him to becoming Director of the Fiscal Research Team in 2011, and he has served in that capacity with the greatest of integrity and competency. Under his direction, our Fiscal Research Division has proved to be efficient and effective in assisting with our budgeting process and development as well as identifying the fiscal impact of our other legislative goals. Mark is a wonderful colleague, whom I’m going to miss, a friend, and it has been my pleasure to work with him over the years. I look forward to seeing what his retirement brings him and what he does next, and I wish him the very best in that. Mark, if you would, would you join me here at my desk please? Mark, it is my honor to present you with this certificate from your North Carolina Senate for your twenty-eight years—or over twenty-eight years—of service to this North Carolina General Assembly. Congratulations, Mark. Thank you, Mr. President.”

SENATOR BLUE: “I left my dart set at home, so I won’t be throwing them at him. I just wanted to add a little bit to what Senator Jackson said because I knew Mark and first met him before he had any gray hairs and before I had any, when he came on staff here at the General Assembly. And I watched him as a new staffer, regardless of the assignments that he had and the way he performed those.

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I think Mark is either sixth, seventh, or eighth Director of Legislative Services that we've had here. The first two of them stayed around forever, and Mark, though, has, I think, distinguished himself in that role. But one of the things that I would point out is that he took the charge to Legislative Services seriously that it is a nonpartisan staff. And I've studied legislative bodies around the country and the kinds of ways they staff themselves, and many have designated partisan staff. They do it just like they do it in the Congress. We chose to stay with a nonpartisan staff. And I think that Mark has served admirably in leading our general staff, and I think that they have served us honorably, whether Democratically controlled or Republican controlled. And I know sometimes there was a lot of heat put on him, but I watched him operate under tremendous pressure still in a dignified, I think, and a service manner toward the people of North Carolina. He's always been responsive, regardless of who was in charge or who wasn't, to the inquiries or asks that I've made of him. I think he's been responsive to the individual members of my caucus as well as to the individual members in the Republican caucus. So, I think that it is appropriate that we recognize the extraordinary service that he has given to the people of the state of North Carolina. I asked him last week, or week before last, what he was going to do, and since he hadn't decided what he's going to do yet, I guess he is going to sort of just hang around and be in the way when he goes home and then go out and find something to do, but I think that he'll have a great retirement, but he's never going to just stop doing things and being of service to the people in this state. Whether in Greensboro or over here in the Triangle, he's a valuable North Carolinian, and I commend his service to us."

SENATOR BERGER: "So, if I could just add just a little bit. I've known Mark for over twenty years now. He is, and has been over that period of time, the consummate professional. He has been someone that is loyal to the institution of the General Assembly and has, over his career, exhibited that and demonstrated that time and time and time again. So, Mark, I want to thank you for all that you have done and to wish you well in what is clearly a well-deserved retirement and hope that things go well for you. I also would like to recognize—Mark has with him today, his wife, Renee; and his daughters, Elise and Lydia. And of course, we all know, as members, that sometimes it's a lot more difficult on family members the kind of schedule that we keep and the sorts of things that we have to do. So, I would like to thank your family for what they've done over the years to allow you to help us do what we try to do on a daily basis. So, thank you, and good luck."

Upon the appearance of Senator Woodard in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges his presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

CALENDAR

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

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S.B. 68, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, upon third reading.

The bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 49, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard--49.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 208 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED, 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. 276, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO USE WHEEL LOCKS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY LEASED BY 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. 51 (Committee Substitute), 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, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 90 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR SEARCHING STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, upon second reading.

Senator Lazzara offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (49-0).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-19).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (49-0) 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. 135 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM USING A TITLE OR ABBREVIATION INDICATING THE QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 193, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 206 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, upon second reading.

Senator McInnis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (49-0).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (49-0) 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. 239 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, upon second reading.

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (49-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (49-0) 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. 41 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, AND TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Britt offers a motion that S.B. 41 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:

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Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---19.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Lee, the Senate adjourns at 5:13 p.m., in memory of Debra Hulse Hays, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, March 29, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 248, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

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

S.B. 339, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND TO PROHIBIT THE IMPERSONATION OF TAXICAB DRIVERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 22.

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. 340, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 22.

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. 347, 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 March 22.

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**.

S.B. 348, 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** on March 22.

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**.

S.B. 341, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE SAFETY AND EMISSION INSPECTION LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 22.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment 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. 372, 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** on March 28.

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**.

S.B. 377, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERSONNEL FOR LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED SALARY INCREASES AND RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 28.

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**.

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S.B. 379, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRIBUTE THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 28.

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

S.B. 354, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPORTATION REVENUE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

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 **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REMOVAL OF A BILL SPONSOR

Senator Hunt requests to be removed as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.B. 317, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL HOUSING SHORTAGES FOR FIREFIGHTERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TEACHERS, NURSES, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND OTHER VITAL WORKERS AND FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS.

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

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

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

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

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

S.B. 380, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PASSIVE INCOME FROM SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS AND COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PHYSICIANS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS.

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

By Senators Johnson, Sawyer, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and B. Newton:

S.B. 381, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FIRE INVESTIGATIONS AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR RESIDENTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS.

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

By Senators Perry, Corbin, Johnson (Primary Sponsors) and Adcock:

S.B. 382, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Hanig, Hise, McInnis, Sanderson and Waddell:

S.B. 383, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE TRAUMA-INFORMED ASSESSMENTS AND APPROPRIATE CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE.

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

By Senators Lee, Galey, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Barnes, Batch, Chaudhuri, Lazzara, Marcus, McInnis, Mohammed, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 384, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE INSTALLATION OF ADEQUATE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RADON GAS TESTING IN ALL IDENTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

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

S.B. 385, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANESTHESIOLOGISTS TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS DURING THE SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIA CARE PROVIDED BY CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THOSE SERVICES.

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

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By Senator Rabon:

S.B. 386, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWEST TO AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

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

By Senators Marcus, Garrett, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 387, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING MODIFICATIONS ENABLING ILLEGAL EMISSIONS ON DIESEL-POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES, DEFINING AND CRIMINALIZING “COAL ROLLING,” AND REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO UNDERGO TRAINING TO DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY ILLEGAL MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS.

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

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 388, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON BETTING.

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

By Senators Hise, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Adcock and Murdock:

S.B. 389, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RAISING THE AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT FROM SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD.

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

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

S.B. 390, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE CHILD 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. 10, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTS FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO FUND TWO JAIL INSPECTOR POSITIONS.

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

H.B. 231 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION.

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

H.B. 232 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MITCHELL COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION.

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

H.B. 233, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY.

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

H.B. 238 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF CLAYTON TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF CLAYTON WITHIN JOHNSTON COUNTY.

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

H.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX.

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 29, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 41 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, AND TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

March 29, 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

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

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

March 29, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Philip E. Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear Senator Berger:

I regret to inform you Linda Gunter has withdrawn her name from consideration for an appointment as the retired teacher representative on the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 135-6, I am pleased to nominate Mary E. McCray of Mecklenburg County to serve as the new retired teacher representative on the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the North Carolina Senate.

I am grateful for her willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Mark Robinson
The Honorable Dan Blue
The Honorable Dale Folwell
Ms. Sarah Holland

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

March 29, 2023

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

S.B. 327, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM THE GENERAL STATUTES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE BY UPDATING OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO “ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR” AND “EXCEPTIONS” AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, 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. 228, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISBURSEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DEPOSIT MADE BY A CONDEMNOR IN A PRIVATE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING, 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, 45196, 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 **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

S.B. 379, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRICT THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS, with a favorable report.

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

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

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

“Let there be peace on earth; let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth; the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father; brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother; in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take; let this be my solemn vow. To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth; and let it begin with me.”* And I pray this in the name of the author of the peace that passes all understanding, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

*From *Let There Be Peace on Earth*
by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller, 1955

March 29, 2023

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, March 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 Galey and Senator Meyer.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 174 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

Pursuant to Rule 47(a), Senator Rabon offers a motion that the House Committee Substitute bill be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

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

S.J.R. 220, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF PHILIP A. BADDOUR, III, TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, 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.

S.J.R. 221, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THERESA B. STEPHENSON TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, 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.

S.B. 236 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY 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, upon second reading.

Senator Adcock offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The 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.

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S.B. 274 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HOME ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM HOME CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, upon second reading.

Senator Perry offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The 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.

H.B. 411 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION 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 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 enrolled.

S.B. 174 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator P. Newton, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (48-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Craven, the Senate adjourns at 4:35 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, March 30, at 11:00 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 123 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM KNOWINGLY PREPARING, ISSUING, REQUESTING, OR REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION NOT IN THE UNDERLYING INSURANCE POLICY AND TO CREATE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR ITS VIOLATION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 134, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY POLICYHOLDERS FROM CERTAIN UNDERWRITING ABUSES, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 200 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 211 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADJOINING STATES TO BE MEMBERS OF A NORTH CAROLINA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 246 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND WHAT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF SECOND DEGREE TRESPASS TO INCLUDE ENTERING OR REMAINING ON THE CURTILAGE OF A DWELLING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 A.M, with a favorable report.

S.B. 267, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS THAT ARE NOT ATTACHED TO A MOTOR VEHICLE, with a favorable report.

By Senator Daniel for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

S.B. 265, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR 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, 35164, 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. 286, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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, 35163, 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. 27, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN UNION COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, 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, 45202, which changes the title to read **S.B. 27** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD TO OPT TO CONDUCT PARTISAN ELECTIONS, is adopted and engrossed.

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

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 41, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AT CERTAIN TIMES AND TO AUTHORIZE CONCEALED CARRY FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY EMPLOYEES, TO REPEAL PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, AND TO LAUNCH A STATEWIDE FIREARM SAFE STORAGE AWARENESS INITIATIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, March 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-8)

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

FORTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, March 30, 2023

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 Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for this day. We thank you for the members who’ve gathered here to do the work in this General Assembly to benefit the people of North Carolina. Bless us and guide us in everything that we do and say that it may be uplifting to your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus, and all the people said, ‘Amen.’”

March 30, 2023

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, March 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 Barnes, Senator Galey, Senator Rabon, and Senator Settle.

ENROLLED BILLS

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

S.B. 174, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS.

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

H.B. 411, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 200 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ELECTRONICALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE ONSLOW COUNTY TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES VIA THE COUNTY-MAINTAINED WEBSITE FOR A FEE, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 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. 123 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM KNOWINGLY PREPARING, ISSUING, REQUESTING, OR REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION NOT IN THE UNDERLYING INSURANCE POLICY AND TO CREATE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR ITS VIOLATION, upon second reading.

March 30, 2023

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. 134, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY POLICYHOLDERS FROM CERTAIN UNDERWRITING ABUSES, 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. 211 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADJOINING STATES TO BE MEMBERS OF A NORTH CAROLINA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, 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. 246 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND WHAT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF SECOND DEGREE TRESPASS TO INCLUDE ENTERING OR REMAINING ON THE CURTILAGE OF A DWELLING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 A.M, 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. 267, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS THAT ARE NOT ATTACHED TO A MOTOR VEHICLE, 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.

Without objection, the Chair grants a leave of absence for the entirety of today's session to Senator Meyer.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Perry, the Senate adjourns at 11:33 a.m., in memory of former Senator David Hoyle, former Congressman Nick Galifianakis, and Bob Ingram, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

March 30, 2023

By Senators Hise, Daniel, Woodard (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Hunt, Krawiec, Lowe, Murdock, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 391, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS.

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

By Senators Hise, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Krawiec, Lee, B. Newton and Sanderson:

S.B. 392, 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, Krawiec and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 393, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WHEN PERFORMING ANESTHESIA ACTIVITIES DURING SURGICAL PROCEDURES.

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

By Senators Burgin, Corbin, Woodard (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Alexander, Krawiec and Robinson:

S.B. 394, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE REFORM COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LEGISLATOR TERMS, TERM LIMITS, SESSION LIMITS, AND COMPENSATION.

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

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 395, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REINSTATE A MERCHANT'S DISCOUNT.

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

By Senators Burgin, Krawiec, Corbin (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 396, 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 Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Alexander, Grafstein, Mayfield, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 397, 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**.

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

S.B. 398, 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 Marcus, Murdock, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Garrett, Grafstein, Mayfield, Meyer, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 399, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF MINORS AND ADULTS WHO HAVE DISABILITIES FROM ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY.

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

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

S.B. 400, 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 Murdock, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Marcus, Mayfield, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 401, 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 Meyer, Mayfield, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Marcus, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 402, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL HOUSE BILL 2 IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REPEALING ARTICLE 81A OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

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

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

S.B. 403, 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**.

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By Senators Lee, Krawiec, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, Hanig, Moffitt, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 404, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE FOR A VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PILOT PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Sanderson (Primary Sponsor) and Perry:

S.B. 405, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PHOTOGRAPH ON HANDICAPPED PLACARDS ISSUED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

By Senators Lee, Barnes, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 406, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, TO REQUIRE A SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE EARLY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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

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

S.B. 407, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT AND SUPPORT RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATE CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING UTERINE FIBROIDS; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig and B. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 408, 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 Britt, McInnis, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Hanig, Krawiec, Moffitt, B. Newton and Settle:

S.B. 409, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT.

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

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

S.B. 410, 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**.

By Senators P. Newton, Daniel, Hise (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Burgin, Ford, Jarvis, Krawiec, Lee, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 411, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS AND THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST (PSAT).

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

By Senators Burgin, Lazzara and Krawiec (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 412, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE RULES RELATED TO THE INSPECTION OF ESTABLISHMENTS THAT PREPARE OR SERVE FOOD.

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

By Senators Burgin, Krawiec, Hise (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Hunt and McInnis:

S.B. 413, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE FUNDING TO DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE CHILD CARE ACCESS.

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

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Barnes, B. Newton, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 414, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCENTIVIZE AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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

By Senators Britt, Perry, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Batch, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, McInnis, Mohammed, B. Newton, Overcash, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Settle and Waddell:

S.B. 415, 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 Waddell, Murdock, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Meyer and Smith:

S.B. 416, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH NORTH CAROLINA AS A MEMBER OF THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

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

By Senators Waddell, Murdock and Applewhite (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 417, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION.

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

By Senators Batch, Meyer, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 418, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT.

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

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Hunt, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 419, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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

S.B. 420, 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 Batch, Garrett, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 421, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE EIGHT WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE TO ALL STATE EMPLOYEES.

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

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

S.B. 422, 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.

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

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Marcus (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Hunt, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 423, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING DEED RESTRICTIONS ON SOLAR COLLECTORS AND TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN THIRD-PARTY SALES OF RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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

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

S.B. 424, 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 Krawiec, Burgin and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 425, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE LAWS PERTAINING TO MEDICAID AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Hise, Adcock (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Meyer, B. Newton and Sanderson:

S.B. 426, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE THE STATE AUDITOR ACCESS TO THE MEDICAL BOARD'S RECORDS.

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

By Senators Mayfield and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 427, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSAL OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESIDUE PROPERTY AND FOR ENCROACHMENTS.

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. 347 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE SPORTS WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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

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H.B. 296, 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. 248, 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 TERRORISTS' 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. 210 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.

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

H.B. 190 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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. 180, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING HAYWOOD COUNTY AS THE ELK CAPITAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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

H.B. 168 (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.

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

H.B. 142 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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

H.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAW RIVER STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

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. 149 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES AND TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

S.B. 17, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 33RD SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 26.

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. 331, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 21.

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. 383, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE TRAUMA-INFORMED ASSESSMENTS AND APPROPRIATE CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

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**.

S.B. 386, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWEST TO AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL DISTRICTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

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

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S.B. 384, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE INSTALLATION OF ADEQUATE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RADON GAS TESTING IN ALL IDENTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOLS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

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. 404, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM OFFICE FOR A VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PILOT PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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**.

S.B. 406, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, TO REQUIRE A SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE EARLY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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

S.B. 407, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO CONDUCT AND SUPPORT RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATE CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING UTERINE FIBROIDS; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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**.

S.B. 411, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS AND THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST (PSAT), referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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

S.B. 415, 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 30.

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**.

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. 411, AN ACT TO APPOINT PERSONS TO VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICES UPON THE RECOMMENDATION 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, March 30, 2023 - S.L. 2023-9)

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

FORTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, April 3, 2023

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, you’ve given us another day, another week. Thank you for this Holy Week and your death, burial, and resurrection. We praise you for that and praise you for what you do for us every day. Help us, guide us, and direct us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, March 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 4:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, April 4, 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 Proctor, Burgin, McInnis (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 428, 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 Moffitt, Woodard, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield and Waddell:

S.B. 429, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS, TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND CERTAIN FINANCIAL REPORTS BE NOTARIZED.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Settle and Hanig (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 430, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AWARDS IN YOUTH RECREATION ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS BASED SOLELY ON PARTICIPATION.

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

By Senators Hanig, Alexander, Jarvis (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Krawiec, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 431, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING A NOMINAL ADMISSION FEE ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESSES TO BE REMITTED QUARTERLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DEPOSITED INTO THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION GRANT FUND AND CREATING THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION GRANT FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND NONPROFITS THAT ARE WORKING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

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

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

S.B. 432, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD WAIVERS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE CLASS SIZE REQUIREMENTS.

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

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

S.B. 433, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT CERTAIN HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND HISTORICALLY MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Lowe, Meyer and Mohammed:

S.B. 434, 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. 435, 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**.

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor) and Mohammed:

S.B. 436, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE MALES PLACE, INC.

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

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

S.B. 437, 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**.

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By Senators Jackson, Perry, Britt (Primary Sponsors) and Jarvis:

S.B. 438, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY REHABILITATED USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS OR HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS BY LIMITING THE ABILITY OF ASSESSORS TO REAPPRAISE REAL PROPERTY AT HIGHER VALUES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES.

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

By Senators McInnis, Johnson, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Proctor and Woodard:

S.B. 439, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN FORECLOSURE SALES TO BE CONDUCTED AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC LOCATIONS, TO EXPAND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE TO COMMENCE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE.

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

By Senators Waddell, Hunt (Primary Sponsors); Blue, Meyer, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 440, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE WAGE AND HOUR ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR.

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

By Senators Burgin, Krawiec and Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 441, 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 Senators Moffitt and Hanig (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 442, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Batch and Robinson:

S.B. 443, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE CHILD SUPPORT OWED IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE THE CHILD IS PLACED IN FOSTER CARE AND THE ABILITY TO SUSPEND AND REDUCE CHILD SUPPORT OWED.

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

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

S.B. 444, 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 Senator Daniel:

S.B. 445, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

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

By Senators Johnson, Chaudhuri, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Mohammed and Murdock:

S.B. 446, 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 Murdock, Mayfield, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 447, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR BY 2025, AND THEN ADJUSTING THE MINIMUM WAGE AUTOMATICALLY EACH YEAR BY INCREASES IN THE COST OF LIVING; ENDING THE SUBMINIMUM WAGE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES; PHASING OUT THE SUBMINIMUM WAGE FOR TIPPED EMPLOYEES; AND ENDING THE EXEMPTION FOR AGRICULTURAL, DOMESTIC, AND INCARCERATED WORKERS.

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

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By Senators Sanderson, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Britt, Hunt, Krawiec, Marcus, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, Robinson, Sawrey, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 448, 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 Woodard, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Hise, Mayfield, Mohammed, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 449, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS BY A TAXPAYER THAT ELECTS TO TAKE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION.

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

By Senators Garrett, Robinson, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 450, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DESTROY UNCLAIMED FIREARMS AND FIREARMS CONFISCATED AFTER CONVICTION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES.

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

By Senators Britt, Mayfield, Burgin (Primary Sponsors) and Mohammed:

S.B. 451, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA JAIL FUND TO ASSIST SHERIFFS IN COMPLYING WITH THE MINIMUM HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS SET FOR COUNTY JAILS.

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

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

S.B. 452, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 453, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND STANDARDS SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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

By Senator Perry:

S.B. 454, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD.

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

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

S.B. 455, 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.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor) and Meyer:

S.B. 456, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE OUTREACH, EDUCATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND PROMOTION OF EMPLOYEE EQUITY OWNERSHIP PLANS BY BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE STATE.

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

By Senators Woodard, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Mayfield and Meyer:

S.B. 457, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SCOPE AND PUNISHMENT OF CERTAIN DOG FIGHTING AND BAITING OFFENSES; TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS WHEN THE INTERCEPTION MAY PROVIDE EVIDENCE OR EXPEDITE THE APPREHENSION OF PERSONS INDICTED FOR FELONY ANIMAL FIGHTING OFFENSES; TO AMEND THE DANGEROUS DOG LAWS TO PERMIT A CASE BY CASE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER A DOG TRAINED FOR DOG FIGHTING IS DANGEROUS; AND TO MAKE ANIMAL FIGHTING AND OTHER CRUELTY TO ANIMAL OFFENSES SUBJECT TO THE STATE RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS LAW.

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

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

S.B. 458, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY PERSONS SEEKING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR OVERDOSES AND TO BROADEN LIMITED IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN COVERED OFFENSES AND PERSONS.

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

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

S.B. 459, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXEMPTING PROVIDERS OF PHYSICIAN OFFICE-BASED VASCULAR ACCESS PROCEDURES FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW.

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

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

S.B. 460, 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**.

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

S.B. 461, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE EARNED INCOME 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. 252, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH JURISDICTION FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR LAND THAT LIES WITHIN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT JURISDICTION OF MORE THAN ONE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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

H.B. 306, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS FLEXIBILITY IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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

H.B. 382 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES TO BE EMPLOYED AS SCHOOL NURSES.

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. 27 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD TO OPT TO CONDUCT PARTISAN ELECTIONS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 228 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISBURSEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DEPOSIT MADE BY A CONDEMNOR IN A PRIVATE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 286 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 379, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRIBUTE THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

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

S.B. 341, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE SAFETY AND EMISSION INSPECTION LAWS, referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** on March 28, with sequential referrals to the **Finance Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Transportation Committee** is added before the referral to the **Finance Committee**.

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

S.B. 371, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PURCHASE OPIOID ANTAGONISTS FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO DISTRIBUTE FREE OF CHARGE TO NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 28.

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**.

S.B. 433, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT CERTAIN HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND HISTORICALLY MINORITY-SERVING INSTITUTIONS IN 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** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 434, 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 April 3.

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**.

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S.B. 435, 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 April 3.

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**.

S.B. 436, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE MALES PLACE, INC, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

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**.

S.B. 448, 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 April 3.

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**.

S.B. 456, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE OUTREACH, EDUCATION, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND PROMOTION OF EMPLOYEE EQUITY OWNERSHIP PLANS BY BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

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**.

S.B. 14, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 49TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on January 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 TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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**.

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S.B. 429, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS, TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND CERTAIN FINANCIAL REPORTS BE NOTARIZED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

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**.

S.B. 438, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY REHABILITATED USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS OR HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS BY LIMITING THE ABILITY OF ASSESSORS TO REAPPRAISE REAL PROPERTY AT HIGHER VALUES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

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**.

S.B. 446, 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** on April 3.

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**.

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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. 11, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, AND THE GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND ARE GOVERNED BY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE BOARDS AND ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, April 3, 2023 - S.L. 2023-10)

H.B. 2, AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, April 3, 2023 - S.L. 2023-11)

S.B. 174, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE REVENUE LAWS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, April 3, 2023 - S.L. 2023-12)

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

FORTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, April 4, 2023

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

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 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:

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By Senators Hunt, Marcus (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 462, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE STATE TROOPERS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO INCREASE MAGISTRATES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO REVISE CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, TO EXPAND THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE CHARLOTTE IMAP CENTER, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

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

By Senators Jarvis, Moffitt, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and McInnis:

S.B. 463, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE HOME INSPECTOR LICENSING BOARD POWERS AND FEES AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING LICENSING AND EXAMINATION FOR CODE OFFICIALS AND POWERS OF THE NC CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD.

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

By Senators Jarvis, Britt, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors) and Alexander:

S.B. 464, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AGE OF SEXUAL CONSENT FROM 16 YEARS OF AGE TO 18 YEARS OF AGE.

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

By Senators Lazzara (Primary Sponsor); McInnis and Sanderson:

S.B. 465, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THEIR ORDINANCE-MAKING JURISDICTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTIES AND GRANTING ALL COUNTIES THE SAME AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS.

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

By Senators Perry, Lee (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, McInnis and Moffitt:

S.B. 466, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE GENOMIC TESTING TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER EXPERIENCING CERTAIN ACUTE OR COMPLEX ILLNESSES.

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

By Senators Murdock, Batch, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 467, 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 Salvador, Applewhite, Waddell (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Chaudhuri, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 468, 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.

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

By Senators Salvador, Murdock, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Batch, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 469, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT MATERNAL HEALTH IN BLACK COMMUNITIES.

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

By Senators Galey, Settle, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, McInnis and Sawyer:

S.B. 470, 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**.

By Senators Woodard, Batch, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 471, 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 Sanderson, Corbin, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Krawiec, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed and Murdock:

S.B. 472, 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 Burgin, Krawiec, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Lowe, McInnis, Mohammed and Murdock:

S.B. 473, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS AND PSYCHIATRISTS FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM AND RESERVE AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 474, 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 Senator Smith:

S.B. 475, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE CITY OF PINETOPS TO HIRE ONE ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER.

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

By Senators Gale, Britt and Overcash (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 476, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 53 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW REFERENCE IN FAMILY LAW MATTERS.

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

By Senators Gale and Overcash (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 477, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.

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

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 478, 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 Batch, Garrett, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 479, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO HIRE NORTH CAROLINA WORKERS.

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

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 480, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAMILIES AND VETERANS CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT.

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

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

S.B. 481, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESSES.

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

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

S.B. 482, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A BUSINESS INCOME TAX DEDUCTION.

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

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 483, 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 Batch, Garrett, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION DAY AN OFFICIAL STATE HOLIDAY AND TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO MAKE THAT DAY A PAID HOLIDAY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 485, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON VARIOUS CELL PHONE POLICIES IN SCHOOLS.

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

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

S.B. 486, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RAISE THE PAY RATE OF JURORS.

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

By Senators Johnson, Settle, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Britt, Burgin, Hanig, Jarvis, Krawiec, Moffitt, Sanderson and Sawrey:

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

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

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By Senators Burgin, Krawiec, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Hise, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock and Robinson:

S.B. 488, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE CERTAIN MEDICAID RATES IN ORDER TO RAISE THE WAGES OF DIRECT CARE WORKERS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING SERVICES THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOVATIONS WAIVER PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Moffitt and Johnson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 489, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL STATUTES.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Sawrey:

S.B. 490, 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.**

By Senators Moffitt and Krawiec (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 491, 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 Senators Britt, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Krawiec and McInnis:

S.B. 492, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION.

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

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

S.B. 493, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE AN ONGOING, INCREASED SOURCE OF FUNDS ABOVE THE BASE BUDGET FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM AND THE NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC., TO RAISE THE BASE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR NC PRE-K SITES BY THREE PERCENT FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN EARLY EDUCATION TEACHERS AND DIRECTORS.

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

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By Senators Salvador, Applewhite, Grafstein (Primary Sponsors); Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 494, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT INQUIRIES ABOUT AN APPLICANT'S SALARY HISTORY DURING THE HIRING PROCESS.

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

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

S.B. 495, 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 Batch, Garrett, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Blue, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 496, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER TO RESTRICT TEMPORARILY A PERSON'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON POSES A DANGER OF PHYSICAL HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS, TO PROMOTE GUN SAFETY BY STRENGTHENING THE LAW GOVERNING THE SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS, TO REQUIRE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, TO MAKE THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBLE FOR PISTOL PURCHASE PERMITS, TO REINSTATE THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A PISTOL FOR PRIVATE SALES, AND TO EXEMPT FIREARM SAFETY AND STORAGE ITEMS FROM THE SALES TAX.

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

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Chaudhuri, Marcus, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 497, 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 Batch, Garrett, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Blue, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 498, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FIREARM SAFETY AND STORAGE ITEMS FROM THE SALES TAX.

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

By Senators Lee, Proctor, Barnes (Primary Sponsors) and Hise:

S.B. 499, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR SCHOOL CALENDARS THAT ARE NOT STATUTORILY COMPLIANT AND TO AUTHORIZE A HIGH SCHOOL REMOTE INSTRUCTION FLEXIBILITY PILOT.

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

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Blue, Chaudhuri, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 500, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND STANDARDS SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

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

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

S.B. 501, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE APPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM AND TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE.

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

By Senators Hunt, Waddell, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 502, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADES TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SCHOOLS RECEIVE A GRADE FOR SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND A GRADE FOR SCHOOL GROWTH.

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

By Senators Marcus, Murdock, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Lowe, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 503, 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 Sanderson (Primary Sponsor); Krawiec, McInnis and Moffitt:

S.B. 504, 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 Sanderson (Primary Sponsor); Hise, B. Newton and Sawrey:

S.B. 505, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF CHARITABLE DONORS.

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

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By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Alexander, Burgin, Krawiec, Moffitt and Sanderson:

S.J.R. 506, A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO CONGRESS FOR THE CALLING OF A CONVENTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

By Senators Hise, Krawiec, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Jarvis, B. Newton and Perry:

S.B. 507, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION.

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

By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor); Burgin, Craven, Krawiec, McInnis and B. Newton:

S.B. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-FUNDED AND VOLUNTEER PRISON CHAPLAINS.

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

By Senators Smith, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 509, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF VICTIMS OF RAPE REGARDING THE STATUS OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KIT.

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

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

S.B. 510, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSTITUENT BILL OF RIGHTS.

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

By Senators Hanig, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Grafstein and Woodard:

S.B. 511, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF UNOWNED CATS AND AMENDING LAWS FOR DISPOSAL OF ANIMALS SURRENDERED TO AN ANIMAL SHELTER.

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

By Senators Daniel, Rabon, Berger (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 512, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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

S.B. 513, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALING ARTS COMMISSION AND TO CREATE LICENSURE PROCESSES FOR REFLEXOLOGISTS, NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS.

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

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors) and McInnis:

S.B. 514, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REGULATORY CHANGES RELATED TO, AND TO CREATE OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR, THE MENTAL HEALTH LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION SECTION OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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

By Senators Sawyer, Perry, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Moffitt:

S.B. 515, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME FOR WHICH THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND PROPOSED RATES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PENDING INVESTIGATION, TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF A WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO LIMIT WATER AND SEWER SURCHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICE.

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

By Senators Sawyer (Primary Sponsor); Alexander, Applewhite, Britt, Marcus, Mohammed and Murdock:

S.B. 516, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY AS THE LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO CANCER CLUSTER INVESTIGATIONS; ESTABLISHING A CANCER CLUSTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITIONS TO ASSIST THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY WITH ITS CANCER CLUSTER INVESTIGATION DUTIES.

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

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By Senators Sawyer (Primary Sponsor) and Marcus:

S.B. 517, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE REMEDIATION OF CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION PRODUCTS STRUCTURAL FILL SITES.

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

By Senators Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor); Britt and Hise:

S.B. 518, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING MUSEUM IN THE STATE.

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

By Senators Blue (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 519, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT PROPERTY VALUE INCREASES DURING REAPPRAISALS THAT ARE ATTRIBUTABLE SOLELY TO FAVORABLE ZONING ORDINANCES TO THOSE INSTANCES WHERE THE PROPERTY OWNER ACTUALLY ENGAGES IN THE ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES PERMITTED BY SUCH ZONING.

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

By Senators Garrett, Lowe, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 520, 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 Johnson, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and Sawyer:

S.B. 521, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY LICENSING PROGRAM FOR CANNABINOID-RELATED COMPOUNDS.

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

By Senators Hunt, Murdock, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 522, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ON INFORMATIONAL LITERACY IN SCHOOLS.

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

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

S.B. 523, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN SCHOOLS.

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

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By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock and Robinson:

S.B. 524, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A MASTER'S DEGREE IS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE.

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

By Senators Salvador, Moffitt, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 525, 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 Moffitt and Johnson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 526, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BEER AND WINE WHOLESALERS TO OFFER QUANTITY DISCOUNTS TO RETAIL PERMITTEES.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Johnson, Hanig (Primary Sponsors) and McInnis:

S.B. 527, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY.

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

By Senators Salvador, Mayfield, Waddell (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Meyer, Mohammed and Murdock:

S.B. 528, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CLEAN AIR GRANT PROGRAM.

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

By Senators Moffitt, Woodard and Alexander (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 529, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT.

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

By Senators Salvador, Garrett, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 530, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT.

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

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By Senators Hise (Primary Sponsor) and Moffitt:

S.B. 531, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW.

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

By Senators Lowe, Hunt, Waddell (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock and Robinson:

S.B. 532, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE ELIMINATION OF RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS FIRST EARNING SERVICE UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, OR THE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAMS, ESTABLISHED UNDER G.S. 135-5.1 AND G.S. 135-5.4, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor) and B. Newton:

S.B. 533, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY MEANS OF FINANCING DEFICIT EVENTS.

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. 341, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE SAFETY AND EMISSION INSPECTION 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, 35216, is adopted and engrossed.

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

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

H.B. 149 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES AND TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, 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, 30245, which changes the title to read **H.B. 149** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, is adopted and engrossed.

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

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 340, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 80, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE STATE AUDITOR DISCLOSURE AND DISCOVERY 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, 15253, 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. 512, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, with a favorable report.

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

S.B. 308, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, 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, 15254, 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. 303, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE DEFINITION OF DELINQUENT JUVENILE, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES CHARGED WITH CERTAIN FELONIES, AND TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, 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, 45274, which changes the title to read **S.B. 303** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES CHARGED WITH CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, 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. 44, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION, with a favorable report.

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

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

S.B. 265 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 282, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSPECTION PROCESS OF THE VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD, with a favorable report.

S.B. 327, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM THE GENERAL STATUTES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE BY UPDATING OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO

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“ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR” AND “EXCEPTIONS” AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, 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. 462, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE STATE TROOPERS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO INCREASE MAGISTRATES IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, TO REVISE CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF RESPONSIBILITY, TO EXPAND THE OPERATIONAL HOURS OF THE CHARLOTTE IMAP CENTER, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 466, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE COVERAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE GENOMIC TESTING TO MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER EXPERIENCING CERTAIN ACUTE OR COMPLEX ILLNESSES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 467, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA MOMNIBUS ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 469, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT MATERNAL HEALTH IN BLACK COMMUNITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

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S.B. 475, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE CITY OF PINETOPS TO HIRE ONE ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 486, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RAISE THE PAY RATE OF JURORS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 493, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE AN ONGOING, INCREASED SOURCE OF FUNDS ABOVE THE BASE BUDGET FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM AND THE NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN, INC., TO RAISE THE BASE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR NC PRE-K SITES BY THREE PERCENT FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN EARLY EDUCATION TEACHERS AND DIRECTORS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 500, 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** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 501, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE APPRENTICESHIP PILOT PROGRAM AND TO REDUCE PARENT COPAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 504, 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 April 4.

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**.

S.B. 510, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSTITUENT BILL OF RIGHTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 518, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING MUSEUM IN THE STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 520, 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 April 4.

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**.

S.B. 524, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE EDUCATION-BASED SALARY SUPPLEMENTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A MASTER'S DEGREE IS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 528, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CLEAN AIR GRANT PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

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S.B. 465, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THEIR ORDINANCE-MAKING JURISDICTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTIES AND GRANTING ALL COUNTIES THE SAME AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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. 477, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary 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. 492, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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. 499, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR SCHOOL CALENDARS THAT ARE NOT STATUTORILY COMPLIANT AND TO AUTHORIZE A HIGH SCHOOL REMOTE INSTRUCTION FLEXIBILITY PILOT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 331, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE 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, 35224, 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 Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Lisa S. Barnes, Senator from Nash County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, I just worship you today as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. As we celebrate this Passion week, Lord, I just ask that we would all take time to remember your great suffering and your great sacrifice so that we might have eternal life. Lord, I ask that you would continue to give us great wisdom and direction as we make decisions for the citizens of North Carolina. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Robinson, and Senator Salvador.

CALENDAR

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

S.B. 286 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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. 379, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRICT THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS, 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. 27 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD TO OPT TO CONDUCT PARTISAN ELECTIONS, upon second reading.

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Upon the appearance of Senator Robinson in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges her presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (32-16) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 228 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISBURSEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE DEPOSIT MADE BY A CONDEMNOR IN A PRIVATE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING, 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.

BILL FILING DEADLINE EXTENDED

Senator Rabon offers a motion that Senate Rules 40.2(b) and (c) be suspended to the end that members may file public bills until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6. The motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

SENATE PAGES

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

Jenny Browne, Pfafftown; Nora DeSelms, Jacksonville; Connor Gamble, Fuquay-Varina; Kimberly Gomez-Gonzalez, Willow Spring; Noah Harrell, Nashville; Clare Harris, Smithfield; Logan Hickman, Lumberton; Micah Locklear, Lumberton; Joey Melone, Arden; Whitley Kate Moore, Smithfield; and Shreelakshya Reddi, Cary.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Craven submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**HONORING DALE F. HALTON.**"

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Craven, the Senate adjourns at 4:21 p.m., in memory of Mrs. Dale Fowler Halton, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, April 5, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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

S.B. 326, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FUND THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY AMENDING THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUM ASSESSMENT AND TO SET RETAINED EARNING LIMITS FOR THE VOLUNTEER SAFETY WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND, 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, 45282, which changes the title to read **S.B. 326** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, AND TO SET A MAXIMUM RESERVE FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND, is adopted and engrossed.

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

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

FORTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 5, 2023

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

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

RECESS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

By Senators Hanig, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Batch, Britt, Craven, Hise, Jarvis, Johnson, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Mohammed, Murdock, Perry, Sanderson and Sawrey:

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S.B. 534, 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 Krawiec, Ford, Alexander (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, McInnis and B. Newton:

S.B. 535, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CAUSE THE FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS UNDER THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN CRIMINAL OFFENSES WHILE IN OFFICE AND TO UPDATE ASSOCIATED RETIREMENT RECORDS.

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

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor); Hanig and Proctor:

S.B. 536, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAWS TO ESTABLISH A SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM IN NORTH CAROLINA.

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

By Senators Marcus, Sawyer and Hunt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 537, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF HAZARD WARNING SIGNAL LAMPS FOR VEHICLES STOPPED IN HIGHWAY TRAFFIC.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 538, 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 Johnson (Primary Sponsor); Hanig and Proctor:

S.B. 539, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SMALL BUSINESS TRUTH IN FINANCING ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 540, 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**.

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By Senators Daniel, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors) and Mayfield:

S.B. 541, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO REVITALIZE THE HISTORIC ASHEVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Galey, Barnes and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 542, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Murdock, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Marcus, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 543, 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**.

By Senator Sawrey:

S.B. 544, 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. 545, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey (Primary Sponsor) and McInnis:

S.B. 546, 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 Senators Meyer, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Marcus and Mayfield:

S.B. 547, 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 Sawrey, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Chaudhuri, Hunt, Jackson, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, Murdock, Sawyer, Settle and Woodard:

S.B. 548, 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 Sawyer (Primary Sponsor) and McInnis:

S.B. 549, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENEWALS AND EXTENSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT MORATORIA IMPOSED DUE TO PLANNED DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Marcus and Mohammed:

S.B. 550, 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 Moffitt, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors) and B. Newton:

S.B. 551, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RESTORE THE LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR CLAIMS BASED ON TRANSMISSION OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19).

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Daniel, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Barnes and Moffitt:

S.B. 552, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY PUBLIC ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Perry, Craven, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and McInnis:

S.B. 553, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO REGULATE SUPPORT ANIMALS AND SERVICE ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES; TO EXPAND AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS; TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO LANDLORD-TENANT LAW; AND TO ADJUST THE APPLICABILITY OF HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS' DECLARATION AMENDMENTS TO HOMEOWNERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Marcus, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Hunt, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 554, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO STUDY AND ABATE OCULAR MELANOMA IN NORTHERN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Marcus, Meyer, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Mayfield, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 555, 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 2023 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 Murdock, Mayfield, Marcus (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Hunt, Meyer, Mohammed, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 556, 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 Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Hunt, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 557, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE BIDDER" TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MINORITY AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES USED IN STATE CONTRACTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 558, 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**.

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By Senators Krawiec and Ford (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 559, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Daniel, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Johnson, Lazzara, McInnis, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Sanderson, Sawrey and Sawyer:

S.B. 560, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH GOVERNING PROVISIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA FOR PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Mayfield, Meyer and Murdock:

S.B. 561, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING THE BAN ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawyer, Lazzara and McInnis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 562, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GOVERN RELOCATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY FACILITIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Waddell:

S.B. 563, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT 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 Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 564, 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 Britt, Lazzara, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Mohammed and Murdock:

S.B. 565, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Grafstein, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock and Smith:

S.B. 566, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF INNOVATIONS WAIVER SLOTS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2023-2025 FISCAL BIENNIUM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Batch, Garrett, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Chaudhuri, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 567, 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 Batch, Garrett, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson and Waddell:

S.B. 568, 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 Marcus (Primary Sponsor) and Applewhite:

S.B. 569, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DEVELOP AN OPERATIONAL PLAN TO CREATE A DIGITAL APPLICATION TO REPORT THREATS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor) and Corbin:

S.B. 570, 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 Senator Burgin:

S.B. 571, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT LIABILITY FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NONGOVERNMENTAL INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS WORKING WITH AND FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Johnson (Primary Sponsors) and Hanig:

S.B. 572, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCENTIVIZE NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN THE MANUFACTURING OF SPIRITOUS LIQUOR BY

CAPPING THE TAX ON CERTAIN PURCHASES, INCLUDING SPIRITOUS LIQUOR THAT HAS BEEN AGED FOR AT LEAST TWELVE MONTHS IN ORBIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Hanig, Corbin and Woodard (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 573, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SCHOOL FINANCE OFFICERS' EMPLOYMENT TO MIRROR THOSE OF ASSISTANT AND ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Gale, Craven, Jarvis (Primary Sponsors) and Murdock:

S.B. 574, 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.**

By Senators Marcus, Sawyer, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Grafstein, Hunt, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 575, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO WAIVE THE REQUIRED ONE-YEAR PERIOD OF SEPARATION FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE WHEN A PERSON IN THE MARRIAGE IS A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Sanderson, Krawiec, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Burgin, Hanig and Hise:

S.B. 576, 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 Senators McInnis, Sawyer, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Woodard:

S.B. 577, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LAWS RELATED TO MOTOR VEHICLES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Moffitt, Krawiec, Corbin (Primary Sponsors) and Grafstein:

S.B. 578, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF STATE HUMAN RESOURCES, TO STUDY THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE EMPLOYMENT BY STATE AGENCIES

OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, INCLUDING TARGETING EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE 2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators B. Newton, Britt, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Burgin, McInnis, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators McInnis, Sawyer, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Hanig and Woodard:

S.B. 580, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators McInnis, Lazzara and Sawyer (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 581, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPLACE THE ANNUAL SALES AND USE TAX REFUND FOR COUNTIES AND CITIES WITH A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Jackson, Sanderson, B. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Burgin, Galey, Hanig, Jarvis, McInnis, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Sawrey and Woodard:

S.B. 582, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor) and Smith:

S.B. 583, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE NEEDS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE HOUSING BARRIERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS AND TO MITIGATE HOMELESSNESS IN THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senators Batch, Chaudhuri, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 584, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING AND TO REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND ULTRASOUNDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DENSE BREAST TISSUE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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By Senators Batch, Garrett, Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 585, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INCOME RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 586, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE FAIR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM OF SERVICES PERFORMED IN AN AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Applewhite, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 587, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REPEALING LAWS THAT LIMIT LABOR ORGANIZING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Applewhite (Primary Sponsor); Marcus, Mohammed, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 588, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RAISE THE PAY RATE OF JURORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Applewhite (Primary Sponsor); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 589, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION OR RETALIATION IN EMPLOYMENT FOR ABSENCES OF MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL PERFORMING AUTHORIZED DUTIES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EMPLOYER EDUCATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador, Garrett (Primary Sponsors); Murdock, Robinson, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 590, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TAX INCENTIVE FOR ANGEL INVESTORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador (Primary Sponsor); Marcus, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 591, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EYELASH ART TECHNICIAN LICENSE UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COSMETIC ART EXAMINERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Woodard:

S.B. 592, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CENTRAL PARK SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN IN DURHAM COUNTY TO CONDUCT A WEIGHTED ADMISSIONS LOTTERY PILOT PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Woodard:

S.B. 593, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LEVEL 2 LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Chaudhuri, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Lowe and Waddell:

S.B. 594, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ATTRACT FAMILY AMUSEMENT PARKS TO THE STATE.

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. 48 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULES ADOPTED BY THE APPRAISAL BOARD SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE REVIEW.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 172 (Committee Substitute), 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. 253, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CHARACTER EDUCATION IN ADDRESSING BULLYING AND HARASSING BEHAVIOR, TO AUTHORIZE EXPERIENCED NONPROFITS TO PROVIDE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEX TRAFFICKING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS, AND TO PROVIDE AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ON PREVENTION OF SUICIDE, ABUSE, AND NEGLECT AS PART OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 287 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 323 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 344, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 354, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CHIROPRACTIC CLINICAL ASSISTANTS IN A CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 392, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT CERTIFIED REFLEXOLOGISTS FROM OVERSIGHT FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 422 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 449, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH, SURF CITY, AND TOPSAIL BEACH TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THEIR ORDINANCE-MAKING JURISDICTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 452 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION METHOD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 149 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 80 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE STATE AUDITOR DISCLOSURE AND DISCOVERY ACT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 303 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES CHARGED WITH CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 308 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 331 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE ACT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 340, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 512, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, with a favorable report.

By Senator McInnis for the **Transportation Committee**:

S.B. 354, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPORTATION REVENUE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

S.B. 203, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLK COUNTY TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT SKATEBOARDING, 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, 15286, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 20 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLIGENCE, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

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 Mike Woodard, Senator from Durham County, as follows:

“Dear God, you have made us one with you. You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us. Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection. God, in accepting one another whole heartedly, fully, and completely we accept you, and we thank you; and we love you with our whole being, because our being is your being; our spirit is rooted in your spirit. Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united as one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious. Amen.”

Prayer by Thomas Merton

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 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 Hunt, Senator Lee, and Senator Salvador.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Lowe submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY’S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM.**”

Senator Lowe submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING THE WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM.**”

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

H.B. 149 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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. 265 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, upon second reading.

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Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0) and changes the title to read, **S.B. 265** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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. 282, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSPECTION PROCESS OF THE VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (38-9) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 327, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM THE GENERAL STATUTES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE BY UPDATING OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO “ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR” AND “EXCEPTIONS” AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (45-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 149 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, upon second reading.

The Senate 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Mayfield, the Senate adjourns at 4:29 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 6, at 11:00 a.m.

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RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 308 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, on the calendar of Thursday, April 6.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Thursday, April 6, and 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:

S.B. 419, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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**.

S.B. 420, 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** on March 30.

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**.

S.B. 422, 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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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**.

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S.B. 424, 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 30.

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**.

S.B. 523, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS IN SCHOOLS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

S.B. 541, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO REVITALIZE THE HISTORIC ASHEVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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**.

S.B. 554, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO STUDY AND ABATE OCULAR MELANOMA IN NORTHERN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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**.

S.B. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-FUNDED AND VOLUNTEER PRISON CHAPLAINS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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. 531, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

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S.B. 544, 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 April 5.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 549, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENEWALS AND EXTENSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT MORATORIA IMPOSED DUE TO PLANNED DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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**.

S.B. 565, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 6, 2023

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 Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Our God, our Father, we thank thee and we love thee because you first loved us. Because you sent your Son, Christ Jesus, to break into human history, to lay in a manger, to be born of a woman, to die and to get up on the third day with all power in your hand. We ask that you would help us as we deliberate, we discuss, and we

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share for the betterment of North Carolina. Help us to do those things that you have called us to do. Help us to lift someone up. Help us to point someone in the right direction. Help us to do those things that you have called each and every one of us to do. In thy name we pray these things, and all of the people said, 'Amen.'”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 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 Chaudhuri, Senator Galey, and Senator Salvador.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 80 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE STATE AUDITOR DISCLOSURE AND DISCOVERY 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.

S.B. 303 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES CHARGED WITH CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Grafstein is excused from voting on the bill due to a possible conflict of interest.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, 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.

S.B. 331 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE ACT, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Burgin is excused from voting on the bill because he is a partner in an automotive group.

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. 340, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES, 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.

S.B. 512, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, upon second reading.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (32-15).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Mohammed, the Senate adjourns at 11:55 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, April 10, at 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

Bills and a resolution filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Hise, Burgin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock and Krawiec:

S.B. 595, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PRIMARY CARE PAYMENT REFORM TASK FORCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Waddell:

S.B. 596, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GENESIS PROJECT FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER IN CHARLOTTE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); Adcock and Burgin:

S.B. 597, 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**.

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By Senators Waddell, Batch, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Garrett, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 598, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Galey:

S.B. 599, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO GRANT MULTICAMPUS CENTER STATUS TO OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITES MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mayfield and Sawrey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 600, 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 Johnson, Lazzara, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Applewhite, Garrett, Hanig, Mayfield, Moffitt, Mohammed and Robinson:

S.B. 601, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE POLICY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Meyer, Johnson (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Mohammed, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 602, 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 Senators Marcus, Moffitt, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors) and Adcock:

S.B. 603, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE RECORDS RELATING TO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Alexander, Jarvis and Galey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 604, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A MOTORCYCLE ROAD GUARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING MOTORCYCLE ROAD GUARD CERTIFICATE HOLDERS TO SERVE AS TRAFFIC-CONTROL OFFICERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Alexander, Moffitt, Ford (Primary Sponsors); B. Newton, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 605, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES FROM FORCED HUMAN MICROCHIP IMPLANTATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Alexander and Jarvis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 606, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PROVIDE SUITABLY REDUCED SIZE LICENSE PLATES TO REGISTERED OWNERS AND DEALERS OF MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Alexander, Jarvis and Ford (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 607, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Alexander:

S.B. 608, 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 Alexander (Primary Sponsor); Moffitt and Sawrey:

S.B. 609, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Alexander:

S.B. 610, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE PURCHASE AT FULL COST OF UP TO FIVE YEARS' CREDITABLE SERVICE IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR SERVICE AS A COMPANY POLICE OFFICER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Waddell:

S.B. 611, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GENESIS PROJECT FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER IN CHARLOTTE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Waddell (Primary Sponsor); Lowe and Salvador:

S.B. 612, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO UPFIT THE SECOND WARD MUSEUM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Moffitt, B. Newton, Rabon (Primary Sponsors); McInnis and Sawrey:

S.B. 613, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TWENTY-FIVE-FOOT BUFFER FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN PROXIMITY TO STREAMS CLASSIFIED AS TROUT WATERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Robinson, Applewhite (Primary Sponsors); Murdock and Smith:

S.B. 614, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH, TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT PROGRAM TO ENABLE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER LOOK-ALIKES TO HIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING AND REDUCING DISPARITIES IN MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH OUTCOMES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Gale, Barnes, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors) and Sanderson:

S.B. 615, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis (Primary Sponsor) and Corbin:

S.B. 616, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis and Johnson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 617, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE AN EXCEPTION TO THE AGE RESTRICTION WARNING LABEL FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY COURSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators McInnis (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite and Lowe:

S.B. 618, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TEACHER ASSISTANT TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM TO ASSIST TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN COMPLETING AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Murdock and Woodard (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 619, 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 Alexander, Johnson, Corbin (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 620, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTABILITY ACT TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES FROM CENSORING CERTAIN POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS SPEECH.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Smith, Mohammed (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 621, 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 Sawyer, Lee, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Johnson and Moffitt:

S.B. 622, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST ROOFING REPAIR CONTRACTORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Johnson (Primary Sponsor) and B. Newton:

S.B. 623, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE RULES REGARDING ELECTRIC FUND TRANSFERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Perry, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Corbin, Sawrey and Sawyer:

S.B. 624, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS TO WEAR IDENTIFICATION NOTIFYING PATIENTS OF THE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER'S APPROPRIATE LICENSURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Krawiec, Jarvis, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Galey, Robinson and Smith:

S.B. 625, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Alexander, Hanig, Barnes (Primary Sponsors); Britt, Krawiec, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton and Sanderson:

S.B. 626, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Galey:

S.B. 627, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXCLUDE PROPERTY OWNED BY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE PROPERTY TAX.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor); Daniel, Galey, Hise, Krawiec, B. Newton, P. Newton, Proctor and Sanderson:

S.J.R. 628, 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**.

By Senators Alexander, Galey and Jarvis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 629, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONTRACT WITH THIRD-PARTY VENDORS TO ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT DRIVER IMPROVEMENT CLINICS, TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators B. Newton, Overcash, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Galey, Hanig, Johnson, Krawiec, McInnis, Moffitt, P. Newton, Sanderson, Sawyer, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 630, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE FOR CITIZENS-ONLY VOTING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Corbin, Krawiec, Sawyer (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 631, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators B. Newton, Sawrey, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Burgin, Hanig, Mohammed and Sanderson:

S.B. 632, 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**.

By Senators Meyer, Smith (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 633, 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 Senator Waddell:

S.B. 634, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CAP THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOLS OPERATING IN THE STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawyer, McInnis, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Jarvis, Moffitt, Murdock, Salvador and Sawrey:

S.B. 635, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE AND ACCEPTANCE GUARANTEES FOR SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENTS TO PREVENT THE CREATION OF UNMAINTAINED PUBLICLY DEDICATED ROADS AND TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN ROAD CLASSIFICATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawyer, Johnson, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Britt, Corbin, Daniel, Ford, Hanig, Hise, Krawiec, Lazzara, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey and Settle:

S.B. 636, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE OVERSIGHT OF HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawyer, P. Newton, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Moffitt and Sawrey:

S.B. 637, 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**.

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By Senators Sawyer, McInnis, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Moffitt and Sanderson:

S.B. 638, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER LANES UPON APPROACHING A DISABLED VEHICLE DISPLAYING WARNING LIGHTS OR SIMILAR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise, B. Newton, Sanderson (Primary Sponsors); Krawiec, Moffitt, P. Newton and Sawrey:

S.B. 639, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT MINORS FROM ADMINISTRATION OF PUBERTY BLOCKERS AND CROSS-SEX HORMONES AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND TREATMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Britt, B. Newton and Daniel (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 640, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise, B. Newton, Sanderson (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Krawiec, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash and Sawrey:

S.B. 641, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF CONSCIENCE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS, AND HEALTH CARE PAYERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Applewhite, Hunt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Marcus, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador and Smith:

S.B. 642, 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 Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Grafstein, Salvador, Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 643, 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 Senators Perry (Primary Sponsor); Krawiec, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 644, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPLANT CENTERS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO DONATE OR RECEIVE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT OR ORGAN TRANSPLANT SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Krawiec, McInnis, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 645, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL, TO PHASE IN INCREASED AWARD AMOUNTS FOR HOME SCHOOLERS OVER TIME, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Lazzara, Hanig (Primary Sponsors) and Sanderson:

S.B. 646, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS AND AMEND VARIOUS LAWS TO PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING OF THE COASTAL REGION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Galey, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Moffitt, P. Newton and Sawrey:

S.B. 647, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR COUNCIL TO REVISE ITS RULES TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION FROM NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP DUES AND INFORMATION FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR AND DISTRICT BARS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators McInnis, Britt, P. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Craven, Daniel, Hanig, Jarvis, Lazzara, Lee, Moffitt, B. Newton, Sanderson, Sawrey and Sawyer:

S.B. 648, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO UPDATE STATUTES RELATING TO DAMAGE TO UTILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Smith, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite and Moffitt:

S.B. 649, 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 Britt, B. Newton, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Craven, Lazzara, Lee, Moffitt, P. Newton, Sanderson and Sawyer:

S.B. 650, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Berger, Rabon, P. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Moffitt, B. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 651, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX RATE FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Applewhite, Garrett, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 652, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RAISE SALARIES FOR TEACHERS, STATE EMPLOYEES, COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA; TO PROVIDE A COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR RETIREES; TO EXPAND THE WAGES PROGRAM STATEWIDE; AND TO CREATE A TAX CREDIT FOR QUALIFYING EMPLOYERS EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF FIVE PERCENT OF WAGES PAID TO EMPLOYEES DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR OR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise, Ford, Galey (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Krawiec, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 653, 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 Senators Lowe, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield and Moffitt:

S.B. 654, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE ATTENDANCE OF MINORS AT CERTAIN EXHIBITIONS OF ANIMAL FIGHTING AND TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS WITH THE INTENT THAT THEY BE USED IN EXHIBITIONS OF ANIMAL FIGHTING.

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:

H.B. 364 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS 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. 171, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 1.

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. 342, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY VEHICLES AND EXPANDING THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS ON WHICH A MODIFIED UTILITY VEHICLE MAY BE LEGALLY OPERATED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 22.

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**.

S.B. 345, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 22.

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. 376, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS TO REQUEST IN WRITING THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS BETWEEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

S.B. 389, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RAISING THE AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT FROM SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

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. 409, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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. 445, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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. 607, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 613, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TWENTY-FIVE-FOOT BUFFER FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN PROXIMITY TO STREAMS CLASSIFIED AS TROUT WATERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

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S.B. 615, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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. 616, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment 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. 617, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE AN EXCEPTION TO THE AGE RESTRICTION WARNING LABEL FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY COURSE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 619, 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** on April 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 638, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER LANES UPON APPROACHING A DISABLED VEHICLE DISPLAYING WARNING LIGHTS OR SIMILAR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 651, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX RATE FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

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S.B. 595, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE PRIMARY CARE PAYMENT REFORM TASK FORCE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 596, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GENESIS PROJECT FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER IN CHARLOTTE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 598, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL IN A LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT BEGINNING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 611, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GENESIS PROJECT FAMILY WELLNESS CENTER IN CHARLOTTE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 612, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO UPFIT THE SECOND WARD MUSEUM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 614, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH, TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT PROGRAM TO ENABLE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH

CENTER LOOK-ALIKES TO HIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING AND REDUCING DISPARITIES IN MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH OUTCOMES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 618, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A TEACHER ASSISTANT TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM TO ASSIST TEACHER ASSISTANTS IN COMPLETING AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 646, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS AND AMEND VARIOUS LAWS TO PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING OF THE COASTAL REGION OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

S.B. 652, 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** on April 6.

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**.

REMOVAL OF A BILL SPONSOR

Senator Mohammed requests to be removed as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

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S.B. 305, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, April 10, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us. We thank you for a beautiful Resurrection Sunday, and we thank you for this great weather you've given us here today. Help us, move us, and guide and direct us in your paths this week, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator B. Newton announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 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 B. Newton, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 4:05 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Sawyer, Craven and Johnson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 655, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE NORTH CAROLINA STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT PROTECTION ACT TO ALIGN WITH THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE MODEL STATE STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT PROTECTION ACT APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Grafstein:

S.B. 656, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FOSTER COMPETITION AMONG THE BH IDD TAILORED PLANS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein (Primary Sponsor) and Smith:

S.B. 657, 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**.

By Senators Lee, Bode, Sawrey (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield and Moffitt:

S.B. 658, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED WITH PFAS THROUGH FOCUSED EXPOSURE RESEARCH AND RISK ANALYSIS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY, TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY OF COGNITIVE RISKS FROM LEVELS OF FLUORIDE PRESENT IN PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES BY THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, AND TO MAKE OTHER REVISIONS TO THE COLLABORATORY'S RESEARCH PROGRAMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Krawiec and Corbin (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 659, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Grafstein, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors) and Adcock:

S.B. 660, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE UNEARNED INCOME LIMIT AND ALL RESOURCE LIMITS FROM THE HEALTH COVERAGE FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES ACT UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 661, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ACHIEVE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY UNDER HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS REGULATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chaudhuri (Primary Sponsor) and Smith:

S.B. 662, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE ALLIANCE OF DISABILITY ADVOCATES TO BE USED TO PURCHASE ADAPTIVE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT.

Referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Applewhite (Primary Sponsor); Smith and Waddell:

S.B. 663, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR AN EXPEDITED LICENSURE PROCESS FOR ATTORNEYS WHO ARE MILITARY-TRAINED APPLICANTS OR MILITARY SPOUSES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 664, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXPAND COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DIVISIONS OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Krawiec (Primary Sponsors); McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 665, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PERMIT OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL, TO PHASE IN INCREASED AWARD AMOUNTS FOR HOME SCHOOLERS OVER TIME, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis and Johnson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 666, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE OF ALL REAL ESTATE PRIZES OFFERED DURING A CALENDAR YEAR BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AS PART OF A RAFFLE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig (Primary Sponsors) and McInnis:

S.B. 667, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS 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 Moffitt:

S.B. 668, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF REGULATING GAMING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators P. Newton, Moffitt, Rabon (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Craven, Jarvis, Krawiec, Lee, McInnis, B. Newton, Overcash and Sanderson:

S.B. 669, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY-SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Lee, Galey, Barnes (Primary Sponsors) and B. Newton:

S.B. 670, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL ALL EXISTING SCHOOL FUNDING ALLOTMENTS AND TO CHANGE THE SCHOOL FUNDING MODEL TO A WEIGHTED STUDENT FUNDING MODEL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey, Sawyer and McInnis (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 671, 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 McInnis, Sawyer, Settle (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 672, 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 P. Newton, Sawrey, Lazzara (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Craven, Jackson, Jarvis, Krawiec, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton and Rabon:

S.B. 673, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE PEAK DAILY SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN RATE MODELING AND TO REFORM AND SIMPLIFY APPROVAL PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN WATER TRANSFERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Salvador (Primary Sponsors); Meyer, Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 674, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BABY BOND TRUST FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Craven and Galey (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 675, 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**.

By Senators Lowe, Marcus (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Meyer, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 676, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE RESTRICTED DRIVERS LICENSES TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Jarvis, McInnis (Primary Sponsors) and Corbin:

S.B. 677, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO CREATE A LIMITED LICENSE FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS.

Referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators P. Newton, B. Newton, Craven (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Jackson, Jarvis, Lee, Moffitt, Overcash, Rabon and Sawrey:

S.B. 678, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDEFINE “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AS “CLEAN ENERGY,” TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Johnson, B. Newton and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 679, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FIDUCIARY STANDARDS OF CARE, DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY, AUTHORITY FOR VOTING ON SHARES, AND PROXY VOTING REQUIREMENTS, PROHIBITING CONSIDERATION OF NON-PECUNIARY FACTORS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENFORCE THIS ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Galey, Berger (Primary Sponsors); B. Newton, Overcash and Sawrey:

S.B. 680, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS DAMAGED BY FALSE STATEMENTS MADE TO ACCREDITING AGENCIES, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CONFORMING CHANGES.

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**.

By Senators Garrett, Marcus, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Hunt and Murdock:

S.B. 681, 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**.

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By Senators Garrett, Robinson, Woodard (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 682, 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 Lee, Sawyer, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Murdock and Proctor:

S.B. 683, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND NORTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE BY PROVIDING IN-STATE TUITION TO NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Lee, Jarvis, Perry (Primary Sponsors); Craven, Krawiec, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 684, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DEADLINES FOR DECISIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ON APPLICATIONS FOR STORMWATER PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS PROCEEDING UNDER THE EXPRESS REVIEW PROGRAM AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador (Primary Sponsor); Hunt and Waddell:

S.B. 685, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR UPGRADING ORPHAN ROADS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

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**.

By Senators Sanderson, Johnson, Woodard (Primary Sponsors); Krawiec, Moffitt and B. Newton:

S.B. 686, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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 Senators Lee, Craven, P. Newton (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Overcash and Proctor:

S.B. 687, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SPARKNC PILOT TO ENCOURAGE STUDENT-DRIVEN LEARNING AND EXPLORATION IN TECHNOLOGY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Mohammed, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Hunt, Mayfield and Waddell:

S.B. 688, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT, TO EXPAND THE NORTH CAROLINA PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM AND INCREASE CARE SUBSIDY BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THOSE PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE LUNCH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO STUDENTS THROUGH AN ALLOCATION BASED ON SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY EVALUATIONS, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC CHILD CARE PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND TO REQUIRE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY AND ADVISABILITY OF A HIGH SCHOOL CHILD CARE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Woodard (Primary Sponsor) and Murdock:

S.B. 689, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAM TO BENEFIT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor) and Mayfield:

S.B. 690, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MEDICAID RATE INCREASE TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Galey and Lee (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 691, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RADON PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Galey, Johnson, McInnis (Primary Sponsors); Barnes, Berger, Craven, Hise, Jarvis, Krawiec, Lee, B. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson, Sawyer and Settle:

S.B. 692, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES GOVERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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**.

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 693, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND RULEMAKING PROCEDURES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Garrett (Primary Sponsor) and Robinson:

S.B. 694, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO READY FOR SCHOOL, READY FOR LIFE TO CONTINUE STATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF AN INTEGRATED DATA SYSTEM FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

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**.

By Senators Mohammed (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Hunt, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 695, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REENACT THE CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig (Primary Sponsors) and Mayfield:

S.B. 696, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE COUNTIES ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX WITHOUT INCREASING THE EXISTING MAXIMUM TAX RATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt, Hanig (Primary Sponsors); B. Newton, Sanderson and Sawrey:

S.B. 697, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSIDERATION OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY FACILITIES TO ENSURE COASTAL RESOURCES ARE NOT ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY THE SITING OF SUCH FACILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator McInnis:

S.B. 698, 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 Garrett and Robinson (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 699, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CONTINUE PROGRAMS IN GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR TUTORING, LEARNING HUBS, AND THE INNOVATIVE SIGNATURE CAREER ACADEMY.

Referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Woodard (Primary Sponsor); Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 700, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REFORMING THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAWS BY INCREASING BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY TO A TWENTY-SIX WEEK PERIOD AND THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT TO THE SUM EQUAL TO FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS ADJUSTED ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION, BASING THE CALCULATION OF THE BENEFIT AMOUNT ON THE HIGHEST PAID QUARTER, INCREASING BENEFITS ALLOWED FOR PARTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT, PROVIDING BENEFITS IN CASES WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL LEAVES EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSAL RELOCATION OR HEALTH REASONS OR DUE TO AN UNDUE HARDSHIP, AUTHORIZING THE FORGIVENESS OF NONFRAUDULENT OVERPAYMENTS CAUSED BY AGENCY ERROR, AND ESTABLISHING A SHORT-TERM COMPENSATION PROGRAM TO BENEFIT EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Garrett, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Mohammed and Waddell:

S.B. 701, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY TO RECRUIT FACULTY AND STAFF AND TO CONTINUE AND UPGRADE CRITICAL RESEARCH LABS AND EDUCATIONAL SPACES.

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**.

By Senators Garrett, Robinson (Primary Sponsors) and Mohammed:

S.B. 702, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ITS NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING EDUCATION (NC FAME) PROGRAM.

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**.

By Senators Mayfield and Grafstein (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 703, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED PERIOD OF SEPARATION FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE FROM ONE YEAR TO SIX MONTHS, TO ALLOW PARTIES TO COHABITATE FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, TO WAIVE THE PERIOD OF SEPARATION FOR UNCONTESTED DIVORCES IN WHICH NO MINOR CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED, 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**.

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By Senators Mohammed, Murdock (Primary Sponsors) and Applewhite:

S.B. 704, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CITIZENS REVIEW BOARDS TO INVESTIGATE OR REVIEW ALLEGATIONS OF CERTAIN MISCONDUCT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed, Garrett, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 705, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CRIMINAL JUSTICE, POLICING, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed, Meyer, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri and Waddell:

S.B. 706, 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 Lee and Britt (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 707, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF A LONG-TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT PAID BY THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN OF NORTH CAROLINA BASED ON ANY SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY OR RETIREMENT BENEFITS OR ANY STATE OR FEDERAL VETERAN DISABILITY BENEFITS THAT THE BENEFICIARY IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed, Murdock, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 708, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AT NO COST TO STUDENTS THROUGH AN ALLOCATION BASED ON SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY EVALUATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed, Bode, Murdock (Primary Sponsors) and Mayfield:

S.B. 709, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE EXPANSION OF STATEWIDE LOCAL REENTRY COUNCIL SERVICES.

Referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Salvador, Woodard, Meyer (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Marcus and Murdock:

S.B. 710, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE SCOPE OF THE COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM AND TO INCREASE THE NAMEPLATE CAPACITY OF COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock and Salvador (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 711, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FUEL GAS DETECTORS IN ROOMS CONTAINING AN APPLIANCE FUELED BY PROPANE, NATURAL GAS, OR ANY LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GAS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Jarvis (Primary Sponsor) and Moffitt:

S.B. 712, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A STATE BUILDING CODE PERMIT TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Murdock, Bode, Adcock (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 713, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND STANDARDS SURROUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO CREATE THE N.C. STAR PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO CITY AND TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO CREATE LOCAL SUPPORT TEAM ASSISTED RESPONSE (STAR) PILOT PROGRAMS; TO REINSTATE THE PISTOL PURCHASE PERMIT REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE A PISTOL FOR PRIVATE SALES AND MAKE THE STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBLE FOR PERMITS; TO REQUIRE UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS; TO STRENGTHEN SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS LAWS; TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGNED TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FROM ACCESSING FIREARMS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER TO RESTRICT TEMPORARILY A PERSON'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE PERSON POSES A DANGER OF PHYSICAL HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS; TO ALLOW SCHOOLS TO CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES; AND TO CODIFY SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Salvador, Murdock, Woodard (Primary Sponsors) and Mayfield:

S.B. 714, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A GRANT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE ENERGY RESILIENCE, ENERGY DEMOCRACY, AND ENERGY SECURITY OF COMMUNITIES AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Mohammed, Robinson (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield and Waddell:

S.B. 715, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE AND SUPPORT LOCAL DRUG TREATMENT COURT PROGRAMS AND MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAMS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

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**.

By Senators Mohammed, Robinson, Bode (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Chaudhuri, Mayfield, Murdock, Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 716, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE FAMILIES AND VETERANS CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed, Chaudhuri, Adcock (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 717, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT AN INSURED'S COPAYMENT FOR INSULIN AND TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF FURTHER REDUCING INSULIN COPAYMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Krawiec, Burgin, Corbin (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Batch, Hunt and Mohammed:

S.B. 718, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND ENTER INTO AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE PRACTICE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Woodard (Primary Sponsor); Applewhite, Mayfield and Waddell:

S.B. 719, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CRUELTY TO ANIMALS INCLUDES THE FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPACE OR SHELTER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed, Lowe (Primary Sponsors); Mayfield, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 720, 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 Moffitt and Hanig (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 721, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE UNIFORM WORKER CLASSIFICATION ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Krawiec:

S.B. 722, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD CARE TO ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senator Lee:

S.B. 723, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DENTAL SEDATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ANESTHESIA PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Moffitt:

S.B. 724, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FURTHER DEFINE “TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY” AND TO DETERMINE WHEN IT CONVERTS, IF AT ALL, TO A TENANCY GOVERNED BY CHAPTER 42 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Sawrey, Craven, Overcash (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 725, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT ADVANCED RECYCLING FACILITIES FROM SOLID WASTE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 726, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE PAY AND DEATH BENEFITS OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL KILLED OR MURDERED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND REQUIRING THAT A JURY DECIDE THE DEFENDANT’S SENTENCE IN EVERY CASE INVOLVING THE MURDER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Burgin:

S.B. 727, 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 Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor) and Settle:

S.B. 728, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE ELIGIBLE FIREFIGHTERS’ RETIREMENT FROM ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TEN DOLLARS TO TWENTY DOLLARS, AND TO PROVIDE AN INFLATIONARY FACTOR FOR FUTURE DISBURSEMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Burgin, Krawiec and Ford (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 729, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin, Mayfield, Britt (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Garrett, Murdock and Waddell:

S.B. 730, 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**.

By Senators Bode (Primary Sponsor); Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard:

S.B. 731, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE “SHINE LIKE HAILEY PARADE SAFETY ACT” BY AMENDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO IMPOSE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF A PARADE VEHICLE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Burgin (Primary Sponsor); Garrett and Murdock:

S.B. 732, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND MEANINGFUL DAY AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OPTIONS FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Chaudhuri, Mohammed, Marcus (Primary Sponsors); Salvador and Waddell:

S.B. 733, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig, Moffitt (Primary Sponsors); Garrett, Krawiec, B. Newton, Sanderson and Settle:

S.B. 734, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DISPLAY OF SECTION ONE OF ARTICLE IX OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION AT THE ENTRANCE TO ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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By Senators Mohammed, Batch, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Hunt, Mayfield and Waddell:

S.B. 735, 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 Mohammed, Robinson, Smith (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 736, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM AT NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO EXPAND INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE UNITED WAY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO EXPAND ITS VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Craven, Daniel, Overcash (Primary Sponsors); Krawiec, Moffitt, B. Newton, Perry, Sanderson, Sawrey and Sawyer:

S.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Barnes, Craven (Primary Sponsors) and Moffitt:

S.B. 738, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW BANKS TO EXCLUDE INTEREST, FEES, AND PENALTIES RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN LOANS FROM THE TOTAL RECEIPTS CALCULATION IN THIS STATE FOR THE INCOME YEAR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hanig (Primary Sponsor); Moffitt and Mohammed:

S.B. 739, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DEFINING ANTI-SEMITISM FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATING AND DETERMINING WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW OR POLICY PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATORY ACTS OR PRACTICES ON THE BASIS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Mohammed, Mayfield, Murdock (Primary Sponsors); Adcock, Hunt and Waddell:

S.B. 740, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO FULLY FUND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR POSITIONS PER THE LEANDRO COMPREHENSIVE REMEDIAL PLAN.

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**.

By Senators Mohammed, Murdock, Mayfield (Primary Sponsors) and Waddell:

S.B. 741, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXEMPT FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, DIAPERS, AND GROCERIES FROM SALES TAX.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Jarvis:

S.B. 742, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK REVISIONS TO CHILD CARE LICENSURE RULES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS TO MEET LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS IN THE NC PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Hise and Krawiec (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 743, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senators Moffitt (Primary Sponsor) and Sanderson:

S.B. 744, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE REGULATORY RELIEF TO CITIZENS OF THE STATE BY REFORMING ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING PROGRAMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sawyer:

S.B. 745, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO INSPECT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES AND TO REQUIRE FIRE PROTECTION INSPECTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

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:

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H.B. 259 (Committee Substitute), 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. 364, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 27.

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. 552, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY PUBLIC ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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**.

S.B. 574, 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 April 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. 626, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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. 648, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO UPDATE STATUTES RELATING TO DAMAGE TO UTILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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**.

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S.B. 650, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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 B. Newton's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 13, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we praise you and thank you for salvation. We thank you for this another day you've given us, and we don't take it for granted. Lord, we praise you for all that you do. Help us, and guide and direct us in our thoughts, words, and deeds today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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 Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 345, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** on April 6, 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.

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Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 324, 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 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. 360, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS PROTECTING AND AIDING VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REGISTRATION PROCESSES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

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. 382, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

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. 425, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE LAWS PERTAINING TO MEDICAID AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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. 426, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GIVE THE STATE AUDITOR ACCESS TO THE MEDICAL BOARD'S RECORDS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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. 514, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REGULATORY CHANGES RELATED TO, AND TO CREATE OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR, THE MENTAL HEALTH LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION SECTION OF THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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**.

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S.B. 515, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME FOR WHICH THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND PROPOSED RATES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PENDING INVESTIGATION, TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF A WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO LIMIT WATER AND SEWER SURCHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment 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. 545, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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**.

S.B. 546, 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 April 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**.

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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**.

S.B. 582, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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. 625, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 631, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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**.

S.B. 640, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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. 658, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATED WITH PFAS THROUGH FOCUSED EXPOSURE RESEARCH AND RISK ANALYSIS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLABORATORY, TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY OF COGNITIVE RISKS FROM LEVELS OF FLUORIDE PRESENT IN PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES BY THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, AND TO MAKE OTHER REVISIONS TO THE COLLABORATORY'S RESEARCH PROGRAMS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 669, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY-SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment 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. 675, 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

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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 April 10.

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. 678, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDEFINE “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AS “CLEAN ENERGY,” TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

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. 684, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DEADLINES FOR DECISIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ON APPLICATIONS FOR STORMWATER PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS PROCEEDING UNDER THE EXPRESS REVIEW PROGRAM AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 690, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE A MEDICAID RATE INCREASE TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

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**.

S.B. 722, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD CARE TO ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

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**.

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S.B. 723, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH DENTAL SEDATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO DIRECT THE COLLABORATORY TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ANESTHESIA PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

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. 729, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The 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**.

S.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance 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**.

S.B. 743, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

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**.

S.B. 744, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE REGULATORY RELIEF TO CITIZENS OF THE STATE BY REFORMING ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING PROGRAMS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

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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 **Appropriations/Base Budget 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.

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, April 17, 2023

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, I thank you for another day and another week. You've given us beautiful weather, and we praise you for that, and we praise you for everything that you do for us. Daily bread and daily provisions. We thank you for all that you do, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 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 Berger, the Senate adjourns at 4:11 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, April 18, at 11:00 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 79, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** on March 27, 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.

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Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 332, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY BEACH PLAN POLICY LIMITS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 21.

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. 507, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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. 559, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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. 742, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SEEK REVISIONS TO CHILD CARE LICENSURE RULES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS TO MEET LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS IN THE NC PREKINDERGARTEN (NC PRE-K) PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

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. 299, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 14.

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. 581, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPLACE THE ANNUAL SALES AND USE TAX REFUND FOR COUNTIES AND CITIES WITH A SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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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. 608, 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 April 6.

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. 627, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXCLUDE PROPERTY OWNED BY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE PROPERTY TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us. We thank you for your Word, and your Word says, 'As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the future as the coming of the Lord draws nye,'* and it is definitely like the days of Noah, God. Guide and direct us and help us; and guide us and help us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

*Matthew 24:37 (NIV) (paraphrase)

Senator Galey announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, April 17, 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 11:16 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, April 19, at 10:00 a.m.

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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. 465, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THEIR ORDINANCE-MAKING JURISDICTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTIES AND GRANTING ALL COUNTIES THE SAME AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 531, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 515, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME FOR WHICH THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND PROPOSED RATES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PENDING INVESTIGATION, TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF A WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO LIMIT WATER AND SEWER SURCHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICE, 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 **Finance Committee**.

S.B. 613, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TWENTY-FIVE-FOOT BUFFER FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN PROXIMITY TO STREAMS CLASSIFIED AS TROUT WATERS, 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, 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 Galey for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 384, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE INSTALLATION OF ADEQUATE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RADON GAS TESTING IN ALL IDENTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOLS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 411, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS AND THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST (PSAT), 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, 35256, 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. 631, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, 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, 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. 339, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND TO PROHIBIT THE IMPERSONATION OF TAXICAB DRIVERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 360, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS PROTECTING AND AIDING VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REGISTRATION PROCESSES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 44, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION, 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, 15322, which changes the title to read **S.B. 44** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION AND TO AUTHORIZE COSMETIC ART SERVICES AT WEDDING VENUES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

S.B. 626, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING 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, 45316, 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. 326 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, AND TO SET A MAXIMUM RESERVE FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND, 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, 45317, which changes the title to read **S.B. 326** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, TO SET A MAXIMUM RESERVE FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND, AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION SERVICES APPLICANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS, 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 Ford for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 607, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS 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, 15323, 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. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLK COUNTY TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT SKATEBOARDING, 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. 549, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENEWALS AND EXTENSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT MORATORIA IMPOSED DUE TO PLANNED DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, 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 **Transportation Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 477, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, referred to the **Judiciary Committee** on April 4, with sequential referrals to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Judiciary Committee** and 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**.

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 308 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

The Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Thursday, April 20.

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S.B. 325, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT REGULATE CERTAIN ONLINE MARKETPLACES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 20.

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. 452, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 3.

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. 527, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 4.

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. 542, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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**.

REMOVAL OF A BILL SPONSOR

Senator Mohammed requests to be removed as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.B. 739, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DEFINING ANTI-SEMITISM FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATING AND DETERMINING WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW OR POLICY PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATORY ACTS OR PRACTICES ON THE BASIS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

Pursuant to Senator Galey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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FORTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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, I praise you for this another day. You are my strong tower. You are my buckler, Lord, and I thank you for what you do for me and for all of us here. Help us as we continue to work this week on budgets and bills and doing the work for the people of North Carolina. Bless us and use us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 18, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 20, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Sanderson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 582, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER 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, 45318, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

S.B. 616, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST 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, 15324, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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S.B. 669, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY-SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS, 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, 15326, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

S.B. 678, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDEFINE “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AS “CLEAN ENERGY,” TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES, 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, 45319, 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 **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLK COUNTY TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT SKATEBOARDING, with a favorable report.

S.B. 384, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE INSTALLATION OF ADEQUATE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RADON GAS TESTING IN ALL IDENTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOLS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 411 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS AND THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST (PSAT), with a favorable report.

S.B. 465, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THEIR ORDINANCE-MAKING JURISDICTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTIES AND GRANTING ALL COUNTIES THE SAME AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 531, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 613 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TWENTY-FIVE-FOOT BUFFER FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN PROXIMITY TO STREAMS CLASSIFIED AS TROUT WATERS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 631 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, with a favorable report.

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 574, 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. 692, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES GOVERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with an unfavorable report as to the bill, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute bill, 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 P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 44 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION AND TO AUTHORIZE COSMETIC ART SERVICES AT WEDDING VENUES, 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 **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 169, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ANNEXED SATELLITE AREAS MAY BE REZONED BY MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee**.

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S.B. 515 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME FOR WHICH THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND PROPOSED RATES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PENDING INVESTIGATION, TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF A WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO LIMIT WATER AND SEWER SURCHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICE, 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, 15329, which changes the title to read **S.B. 515** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME FOR WHICH THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND PROPOSED RATES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PENDING INVESTIGATION, TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF A WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CERTAIN RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICE, 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 Corbin for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 382, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 389, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RAISING THE AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT FROM SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 625, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, 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, 15327, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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S.B. 722, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD CARE TO ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, 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, 15325, 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 Krawiec for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

S.B. 559, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 729, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING 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, 45320, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 409, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT, 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 TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, 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. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-FUNDED AND VOLUNTEER PRISON CHAPLAINS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 171, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 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, 15330, 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. 565, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS, 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, 45321, which changes the title to read **S.B. 565** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED, 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 BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHOICE OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

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. 356, 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 23.

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. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TIMELY NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING THE CONDITIONAL DELIVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE APPLICATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

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. 622, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST ROOFING REPAIR CONTRACTORS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

The bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary 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**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 20, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

RECESS

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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 Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Lord, make us an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, let us pardon. Where there is darkness, joy. Let us show love, kindness, and forgiveness in our daily interactions. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you and your kingdom. Let us remember why we’re here—to serve the people of the great state of North Carolina and our districts. Lord, make us an instrument of you in our daily life and what we do in this General Assembly. These things we partake and ask of you here today. This we ask in your Holy name, and all the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 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 Daniel, and Senator Robinson.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Kavya Donepudi, Oak Ridge; Chloe Hammonds, Lumberton; Gabby Horton, Sanford; Caed Morgan, Andrews; Brianna Reives, Goldston; Braydann Revels, Lumberton; and Jillian Stone, Henderson.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLK COUNTY TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT SKATEBOARDING, 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. 308 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY,

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AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, 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.

S.B. 384, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE INSTALLATION OF ADEQUATE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEMS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RADON GAS TESTING IN ALL IDENTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOLS, 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.

S.B. 411 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS IN HOME SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS AND THE PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC ASSESSMENT TEST (PSAT), upon second reading.

Senator P. Newton 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.

S.B. 465, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THEIR ORDINANCE-MAKING JURISDICTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTIES AND GRANTING ALL COUNTIES THE SAME AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS, 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.

S.B. 531, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, 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.

S.B. 613 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A TWENTY-FIVE-FOOT BUFFER FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN PROXIMITY TO STREAMS CLASSIFIED AS TROUT WATERS, 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.

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S.B. 631 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, upon second reading.

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Perry, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Perry, which motion prevails (29-18).

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.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Overcash submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“CONGRATULATING COVENANT VILLAGE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY.”**

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Sawyer, the Senate adjourns at 1:10 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, April 24, at 4:00 p.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Krawiec for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 321, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADOPT THE PRO-FAMILY, PRO-CONSUMER MEDICAL DEBT PROTECTION ACT TO SET TRANSPARENT PARAMETERS AROUND THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES AND LIMIT THE ABILITY OF LARGE MEDICAL FACILITIES TO CHARGE UNREASONABLE INTEREST RATES AND EMPLOY UNFAIR TACTICS IN DEBT COLLECTION, 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, 35260, which changes the title to read **S.B. 321** (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF NON-HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO CHARGE FACILITY FEES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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S.B. 743, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY 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, 45322, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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 REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF CASH FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 93, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CONTROLLED RABBIT HUNTING PRESERVE OPERATORS TO PURCHASE LIVE BOX-TRAPPED RABBITS AND SELL RABBITS TO OTHER LICENSED OPERATORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 155 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE FOR CERTAIN OFF-ROAD VEHICLES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 186 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC CONCERNING JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 188, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO USE BEST PRACTICES TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT DISCIPLINE POLICIES, TO REQUIRE DISCIPLINE POLICIES TO ADDRESS SUPPORT OF STUDENTS ON SUSPENSION AND PROCEDURES FOR ASSIGNMENT TO IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 193 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 319, 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. 334 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO INCLUDE AN AT-LARGE SEAT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 374 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE OF ALL REAL ESTATE PRIZES OFFERED DURING A CALENDAR YEAR BY A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AS PART OF A RAFFLE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 378 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS MAY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CLERK OF COURT, OR A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN, AND CLARIFYING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREFIGHTERS PRIOR TO OFFERING THE POSITION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 384 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXPANDING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH CITIES MAY USE PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS WHEN THE TRUST FUND WAS CREATED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING A CEMETERY AND PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUNDS FROM A CEMETERY COMPANY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 387 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 407, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 454 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DISTRIBUTION OF NET PROFITS FROM THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF CONCORD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 464 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALTER THE MANNER IN WHICH APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE TO THE WASHINGTON-WARREN AIRPORT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 469 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SUPPLEMENT AND EXTEND PROTECTIONS FROM REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURES FOR OUR SERVICEMEMBERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 473, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLE.

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 EXEMPT LEASES OF PROPERTY BY THE HALIFAX-NORTHAMPTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM GENERAL LAWS REGARDING DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LEASES FOR A TERM OF UP TO FORTY YEARS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 556, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSLITERATORS AND INTERPRETERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 574 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS.

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. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TIMELY NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING THE CONDITIONAL DELIVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE APPLICATIONS, referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** on April 19, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and re-referred to the **Transportation Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 743, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, referred to the **Finance Committee** on April 20, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** is added between the existing referrals.

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Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 636, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE OVERSIGHT OF HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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**.

S.B. 673, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE PEAK DAILY SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN RATE MODELING AND TO REFORM AND SIMPLIFY APPROVAL PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN WATER TRANSFERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

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. 314, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A THIRTY-FIVE DOLLAR 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** on March 16.

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**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, April 24, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us beautiful weather. Thank you for your saving grace and mercy. Help us this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 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.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 157, AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED LEARNER'S PERMIT MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE AND TO AMEND THE PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 4:11 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 223 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT AND RELATED LAW.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 298 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF WILLFUL DESTRUCTION, ALTERATION, OR FALSIFICATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 314 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TRAINING FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 365 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT JURORS IN NORTH CAROLINA BE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 480, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS DOC WATSON DAY IN HONOR OF ARTHEL LANE "DOC" WATSON.

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. 44 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION AND TO AUTHORIZE COSMETIC ART SERVICES AT WEDDING VENUES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 171 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 326 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, TO SET A MAXIMUM RESERVE FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND, AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION SERVICES APPLICANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 339, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND TO PROHIBIT THE IMPERSONATION OF TAXICAB DRIVERS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 360, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS PROTECTING AND AIDING VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REGISTRATION PROCESSES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 515 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME FOR WHICH THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND PROPOSED RATES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PENDING INVESTIGATION, TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF A WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CERTAIN RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICE, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 565 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED, with a favorable report.

S.B. 607 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM, with a favorable report.

S.B. 626 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 692 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES GOVERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 438, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY REHABILITATED USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS OR HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS BY LIMITING THE ABILITY OF ASSESSORS TO REAPPRAISE REAL PROPERTY AT HIGHER VALUES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES, referred to the **Judiciary Committee** on April 3, with sequential referrals to the **State and Local Government Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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The sequential referral to the **State and Local Government Committee** is stricken, and the bill will be re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** upon a favorable report from the **Judiciary Committee**.

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 698, 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 April 10.

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. 143, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE IMPOSITION OF MORATORIA ON COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 23.

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. 672, 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** 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 **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

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Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 321 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF NON-HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO CHARGE FACILITY FEES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 729 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING 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**.

S.B. 574, 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, 35265, 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. 625 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, 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, 15333, 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. 582 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER 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, 45326, 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 Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

S.B. 382, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 409, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 445, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 559, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

S.B. 678 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDEFINE "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AS "CLEAN ENERGY," TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 722 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD CARE TO ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

By Senator Craven for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 542, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

S.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**.

S.B. 124, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE, 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, which changes the title to read **S.B. 124** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE AND PLACING A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, 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. 477, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, 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, 15331, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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S.B. 527, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY, 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**.

By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHOICE OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 299, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 319, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 429, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS, TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND CERTAIN FINANCIAL REPORTS BE NOTARIZED, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

S.B. 743 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE

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STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**.

By Senator Jarvis for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 143, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE IMPOSITION OF MORATORIA ON COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST, 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**.

By Senator Ford for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 169, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ANNEXED SATELLITE AREAS MAY BE REZONED BY MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY, 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 **State and Local Government Committee**:

S.B. 17, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 33RD 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, 35263, which changes the title to read **S.B. 17** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE STAGGERING OF TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STANLY COUNTY, 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:

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S.B. 672, 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 **State and Local Government Committee** on April 24, 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 Craven for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 325, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT REGULATE CERTAIN ONLINE MARKETPLACES, 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, 45327, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

S.B. 332, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY BEACH PLAN POLICY LIMITS, 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. 452, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY 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, 35267, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 329, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES 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, 15334, 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. 408, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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, 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 Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul Newton, Senator from Cabarrus County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, your Word talks about the peace that passes understanding. You make that available to us through the relationship with you. Father, we pray your peace that passes understanding over this chamber and the work we’re doing. We also pray for the peace that passes understanding for members that we have here; they may be physically here right now, but they need your peace for things going on outside the halls of this building. We have staffers who need the peace that passes understanding. Father, we just thank you that you offer that to us. We receive that now here in the work we’re doing on your behalf and on behalf of the state of North Carolina, but also in our personal lives, where life happens, and we need your peace. We pray that in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, April 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Lee, Senator Murdock, and Senator Settle.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Susannah Faulk, Dudley; Kat Folger, Bullock; Maria Foust, Asheboro; and Hunter Moore, Kernersville.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 607 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today’s calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, April 26.

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S.B. 692 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES GOVERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee**.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 44 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE LICENSURE OF MOBILE BEAUTY SALONS AND ENSURE THEIR SAFE AND HYGIENIC OPERATION AND TO AUTHORIZE COSMETIC ART SERVICES AT WEDDING VENUES, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 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. 171 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 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. 326 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE PERMANENT THE FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM AND TO RENAME IT THE FIREFIGHTERS' CANCER INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO MODIFY THE CURRENT PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GROSS PREMIUMS TAX TO FUND THE PROGRAM, TO SET A MAXIMUM RESERVE FOR THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND, AND TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PREVENTION SERVICES APPLICANTS LIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR LONGER THAN FIVE YEARS, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The 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.

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S.B. 339, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING LIMITED DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND TO PROHIBIT THE IMPERSONATION OF TAXICAB DRIVERS, 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. 360, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS PROTECTING AND AIDING VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REGISTRATION PROCESSES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY, 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. 515 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LENGTHEN THE TIME FOR WHICH THE UTILITIES COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND PROPOSED RATES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND WATER AND SEWER INVESTMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PENDING INVESTIGATION, TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DETERMINE IF THE SALE OF A WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AND TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CERTAIN RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICE, upon second reading.

Senator Perry offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

The 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.

S.B. 565 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE SECOND CHANCE ACT BY REVISING THE LAWS GOVERNING THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNCTION OF RECORDS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF EXPUNGED RECORDS AND TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED, 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. 626 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION, 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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Alexander, the Senate adjourns at 4:57 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, April 26, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 139 (Committee Substitute), 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**.

H.B. 385, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO BATTERY-CHARGED SECURITY FENCES AND TO DEFINE AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE BATTERY-CHARGED SECURITY FENCES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 397 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR A TERM OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS WITHOUT TREATING IT AS A SALE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 409 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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**.

H.B. 412 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TO PENDER COUNTY TO ENABLE CERTAIN FINANCING OPTIONS NEEDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL FACILITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 415 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 453 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CABARRUS COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 455 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 471 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY AUDIT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CORRECTIVE ACTION TO UNDERPERFORMING STATE AGENCIES, AND TO MAKE OTHER AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 481, 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**.

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H.B. 500 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE INCREASED AWARENESS OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE REIMBURSABLE UNDER NORTH CAROLINA'S MEDICAID STATE PLAN AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS, TO EVALUATE THE SUCCESS OF THE INTEGRATED CARE FOR KIDS MEDICAID PILOT PROGRAM, UPDATED FROM THE 2020 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD WELL-BEING TRANSFORMATION COUNCIL, TO IMPLEMENT MEDICAID COVERAGE OF SCHOOL-BASED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL PARENTAL CONSENT FOR STUDENT ACCESS TO SCHOOL HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 513, 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. 536, 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**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 552, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY PUBLIC ACT, referred to the **Judiciary Committee** on April 10, 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 Daniel for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 17 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE STAGGERING OF TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STANLY COUNTY, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 124 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE AND PLACING A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 143 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE IMPOSITION OF MORATORIA ON COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST, with a favorable report.

S.B. 169, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ANNEXED SATELLITE AREAS MAY BE REZONED BY MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHOICE OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 299, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 319, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 329 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 332 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY BEACH PLAN POLICY LIMITS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 408 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

S.B. 527 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 574 (Committee Substitute), 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.

S.B. 582 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 625 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 729 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING LAWS, with a favorable report.

By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 673, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE PEAK DAILY SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN RATE MODELING AND TO REFORM AND SIMPLIFY APPROVAL PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN WATER TRANSFERS, 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, 45328, which changes the title to read **S.B. 673** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE PEAK DAILY SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN RATE MODELING, TO PERMIT WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM EXPANSIONS BEYOND EXISTING ALLOCATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS TO THE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE STATUTES, 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 Ford for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

S.B. 743 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE

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STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, 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 Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

S.B. 507, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 425, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE LAWS PERTAINING TO MEDICAID AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, 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, 45329, 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 P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 321 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF NON-HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO CHARGE FACILITY FEES, 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 Galey for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 406, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS, TO REQUIRE A SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR EARLY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE EARLY GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 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, 45330, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**.

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By Senator Lazzara for the **Transportation Committee**:

S.B. 549 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENEWALS AND EXTENSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT MORATORIA IMPOSED DUE TO PLANNED DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, 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. 638, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER LANES UPON APPROACHING A DISABLED VEHICLE DISPLAYING WARNING LIGHTS OR SIMILAR, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Sawyer for the **Transportation Committee**:

S.B. 318, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF NATIVE NORTH CAROLINA PLANTS AND SEEDS ON STATE PROPERTY AND HIGHWAYS AND ON LOCAL PROJECTS THAT USE STATE FUNDS FOR LANDSCAPING, 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, 45331, which changes the title to read **S.B. 318** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF PLANTS AND SEEDS NATIVE TO THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES, WITH A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR PLANTS NATIVE TO NORTH CAROLINA, IN STATE PARKS AND ON STATE HIGHWAYS, 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. 617, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE AN EXCEPTION TO THE AGE RESTRICTION WARNING LABEL FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY COURSE, 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, which changes the title to read **S.B. 617** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE AN EXCEPTION TO THE AGE RESTRICTION WARNING LABEL FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND TO DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO RESEARCH, APPROVE, AND REPORT ON AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY COURSE, 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. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TIMELY NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING THE CONDITIONAL DELIVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE APPLICATIONS, 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.B. 325 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT REGULATE CERTAIN ONLINE MARKETPLACES, 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. 542, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 438, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY REHABILITATED USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS OR HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS BY LIMITING THE ABILITY OF ASSESSORS TO REAPPRAISE REAL PROPERTY AT HIGHER VALUES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER PROGRAMMATIC 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, 45323, 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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S.B. 452 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY 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, 15337, 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. 364, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT, 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, 45332, which changes the title to read **S.B. 364** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STATE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, 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. 650, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, with 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. 677, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO CREATE A LIMITED LICENSE FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS, 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, 15335, which changes the title to read **S.B. 677** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, 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. 492, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY 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, 35273, 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. 640, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 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, 35272, 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 Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable W. Ted Alexander, Senator from Cleveland County, as follows:

“Lord, you’re invited into the midst of this body today and every day. As we humbly acknowledge that since the fledgling beginnings of our great country, we’ve relied upon your authority, your strong hand of protection, your covering; and we acknowledge that we still desire and need this today. We do seek the peace that passes all understanding through the cross of Jesus Christ. We pray that in times of both agreement and disagreement that we as individuals and as a body will employ the lessons and virtues we have inherited from our forefathers and learned from childhood, and that as a result our state and all of its citizens will enjoy civil quietness with each other. In the powerful name of Jesus I pray this request. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 25, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes and Senator Murdock.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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S.B. 382, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, 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.

S.B. 409, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT, 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.

S.B. 445, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, 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.

S.B. 559, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, 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.

S.B. 607 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY SOLUTIONS PROGRAM, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (30-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 678 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDEFINE "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AS "CLEAN ENERGY," TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES, upon second reading.

Senator P. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

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The 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.

S.B. 722 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD CARE TO ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, 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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 4:50 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m.

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, April 27, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Proctor for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 438 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY REHABILITATED USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK

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GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS OR HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS BY LIMITING THE ABILITY OF ASSESSORS TO REAPPRAISE REAL PROPERTY AT HIGHER VALUES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES, 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. 356, 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, 45324, 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 Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“God, I again pray for each member of this body. I pray for their health and safety. I pray for their family. I pray for wisdom, and I pray for blessings in their lives. Most of all, I pray for them your peace and understanding. Remind us daily that you are God and we are not. Amen.”

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Barnes, Senator Bode, Senator Hanig, Senator Lazzara, Senator Rabon, Senator Salvador, and Senator Sawyer.

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 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.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 169, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ANNEXED SATELLITE AREAS MAY BE REZONED BY MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY, upon second reading.

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The bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 43, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Berger, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---43.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill remains on the calendar for Monday, May 1, upon third reading.

S.B. 17 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE STAGGERING OF TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STANLY COUNTY, 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. 143 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE IMPOSITION OF MORATORIA ON COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINEHURST, 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. 124 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES RELATED TO GIFTS, REBATES, AND SERVICES OFFERED FOR FREE OR FOR LESS THAN MARKET VALUE AND PLACING A CAP ON INSURANCE REFERRAL FEES PAID TO NONLICENSED PERSONS, 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 sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHOICE OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES, 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. 299, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, 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. 319, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE STATUTES RELATED TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (34-9) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 329 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (34-9) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 332 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY BEACH PLAN POLICY LIMITS, 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 sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 408 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-0).

The 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.

S.B. 527 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY, upon second reading.

Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-0).

The 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.

S.B. 574 (Committee Substitute), 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, upon second reading.

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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.

S.B. 582 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, upon second reading.

Senator Jackson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-0).

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 (25-18).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (34-9) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 625 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING JUVENILES AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator B. Newton.

Senator Batch 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. 729 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING LAWS, 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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Adcock, the Senate adjourns at 1:04 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, May 1, at 3:00 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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H.B. 98 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST PERSONS BASED ON THEIR REFUSAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF A COVID-19 VACCINATION, OR TO SUBMIT TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION, UNLESS THE VACCINATION IS REQUIRED AS A CONDITION NECESSARY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING, IS A FEDERAL REQUIREMENT OF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS), OR IS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF STATE OPERATED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 159, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ADOPTING THE FAYETTEVILLE DOGWOOD FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL DOGWOOD FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 224 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROTECTING NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS FOR NORTH CAROLINA AND ITS UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY PROHIBITING THE ASSERTION OF ANY RELEASED CLAIMS AGAINST ANY RELEASED ENTITIES PURSUANT TO THE FINAL CONSENT JUDGMENTS RESOLVING THIS LITIGATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 309 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 331 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND AUTHORIZING THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO CONVEY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY BY PRIVATE NEGOTIATION AND SALE OR LONG-TERM LEASE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 370, 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.**

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H.B. 431, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS TO EXPEND FUNDS TO CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL COURSES FOR LICENSED ARCHITECTS, REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS, AND INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN ARCHITECTURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 447 (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. 448, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TIMELY NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING THE CONDITIONAL DELIVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 463 (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 COMMERCE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 470, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITIES OF GREENSBORO AND WINSTON-SALEM TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 495, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED AND TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 539 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DESIGNATING THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS APPRECIATION DAY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 577, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO STUDY MODIFYING LICENSE AND LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FORMS TO INCLUDE AN OPTION TO PROVIDE OR UPDATE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 605 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO ESTABLISH PEER-TO-PEER COUNSELING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES REGARDING PLACEMENT AND CONTENTS OF SCHOOL CRISIS KITS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, AND TO EXPAND DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY EXERCISES FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 633, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE “SHINE LIKE HAILEY PARADE SAFETY ACT” BY AMENDING THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO IMPOSE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION OF A PARADE VEHICLE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 649, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENSURE TIMELY AND CLINICALLY SOUND UTILIZATION REVIEWS AND THAT MEDICAL DECISIONS ARE MADE BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 650 (Committee Substitute), 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. 696 (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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 748 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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

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OF A SEXUAL ACT UPON THE CHILD, 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 INTENTIONALLY AND ROUTINELY INFLICT PHYSICAL INJURY ON THAT CHILD, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 807 (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 AN EX PARTE, EMERGENCY, OR PERMANENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER AND TO PROTECT MINOR VICTIMS OF AND WITNESSES TO CRIME.

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. 321 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF NON-HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO CHARGE FACILITY FEES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 325 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT REGULATE CERTAIN ONLINE MARKETPLACES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 357, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE TIMELY NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING THE CONDITIONAL DELIVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE APPLICATIONS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 452 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 492 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 542, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 617 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE AN EXCEPTION TO THE AGE RESTRICTION WARNING LABEL FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND TO DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO RESEARCH, APPROVE, AND REPORT ON AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY COURSE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 650 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 677 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 743 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, with a favorable report.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 600, 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 April 6.

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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**.

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Proctor requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.J.R. 487, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 1, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 3:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 177 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 246, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF SPREAD PRICING, FEES, AND REBATES BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION, TO CLARIFY A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN

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BENEFICIARY'S RIGHT TO A PHARMACY OF CHOICE, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER COPAYMENT ACCUMULATOR PROVISION, AND TO STRENGTHEN THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED TO PHARMACIES DURING AUDITS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 299, 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.**

H.B. 346 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 377 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT FOR GRADE "A" DAIRY PRODUCERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 410 (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. 419 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 648, 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.B. 432 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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H.B. 544 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 551 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND CITIES FROM ADOPTING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD PROHIBIT LANDLORDS FROM REFUSING TO RENT TO TENANTS BECAUSE A TENANT'S LAWFUL SOURCE OF INCOME TO PAY RENT INCLUDES FUNDING FROM A FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO REGULATE SUPPORT ANIMALS AND SERVICE ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES; TO EXPAND AUTHORIZED LITIGATION COSTS IN SUMMARY EJECTMENT MATTERS; TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO LANDLORD-TENANT LAW; AND TO ADJUST THE APPLICABILITY OF HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS' DECLARATION AMENDMENTS TO HOMEOWNERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 565 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS TO INCENTIVIZE THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 591, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 611, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 756 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY ADVISORY COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND ACADEMIC STANDARDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR APPROVAL.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

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**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

April 28, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-10, I am pleased to nominate the following commissioners to continue to serve on the North Carolina Utilities Commission and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the General Assembly:

- Commissioner ToNola D. Brown-Bland of Alamance County for reappointment to her current position
- Commissioner Daniel G. Clodfelter of Mecklenburg County for reappointment to his current position
- Commissioner Charlotte A. Mitchell of Wake County for reappointment to her current position

I am grateful for their willingness to continue to hold this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger	The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
The Honorable Tim Moore	Ms. Sarah Holland
The Honorable Dan Blue	Mr. James White

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May 1, 2023

April 28, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Philip E. Berger
Senate President *Pro Tempore*
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear Senator Berger:

I regret to inform you Raquel Robinson has withdrawn her name from consideration for an appointment as the active teacher representative on the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 135-6, I am pleased to nominate Kimberly Mackey of Wake County to serve as the new active teacher representative on the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the North Carolina Senate.

I am grateful for her willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Mark Robinson
The Honorable Dan Blue
The Honorable Dale Folwell
Ms. Sarah Holland

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

May 1, 2023

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 11SC-10, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals to serve on the North Carolina State Board of Education and hereby submit their names for confirmation by the General Assembly:

- The Honorable Linda D. Cooper-Suggs of Wilson County, Third Education District Representative
- Mr. John M. Blackburn of Avery County, Seventh Education District Representative

I am grateful for their willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Phil Berger
The Honorable Tim Moore
The Honorable Dan Blue

The Honorable Robert T. Reives II
Ms. Sarah Holland
Mr. James White

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

S.B. 166, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO COVER A CUSTOMER'S COSTS TO COMPLY WITH RULES ADOPTED AFTER THE CUSTOMER'S CONNECTION TO THE SYSTEM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 28.

The bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 692 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES GOVERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES, referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** on April 25.

A sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** is added.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

S.B. 636, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE OVERSIGHT OF HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, 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, 15341, 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. 680, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS DAMAGED BY FALSE STATEMENTS MADE TO ACCREDITING AGENCIES, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN 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, 35274, which changes the title to read **S.B. 680** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS DAMAGED BY FALSE STATEMENTS MADE TO ACCREDITING AGENCIES, TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO STUDY ACCREDITATION, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN 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. 692 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES GOVERNING COMMUNITY COLLEGES, 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, 45335, which changes the title to read **S.B. 692** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPROVAL PROCESS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, TO PROHIBIT COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM OFFERING COURSES OF

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INSTRUCTION USING STATE FUNDS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, 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 Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

S.B. 356 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 364 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STATE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 389, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RAISING THE AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT FROM SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, with a favorable report.

S.B. 425 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE LAWS PERTAINING TO MEDICAID AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, with a favorable report.

S.B. 438 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY REHABILITATED USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS OR HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS BY LIMITING THE ABILITY OF ASSESSORS TO REAPPRAISE REAL PROPERTY AT HIGHER VALUES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 507, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-FUNDED AND VOLUNTEER PRISON CHAPLAINS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 549 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENEWALS AND EXTENSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT MORATORIA IMPOSED DUE TO PLANNED DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 638, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER LANES UPON APPROACHING A DISABLED VEHICLE DISPLAYING WARNING LIGHTS OR SIMILAR, with a favorable report.

S.B. 640 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 673 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE PEAK DAILY SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN RATE MODELING, TO PERMIT WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM EXPANSIONS BEYOND EXISTING ALLOCATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS TO THE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE STATUTES, 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:

“Our Father, as we face today the responsibilities placed upon us, save us from the folly of believing that our time in history is the most difficult the human race has ever known. Give us faith to believe that we have the capacities equal to our problems, and give us the humility to recognize that these capacities have come from thee.”* In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

*Prayer offered to open session
February 21, 1975
Dr. Edward H. Pruden
Senate Chaplain

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, April 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Murdock and Senator Rabon.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Shlok Banshal, Charlotte; Gracie Cohen, Elon; Anna Danforth, Cameron; Ally Davis, Morehead City; Olivia Hicks, Willow Spring; Nira Ilanchezhian, Apex; Alexa Howard, Winterville; Virginia Pope, Dunn; Vanessa Ramirez-Soto, Hickory; Ainsley Rash, Gibsonville; and Naveen Shankar, Cary.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 169, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ANNEXED SATELLITE AREAS MAY BE REZONED BY MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY, upon third reading.

The bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 48, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---48.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 321 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF NON-HOSPITAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO CHARGE FACILITY FEES, upon second reading.

Senator Krawiec offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The 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.

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S.B. 325 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL NOT REGULATE CERTAIN ONLINE MARKETPLACES, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (44-4) 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 REQUIRE TIMELY NOTICE TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS, TO CLARIFY THE LAW GOVERNING THE CONDITIONAL DELIVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LICENSE APPLICATIONS, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Burgin is excused from voting on the bill because he is the owner of a franchised dealership.

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.

S.B. 452 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 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. 492 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-2) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 542, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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.

S.B. 579, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, upon second reading.

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-19).

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.

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S.B. 617 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS OF THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE AN EXCEPTION TO THE AGE RESTRICTION WARNING LABEL FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND TO DIRECT THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO RESEARCH, APPROVE, AND REPORT ON AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFETY COURSE, 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. 650 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF POSSESSING A FIREARM OR WEAPON OF MASS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION BY A FELON DURING THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY, upon second reading.

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-19).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-19).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-19).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-19).

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. 677 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The 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.

S.B. 743 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH BY CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (THE SYSTEM) TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A STATEWIDE HEALTH

SYSTEM OF HIGH QUALITY; EXPANDING THE SYSTEM'S OPERATING AUTHORITIES AND PERSONNEL FLEXIBILITIES; AND MAKING NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, 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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Salvador, the Senate adjourns at 8:05 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m.

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

S.B. 166, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO COVER A CUSTOMER'S COSTS TO COMPLY WITH RULES ADOPTED AFTER THE CUSTOMER'S CONNECTION TO THE SYSTEM, 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, 35275, which changes the title to read **S.B. 166** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS FROM REQUIRING INSTALLATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, 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 Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.B. 112, 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. 615, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 218, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, 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, 15343, 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. 376, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS TO REQUEST IN WRITING THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS BETWEEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGERS, 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, 35261, which changes the title to read **S.B. 376** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND LOT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS TO INSPECT AND COPY ANY CONTRACTS BETWEEN THEIR ASSOCIATION AND A MANAGING AGENT, 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. 477 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, 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, 15339, which changes the title to read **S.B. 477** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, AND TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION, 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. 429, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS, TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND CERTAIN FINANCIAL REPORTS BE NOTARIZED, 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, which changes the title to read **S.B. 429** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, 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. 546, 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, 45336, which changes the title to read **S.B. 546** (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, TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, AND TO DENY ALIMONY TO A DEPENDENT SPOUSE FOR ENGAGING IN COHABITATION AND TO DENY POSTSEPARATION SUPPORT TO A DEPENDENT SPOUSE THAT ENGAGES IN ILLICIT SEXUAL ACTS OR COHABITATION, 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 Krawiec for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

S.B. 737, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, 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, 15342, 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. 79, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE 8TH 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, 35277, which changes the title to read **S.B. 79** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF LELAND, 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. 318 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF PLANTS AND SEEDS NATIVE TO THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES, WITH A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR PLANTS NATIVE TO NORTH CAROLINA, IN STATE PARKS AND ON STATE HIGHWAYS, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 355, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF PROPERTY-HAULING VEHICLES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 636 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE OVERSIGHT OF HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 680 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS DAMAGED BY FALSE STATEMENTS MADE TO ACCREDITING AGENCIES, TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO STUDY ACCREDITATION, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CONFORMING CHANGES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 692 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPROVAL PROCESS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, TO PROHIBIT COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM OFFERING COURSES OF INSTRUCTION USING STATE FUNDS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, 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 Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

“Father, we know that there is much wisdom; it kind of floats around everywhere, and we can get it from so many different sources. But, God, the only wisdom that will last, the only wisdom that will carry us from birth to the time that we leave this earth, Father, is your wisdom. Lord, it’s what got Jesus where he was, was the wisdom of his Father. So, Lord, as I pray tonight as we stand against such things that come at us that our enemy, the devil, brings. The three primary things that I’m always knowledgeable about, or concerned about, is deception, division, and diversion. Lord, those three things will get us into so much, so much trouble. So, Lord, we pray for wisdom tonight for every single person in this chamber, especially for our leadership and all those you have gathered around us to aid us in what we do in this General Assembly. Lord, let us never forget that you are the only true source of knowledge, and let us never forget that you freely give knowledge to those who ask. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, May 1, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Grafstein and Senator Murdock.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 20 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

Pursuant to Rule 47(a), Senator Rabon offers a motion that the House Committee Substitute bill be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 20 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (16-32) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 20 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 20 on May 2, Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces the President *Pro Tempore's* appointment of Senator Krawiec, Chair; Senator Barnes, Senator Burgin, Senator Corbin, Senator Galey, Senator Lee 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 and requesting conferees.

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S.B. 356 (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 is part owner of franchise dealerships.

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. 364 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AND TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STATE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, upon second reading.

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (30-18), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (48-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (34-14) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 389, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RAISING THE AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT FROM SIXTEEN TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD, upon second reading.

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-1) and changes the title to read, **S.B. 389**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS 16 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITH WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT.

The 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.

S.B. 425 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE LAWS PERTAINING TO MEDICAID AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, 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. 438 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM, TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS FROM AN INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY RESULTING FROM THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY REHABILITATED USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS OR HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDS BY LIMITING THE ABILITY OF ASSESSORS TO REAPPRAISE REAL PROPERTY AT HIGHER VALUES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO INCREASE THE INFORMAL BID THRESHOLD FOR CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR WORK RELATED TO DISASTER RECOVERY UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY, AND TO MAKE OTHER PROGRAMMATIC CHANGES, upon second reading.

Upon the appearance of Senator Grafstein in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges her presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

Senator Jackson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (49-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (49-0) 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. 507, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 508, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY-FUNDED AND VOLUNTEER PRISON CHAPLAINS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (31-18) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 549 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RENEWALS AND EXTENSIONS ON DEVELOPMENT MORATORIA IMPOSED DUE TO PLANNED DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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S.B. 638, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER LANES UPON APPROACHING A DISABLED VEHICLE DISPLAYING WARNING LIGHTS OR SIMILAR, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 640 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 673 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE PEAK DAILY SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN RATE MODELING, TO PERMIT WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM EXPANSIONS BEYOND EXISTING ALLOCATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS TO THE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE STATUTES, upon second reading.

Senator P. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (49-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Britt, the Senate adjourns at 5:43 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 20 House Committee Substitute (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Stevens, Chair
Representative K. Baker
Representative Arp and
Representative Paré

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on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 55 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FIRE INVESTIGATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 199 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 810 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE 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. 215, 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. 316 (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.**

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H.B. 317, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 363, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BE ENTITLED THE GABE TORRES ACT, TO EXPAND THOSE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES' DEATH BENEFITS ACT, AND TO HONOR THE LIFE OF GABE TORRES, A RALEIGH POLICE OFFICER WHOSE LIFE CAME TO AN END AFTER A TRAGIC ACT OF VIOLENCE ON OCTOBER 13, 2022, WHILE HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO WORK.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 487, 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. 492, 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. 560 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE PARITY FOR BREAST CANCER DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 576 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER TRANSPARENCY THROUGH LICENSURE IDENTIFICATION AND ADVERTISEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 599 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING BY FOOD DELIVERY PLATFORMS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 607, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM COMPELLING CERTAIN FORMS OF STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE SPEECH.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 608 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 621 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH FROM ADDING ANY NEW VACCINES TO THE STATE'S CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE UNLESS THE VACCINE HAS BEEN LICENSED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 627 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ITS ON-SITE WASTEWATER RULES DIFFERENTLY AND READOPT ITS RULES CONSISTENT WITH THAT IMPLEMENTATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 628 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 661 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF VARIOUS PEER SUPPORT GROUP COUNSELOR PROVISIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 684 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS THAT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS TO ALSO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR EARLY REFILLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 739, 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**.

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Krawiec, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 20** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S20-PCCS15344-BC-2.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **S.B. 20** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.

The Conference Report is referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS**SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 198 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 332 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE THE APPROVAL OF SEALED COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY BUILDING PLANS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 488 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 586 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROHIBITING NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPLANT CENTERS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO DONATE OR RECEIVE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT OR ORGAN TRANSPLANT SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 594 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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. 601 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO STUDY AND REPORT ON OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE CURRENT FUNDING MODEL AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 612 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BROADEN THE ELIGIBLE COUNTIES FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM AND TO ALLOW FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PROGRAM DEADLINES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 687, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS TO FILL A VACANCY ON A LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTED USING THE PARTISAN METHOD OF ELECTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 693, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A SELLER OF A MANUFACTURED SIGN TO REPOSSESS THE SIGN IF THE BUYER FAILS TO PAY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 704 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL SUBMISSION OF GIGLIO DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 717, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND TRANSPARENCY, ORGANIZATION, AND OVERSIGHT OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 736 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER 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. 747 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WORK REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES BENEFITS.

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. 112, 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. 166 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS FROM REQUIRING INSTALLATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, with a favorable report.

S.B. 218 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE

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TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 376 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND LOT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS TO INSPECT AND COPY ANY CONTRACTS BETWEEN THEIR ASSOCIATION AND A MANAGING AGENT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 429 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 477 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, AND TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 546 (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, TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, AND TO DENY ALIMONY TO A DEPENDENT SPOUSE FOR ENGAGING IN COHABITATION AND TO DENY POSTSEPARATION SUPPORT TO A DEPENDENT SPOUSE THAT ENGAGES IN ILLICIT SEXUAL ACTS OR COHABITATION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 615, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTees TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, with a favorable report.

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S.B. 737 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, 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 Kevin Corbin, Senator from Macon County, as follows:

“Almighty God, Ruler of all the peoples of the Earth, forgive us our short comings. Purify our hearts to see and love the truth. Give wisdom to our leaders and steadfastness to our people, and bring us at last to that fair city of peace, whose foundations are mercy, justice, and goodwill, of which you are the designer and builder. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 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.

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. 737 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

S.B. 20 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

Senator Rabon orders the Conference Report withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Thursday, May 4.

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CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 318 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE USE OF PLANTS AND SEEDS NATIVE TO THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES, WITH A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR PLANTS NATIVE TO NORTH CAROLINA, IN STATE PARKS AND ON STATE HIGHWAYS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute 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 by special message.

S.B. 355, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF PROPERTY-HAULING VEHICLES, 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 by special message.

S.B. 636 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE OVERSIGHT OF HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, upon second reading.

Senator Johnson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (31-19).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (30-20) 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.

S.B. 680 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS DAMAGED BY FALSE STATEMENTS MADE TO ACCREDITING AGENCIES, TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO STUDY ACCREDITATION, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CONFORMING CHANGES, upon second reading.

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (50-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (32-18) 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.

S.B. 737 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (30-20) 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.

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S.B. 692 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES SYSTEM BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE APPROVAL PROCESS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, TO PROHIBIT COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM OFFERING COURSES OF INSTRUCTION USING STATE FUNDS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-3).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-20).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 4 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (30-20), and Amendment No. 3 subsequently fails.

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-20).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (31-19) 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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Marcus, the Senate adjourns at 5:08 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 346 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 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 **Health Care 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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FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 4, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Kandie D. Smith, Senator from Pitt County, as follows:

“Dear Lord, thank you for bringing us all together for another day. When we find ourselves in a position of leadership, let us seek your will and obey your commandments. May we all humble ourselves and understand that all power comes from you. Be with each of us as legislators to be leaders in our communities and to uplift those who are less fortunate. Sometimes we’re so engrossed in our work that we forget to give you all praise and honor. We are in this chamber today with our different thoughts and beliefs. My prayer is that we understand what your charge to all of us is and to have behavior and a heart that reflects Jesus Christ. Your greatest commandment is that we love one another. That we also understand our positions are to be used to uplift your kingdom and not our own. We love you, and we thank you. In your Son, Jesus,’ name I pray and give thanks. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 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.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 112, 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 by special message.

S.B. 166 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS FROM REQUIRING INSTALLATION OF BACKFLOW PREVENTERS NOT OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, upon second reading.

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The Committee Substitute 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 by special message.

S.B. 218 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute 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 by special message.

S.B. 376 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND LOT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS TO INSPECT AND COPY ANY CONTRACTS BETWEEN THEIR ASSOCIATION AND A MANAGING AGENT, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute 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 by special message.

S.B. 429 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute 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 by special message.

S.B. 477 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, AND TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (49-1) 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.

S.B. 546 (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, TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, AND TO DENY ALIMONY TO A DEPENDENT SPOUSE FOR ENGAGING IN COHABITATION AND TO DENY POSTSEPARATION SUPPORT TO A DEPENDENT SPOUSE THAT ENGAGES IN ILLICIT SEXUAL ACTS OR COHABITATION, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (49-1) and changes the title to read, **S.B. 546** (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, TO CHANGE THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING PATERNITY OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK, AND TO AMEND THE LAWS ON ALIMONY AND POSTSEPARATION SUPPORT FOR DEPENDENT SPOUSES.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-3) 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. 615, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, 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 by special message.

S.B. 20 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS, for adoption.

Senator Blue raises a point of order, citing N.C. Gen. Stat. §143C-5-2.

The Chair rules Senator Blue's point of order out of order.

Senator Blue appeals the ruling of the Chair to Senator Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Senator Rabon sustains the ruling of the Chair.

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Pursuant to Senate Rule 10, Senator Chaudhuri appeals the ruling of the Rules Chair to the Senate. Senator Garrett calls for the ayes and noes on the question, and the requisite one-fifth of the present senators stand.

The motion to sustain the ruling of the Rules Chair passes, ayes 30, noes 20, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---20.

Senator Chaudhuri raises a point of order under Senate Rule 14.

The Senate recesses at 11:50 a.m., with the motion to adopt the Conference Report for S.B. 20 pending, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 20 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS, for adoption.

The Chair rules that Senator Chaudhuri is granted additional speaking time.

Senator Marcus offers a motion pursuant to Senate Rule 18 and Jefferson's Rules to re-refer S.B. 20 back to the conference committee, with instructions.

The Chair rules the motion out of order pursuant to Senate Rule 47.

Senator Garrett questions the ruling of the Chair, referencing Senate Rule 19. The Chair upholds his previous ruling. Senator Garrett appeals the ruling of the Chair to Senator Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Senator Rabon sustains the ruling of the Chair.

Senator Garrett appeals the ruling of the Rules Chair to the Senate. Senator Garrett calls for the ayes and noes on the question, and the requisite one-fifth of the present senators stand.

The motion to sustain the ruling of the Rules Chair passes, ayes 30, noes 20, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---20.

Senator Murdock offers a motion pursuant to Senate Rule 18 and Jefferson's Rules to re-refer S.B. 20 back to the conference committee, with instructions.

The Chair rules the motion out of order.

Senator Garrett raises a point of order, referencing Senate Rule 19. Senator Garrett requests to appeal the ruling of the Chair to Senator Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

The Chair rules the appeal out of order, stating that the question has already been decided by the Senate.

Senator Garrett requests to appeal the ruling to the Senate, which request is denied by the Chair.

Citing Senate Rule 19(6), Senator Chaudhuri offers a motion to postpone the motion to adopt the Conference Report to June 30, 2023.

The Chair rules Senator Chaudhuri's motion out of order.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 10, Senator Chaudhuri requests to appeal the ruling of the Chair to Senator Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Citing Senate Rule 47, the Chair denies the request, stating that the Senate has already ruled on the issue.

Citing Senate Rule 19(5), Senator Chaudhuri offers a motion to postpone the motion to adopt the Conference Report indefinitely.

The Chair rules Senator Chaudhuri's motion out of order.

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 Bode, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Garrett, Senator Grafstein, Senator Hunt, Senator Lowe, Senator Marcus, Senator Mayfield, Senator Meyer, Senator Mohammed, Senator Murdock, Senator Robinson, Senator Salvador, Senator Smith, Senator Waddell, and Senator Woodard. (See pgs. 889-908.)

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Johnson.

Upon motion of Senator Krawiec, the Senate adopts the Conference Report, ayes 29, noes 20, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---29.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---20.

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The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

CONVEYANCE OF A BILL

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **S.B. 20** will be sent to the Governor by special message upon its adoption by the House of Representatives.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 5:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Friday, May 5, 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
May 3, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 20 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.

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. 20 on Thursday, May 4, 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
May 3, 2023

Mr. President:

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It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that pursuant to **H.R. 895 (Adopted)**, A HOUSE RESOLUTION ELECTING DR. PEARL BURRIS-FLOYD, C. PHILIP BYERS, SWADESH CHATTERJEE, R. GENE DAVIS, JR., H. TERRY HUTCHENS, AND J. ALEX MITCHELL TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, the House of Representatives has elected the following six persons to serve for a four-year term:

Dr. Pearl Burris-Floyd
C. Philip Byers
Swadesh Chatterjee
R. Gene Davis Jr.
H. Terry Hutchens
J. Alex Mitchell

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. 20 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT RETAIL BUSINESSES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM REFUSING CASH PAYMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 23 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY VARIOUS EDUCATION ISSUES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 28 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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.**

H.B. 116 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 140 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF BURLINGTON, GREENSBORO, GREENVILLE, AND WINSTON-SALEM TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES DURING A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 145, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 162 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT LIVING DONORS FROM POTENTIAL INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION, TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ORGAN AND MARROW DONATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE UP TO THIRTY DAYS' PAID LEAVE TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND OTHER STATE-SUPPORTED PERSONNEL WHO SERVE AS LIVING ORGAN DONORS AND UP TO SEVEN DAYS' PAID LEAVE FOR BONE MARROW DONORS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 178 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ENHANCE OVERALL MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE'S VETERANS CEMETERIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION STATUTES AND WAIVING FEES FOR ESTATE ADMINISTRATION LIMITED TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES HELD IN THE ESCHEAT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 192 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 201 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES'

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 219 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 237 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CRIMINALIZE MONEY LAUNDERING AND TO ESTABLISH AN ENHANCED SENTENCE IF A DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE AND THE DEFENDANT WAS WEARING A MASK, HOOD, OR OTHER CLOTHING OR DEVICE TO CONCEAL OR ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE DEFENDANT'S IDENTITY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 251 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW FUNERAL PROCESSIONS TO HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT INTERSECTIONS REGARDLESS OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS OR SIGNALS AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY TO THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT FOR ANY DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE ACTION OR INACTION OF A PERSON OPERATING A VEHICLE IN A FUNERAL PROCESSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 262, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT ZONES THAT ALLOW STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE SCHOOLS CLOSEST TO THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE IN ONSLOW COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 264 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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H.B. 270 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING DEATH BENEFITS PARITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND INCREASING THE MONTHLY PAYMENT AND PENSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS' AND RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS' PENSION FUND.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 295, 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. 326, 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.**

H.B. 394, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FEDERAL NOTARIES TO ACT IN THIS STATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 395, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO PROVIDE THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN EITHER SEMIANNUAL OR ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 402 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 413, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A TOWN OF TOPSAIL BEACH SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 426, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION TO WITHDRAW THE 2021 NPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR AQUACULTURE AND REVISE IT TO BE SUBSTANTIVELY IDENTICAL TO THE PREVIOUS GENERAL PERMIT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 427 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE AN HONOR WOMEN VETERANS SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE AND TO ADOPT THE TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS WOMEN VETERANS DAY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 446, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN SURPLUS AND DECOMMISSIONED FEDERAL MATERIAL AND PROPERTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 535 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ROOFTOP SOLAR LEASING CAP.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 542 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM AMOUNT FOR DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS BEFORE A UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION CAN BEGIN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AND TO STRENGTHEN NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY THE ASSOCIATIONS TO OWNERS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN TO INITIATE FORECLOSURE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 561 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE CIVIL RELIEF FROM COERCED DEBT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 588 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO STUDY THE UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 593, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING TANDEM TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER LENGTH LIMITATIONS ON A CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROAD IN MACON COUNTY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 600 (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.**

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H.B. 618 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 647 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS TO EXPEDITE PERMANENCY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 658, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 674, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, TO GOVERN THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 688, 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. 690 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PAYMENTS TO THE STATE USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATION BY THE STATE IN FEDERAL RESERVE BRANCH TESTING OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 707 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM AGAINST CERTAIN EMERGENCY, MEDICAL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT AGAINST AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER, A LEGISLATIVE OFFICER, OR A COURT OFFICER AND INFLECTING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY; AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING AN ASSAULT OR MAKING A THREAT AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY OR ACTING ON BEHALF OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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H.B. 719 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE SBI TO USE A PEN REGISTER OR TRAP AND TRACE DEVICE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 726, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT VARIOUS LICENSING BOARDS TO STUDY THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FROM OTHER BOARDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 734, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PRODUCE A HOME OF THE VENUS FLYTRAP SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 768 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURN TO SERVICE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 778, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE DISSEMINATION AND REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF BOOKING PHOTOGRAPHS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 782, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 790 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 808 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SURGICAL GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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H.B. 809 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE HOSPITAL VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 813 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 814 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 815 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONE CHILD OR SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE TO BE PLACED IN A FAMILY FOSTER HOME IF THE FOSTER FAMILY HAS FIVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 824 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO GRANT A CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL LICENSE TO ANY TEACHER LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 837 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES (DAAS), TO UPDATE THE STRATEGIC STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS (THE DEMENTIA-CAPABLE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PLAN) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS AND TO MAINTAIN WITHIN THE DAAS A DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING AND UPDATING THE DEMENTIA-CAPABLE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PLAN; AND REQUIRING THE TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS TO MEET ON AT LEAST A QUARTERLY BASIS TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATES TO THE DEMENTIA-CAPABLE NORTH CAROLINA STATE PLAN.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 20, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.

May 4, 2023

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 206 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; TO EXPAND THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO INCLUDE ALL OPIOID ANTAGONISTS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE; AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL SUCH FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG-APPROVED OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN NEEDLE AND HYPODERMIC SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS; TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS, PHARMACY INTERNS, AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPIRING PUBLIC READINESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT; AND TO CONTINUE THE ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAM, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

FIFTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, May 5, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County.

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 grace and mercy. Thank you for your protection yesterday and all this week, and we pray that you'll continue to guide us and direct us all day, every day, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Sanderson, the Senate adjourns at 10:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, May 8, at 3:00 p.m.

SIXTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 8, 2023

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 God, we thank you for yet another day and another week. We pray that we’ll continue to bring honor and glory to you. We thank you once again for protecting us this past week, keeping us safe, and thank you for everyone that does that and helps us. We praise you in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, 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.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 3:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 157, AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME A LIMITED LEARNER’S PERMIT MUST BE HELD BEFORE OBTAINING A LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE AND TO AMEND THE PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO LIMITED PROVISIONAL LICENSE HOLDERS. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, May 6, 2023 - S.L. 2023-13)

Pursuant to Senator Ford’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

May 8, 2023

SIXTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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, another day you’ve given us, and we thank you for it. Thank you for your grace and mercy and love. We praise you for all that you do. Help us today and every day to be honorable to you, Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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 Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 10, at 11:00 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. 66 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 179 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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H.B. 229 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 334 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO INCLUDE AN AT-LARGE SEAT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 452 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION METHOD, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 233, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALEXANDER COUNTY TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County.

May 10, 2023

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, you’ve given us another day and another day of grace and love from you, and it’s never ending, and we thank you for that. Pray that you’ll continue to bless us. Guide and direct us this week and in the coming weeks, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 9, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 11:04 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 11, at 10:00 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 453 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CABARRUS COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 26.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

S.B. 248, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 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, 15345, which changes the title to read **S.B. 248** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 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. 66 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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, 30370, which changes the title to read **H.B. 66** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND PAMLICO 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.**

H.B. 453 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CABARRUS COUNTY, 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. 229 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR YEARS, 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. 452 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION METHOD, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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SIXTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 11, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Our dear blessed heavenly Father, we want to thank you for the beautiful day that you have given us. We thank you for this great state of North Carolina and for the privilege that you have given us to serve. We pray for our law enforcement officers, our Sergeant-at-Arms, the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor. We pray that you would help us to do your will in your way. In thy name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, May 15, at 10:00 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 259 (Committee Substitute), 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 April 10.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Appropriations/Base Budget 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 **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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SIXTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 15, 2023

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, another day, another week you’ve given us. We thank you for your blessings over the weekend, and we thank you for another day. We pray that you’ll guide and direct us today, and help us to do all things to bring honor and glory to you. Touch those that are sick among us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Alexander announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 11, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Alexander, the Senate adjourns at 10:20 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 16, at 9:30 a.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 20, “An Act to Make Various Changes to Health Care Laws and to Appropriate Funds for Health Care Programs.”

This bill will create dangerous interference with the doctor-patient relationship, leading to harm for pregnant women and their families. With its medically unnecessary obstacles and restrictions, it will make abortion unavailable to many women, particularly those with lower incomes, those who live in rural areas, and those who already have limited access to health care.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 14th day of May, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, May 16, for reconsideration upon the Governor’s veto.

May 15, 2023

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Jackson for the **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee**:

H.B. 259 (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, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, with unengrossed amendments.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10471, with attached Committee Amendments No. 1 and No. 2, is adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 259 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, with a favorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, with unengrossed amendments.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10471, with attached Committee Amendments No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, is adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**.

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The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul Newton, Senator from Cabarrus County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we just thank you that you provide us constant reminders in life that we represent you. You have called us to this duty on behalf of the state of North Carolina. As we look around this gallery, it’s a reminder that we represent others. We pray your blessing on those who have taken time out of their day to come and be a part of this process. We pray that you would give us the wisdom to represent others well. We love you. We praise you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Lucy Dimock, Wilmington; Chloe Hale, Kings Mountain; Reagan Leas, Henderson; Samantha Lindo, Durham; Anderson Meyer, Summerfield; Tori Neal, Leland; Ella Ogburn, Nags Head; Maya Tarter, Chapel Hill; and Lauren Zuravel, Fayetteville.

CALENDAR

A bill on today’s calendar is taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 20 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS, for reconsideration upon the Governor’s veto.

Senator Sawyer offers a motion that S.B. 20 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 20, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---20.

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.

May 16, 2023

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 5:19 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Krawiec for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

H.B. 259 (Senate 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 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, 40484, is adopted.

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. 20, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, May 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-14)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS

May 17, 2023

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
May 16, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 20 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, we do thank you for all the blessings that you bestow on us, Lord, and you just remind us daily that its your money, not ours, and we are just stewards. Lord, let us use it wisely. Let us protect those that are less fortunate and do good with this money. We ask all this in your Son, Jesus,’ name. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 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 a leave of absence for today to Senator Perry.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Daniel submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**OBSERVING NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK.**”

FLOOR PRIVILEGES

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to allow staff on the Senate chamber floor while **H.B. 259** is being discussed.

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CALENDAR

A bill on today's calendar is taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 259 (Senate 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 Adcock offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-1).

Senator Adcock offers Amendment No. 2, which she subsequently withdraws.

Senator Adcock offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 4 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-20), and Amendment No. 3 subsequently fails.

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 6 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (35-14), and Amendment No. 5 subsequently fails.

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 7, which fails (18-31).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 8.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 9 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-20), and Amendment No. 8 subsequently fails.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 10.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 11 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-20), and Amendment No. 10 subsequently fails.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 12.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 13 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-20), and Amendment No. 12 subsequently fails.

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 14.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 15 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-20), and Amendment No. 14 subsequently fails.

Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 16.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 16 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-20).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 17.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 18 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-20), and Amendment No. 17 subsequently fails.

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 19.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 19 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-20).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 20.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 20 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-20).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 21, which she subsequently withdraws.

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 22.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 22 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-20).

Senator Hunt offers Amendment No. 23.

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Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 24 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-20), and Amendment No. 23 subsequently fails.

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 25.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 25 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-20).

Senator Robinson offers Amendment No. 26.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 27 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (28-20), and Amendment No. 26 subsequently fails.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 28.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 28 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-20).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 29.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 30 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-20), and Amendment No. 29 subsequently fails.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 36, noes 13, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---36.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock and Salvador---13.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, remains on the calendar for Thursday, May 18, upon third reading.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Barnes, the Senate adjourns at 5:12 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m.

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 18, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

“Lord, we pray for the humility to ask for your wisdom and not rely on our own; and that you will have the grace to give it. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

May 18, 2023

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 17, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for today to Senator Salvador.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 206 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; TO EXPAND THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO INCLUDE ALL OPIOID ANTAGONISTS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE; AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL SUCH FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG-APPROVED OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN NEEDLE AND HYPODERMIC SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS; TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS, PHARMACY INTERNS, AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPIRING PUBLIC READINESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT; AND TO CONTINUE THE ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

Pursuant to Rule 47(a), Senator Rabon offers a motion that the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 259 (Senate 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 Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 37, noes 12, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---37.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Blue, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed and Murdock---12.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

S.B. 206 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; TO EXPAND THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO INCLUDE ALL OPIOID ANTAGONISTS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE; AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL SUCH FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG-APPROVED OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN NEEDLE AND HYPODERMIC SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS; TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS, PHARMACY INTERNS, AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPIRING PUBLIC READINESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT; AND TO CONTINUE THE ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME 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 (49-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor. Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 will be sent to the Governor by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Lowe, the Senate adjourns at 10:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, May 22, at 4:00 p.m.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 206, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; TO EXPAND THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO INCLUDE ALL OPIOID ANTAGONISTS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE; AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL SUCH FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG-APPROVED OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN NEEDLE AND HYPODERMIC SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS; TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS,

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PHARMACY INTERNS, AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPIRING PUBLIC READINESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT; AND TO CONTINUE THE ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAM.

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. 5 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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. 57, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 78 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

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. 122 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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. 8 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMPLETION OF A COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

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. 23 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY VARIOUS EDUCATION ISSUES AND MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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. 26 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 9.

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. 166 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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**.

H.B. 210 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

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. 432 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

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**.

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H.B. 612 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO BROADEN THE ELIGIBLE COUNTIES FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FELLOWS PROGRAM AND TO ALLOW FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PROGRAM DEADLINES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 3.

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. 364 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 6.

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. 73 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGETON TO REFLECT THE GENERAL LAW ON QUORUMS AND VOTING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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. 247 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

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. 397 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR A TERM OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS WITHOUT TREATING IT AS A SALE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 26.

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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. 412 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TO PENDER COUNTY TO ENABLE CERTAIN FINANCING OPTIONS NEEDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL FACILITY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 26.

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. 544 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

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. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION STATUTES AND WAIVING FEES FOR ESTATE ADMINISTRATION LIMITED TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES HELD IN THE ESCHEAT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 201 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES'

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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. 34 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISCHARGING OR ATTEMPTING TO DISCHARGE A FIREARM AT OR INTO AN UNOCCUPIED EMERGENCY VEHICLE AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR POINTING A LASER DEVICE AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, OR OTHER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHEN THE PERSON OR ANIMAL IS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES, 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**.

H.B. 103, 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 March 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**.

H.B. 153 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD ISSUED BY A STATE OR FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE WHEN MAKING ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO PURCHASES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

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The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 186 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC CONCERNING JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3 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. 422 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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. 142 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3 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**.

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S.B. 145, 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 February 23.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance 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 **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. 190 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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 March 30.

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. 593, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR EXCEEDING TANDEM TRAILER AND SEMITRAILER LENGTH LIMITATIONS ON A CERTAIN DESIGNATED ROAD IN MACON COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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. 198 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 3.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Transportation 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 **Appropriations/Base Budget Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 199 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE, LIEN HEARING NOTIFICATION, AND SERVICE OF PROCESS LAWS OF THE STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

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The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Transportation 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. 99 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO NINE MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2026, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 135 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TRINITY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 174 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 227 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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H.B. 267 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 436, 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**.

H.B. 462, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE WARREN FIELD AIRPORT PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 823 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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. 125 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 8.

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. 87, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO FILE A PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 9.

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. 116 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3 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. 278 (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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 378 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS MAY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CLERK OF COURT, OR A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN, AND CLARIFYING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREFIGHTERS PRIOR TO OFFERING THE POSITION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, May 22, 2023

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, I thank you for another day, another week you’ve given us. I thank you for your blessings the last few weeks here; and pray that you’ll continue to guide and direct us this week in everything that we say and do. Help us to bring honor to you, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 18, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 4:05 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 23, 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. 229 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR YEARS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 452 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION METHOD, with a favorable report.

H.B. 453 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CABARRUS COUNTY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 248 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, with a favorable report.

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. 206, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT TO ESTABLISH NEW VIOLATIONS INVOLVING COUNTERFEIT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; TO EXPAND THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO INCLUDE ALL OPIOID ANTAGONISTS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR THE

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TREATMENT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE; AND TO ALLOW THE USE OF ALL SUCH FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG-APPROVED OPIOID ANTAGONISTS IN NEEDLE AND HYPODERMIC SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS; TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS, PHARMACY INTERNS, AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPIRING PUBLIC READINESS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT; AND TO CONTINUE THE ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAM. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, May 19, 2023 - S.L. 2023-15)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SIXTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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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. 746, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLOTTE A. MITCHELL TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

Senator Rabon orders the following bills and a resolution withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

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S.J.R. 746, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLOTTE A. MITCHELL TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 23.

The Joint Resolution is re-referred to the **Select Committee on Nominations**.

H.B. 145, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO SOCIAL SERVICES REFORM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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**.

H.B. 193 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20.

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. 344, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 87, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO FILE A PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITION, 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, 30375, which changes the title to read **H.B. 87** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES, 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 No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Ford for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

H.B. 73 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGETON TO REFLECT THE GENERAL LAW ON QUORUMS AND VOTING, 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. 247 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE, 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. 544 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS, 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. 345, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING 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, 15346, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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H.B. 412 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TO PENDER COUNTY TO ENABLE CERTAIN FINANCING OPTIONS NEEDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL FACILITY, 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, 40488, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 347 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE SPORTS WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS IN NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 30.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 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**.

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. We thank thee because you woke us up this morning, and you woke us up to a brand-new day that we have never seen before. We ask that you would continue to wrap your arms of protection around us. Continue to give us joy, strength, and courage as we continue to 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 Monday, May 22, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Alexander and Senator Rabon.

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SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Brynn Arne, Wilmington; Dash Black, Raleigh; Cam Cooper, Whitsett; Abi Echevarria, Arden; Jake Edmonson, Maury; Hannah Hagie, Smithfield; Adhivika Karthik, Greensboro; Kennedy Lee, Raleigh; Jake Maybouer, Pinehurst; Fatima Nadeem, High Point; Daniel Tew, Bailey; Cody Waters, Belmont; and Noah Wills, Angier.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 229 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR 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 enrolled.

H.B. 452 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION METHOD, 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 enrolled.

H.B. 453 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REGARDING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CABARRUS COUNTY, 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 enrolled.

S.B. 248 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, upon second reading.

Senator Barnes offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Grafstein calls for the ayes and noes on the question.

Amendment No. 1 is adopted, ayes 28, noes 20, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---20.

Amendment No. 1 changes the title to read, **S.B. 248** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS; TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NASH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE BOUNDARIES OF NASH COUNTY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (28-20).

Senator Smith objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Committee Substitute bill, as amended, placed on the calendar of Thursday, May 25, upon third reading.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator McInnis submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO THE AUCTIONEERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.”**

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Sawyer, the Senate adjourns at 4:45 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 24, at 10:30 a.m.

SEVENTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 24, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you and praise you for another day. We thank you that your Word says you loved us before we loved you. We thank you for loving us forever and ever. We praise you and thank you for this day. Guide and direct us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 23, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 229, AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR YEARS.

H.B. 452, AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION METHOD.

H.B. 453, AN ACT REGARDING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CABARRUS COUNTY.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:42 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, May 25, at 11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 259 Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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H.B. 346 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION, referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** on May 3, with sequential referrals to the **Health Care Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **Health Care Committee** is stricken.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports and a select committee report are submitted as follows:

By Senator Galey for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

H.B. 8 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMPLETION OF A COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, 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. 432 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, 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, 30377, 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 Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

H.B. 346 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Ford for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

H.B. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND

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INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION STATUTES AND WAIVING FEES FOR ESTATE ADMINISTRATION LIMITED TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES HELD IN THE ESCHEAT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 201 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, 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. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, 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 Daniel for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 73 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGETON TO REFLECT THE GENERAL LAW ON QUORUMS AND VOTING, with a favorable report.

H.B. 247 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 412 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TO PENDER COUNTY TO ENABLE CERTAIN FINANCING OPTIONS NEEDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL FACILITY, with a favorable report.

H.B. 544 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS, with a favorable report.

By Senator Rabon for the **Select Committee on Nominations**:

S.J.R. 746, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLOTTE A. MITCHELL TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 278 (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.

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 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 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, 45338, which changes the title to read **S.B. 675** (Committee Substitute), 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; TO ELIMINATE MUNICIPAL EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; AND TO PROHIBIT MINIMUM LOT SIZES, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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H.B. 103, 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 bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10473, 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 Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

H.B. 347 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE SPORTS WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS IN NORTH CAROLINA, 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, 30378, which changes the title to read **H.B. 347** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS AND ON HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO AUTHORIZE LIVE HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance 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. 229, AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR YEARS. (Became law upon ratification, May 24, 2023 - S.L. 2023-16)

H.B. 452, AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DATE AND METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION METHOD. (Became law upon ratification, May 24, 2023 - S.L. 2023-17)

H.B. 453, AN ACT REGARDING THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CABARRUS COUNTY. (Became law upon ratification, May 24, 2023 - S.L. 2023-18)

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Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, May 25, 2023

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 Paul Newton, Senator from Cabarrus County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we thank you so much that your ministry on this earth is built on the principle of forgiveness. Remind us, Lord, that you have forgiven us for all sins ever committed and to be committed on the earth. Father, for that we thank you. We want to thank you by forgiving others who have wronged us. We love you, Lord. We praise you. We trust you in these things. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Alexander, Senator Britt, Senator Garrett, Senator Murdock, Senator Rabon, and Senator Salvador.

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 465, AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THEIR ORDINANCE-MAKING JURISDICTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTIES AND GRANTING ALL COUNTIES THE SAME AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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S.B. 17, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE STAGGERING OF TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STANLY COUNTY.

S.B. 203, AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLK COUNTY TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT SKATEBOARDING.

S.B. 276, AN ACT AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO USE WHEEL LOCKS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY LEASED BY THE COUNTY.

S.B. 286, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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. 220, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF PHILIP A. BADDOUR, III, TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION. (Res. 2023-6)

S.J.R. 221, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THERESA B. STEPHENSON TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW. (Res. 2023-7)

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee, **S.J.R. 746** 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.J.R. 746, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLOTTE A. MITCHELL TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

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H.B. 73 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGETON TO REFLECT THE GENERAL LAW ON QUORUMS AND VOTING, 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 enrolled.

H.B. 247 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-0) and, upon concurrence by the House of Representatives, will change the title to read, **H.B. 247** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE, THE TOWN OF BEECH MOUNTAIN, AND THE TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS.

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in Senate Amendment No. 1.

S.B. 248 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, as amended, upon third reading.

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 2, which fails (17-27).

Senator Smith offers Amendment No. 3, which fails (17-27).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading (27-17) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives. Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 412 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TO PENDER COUNTY TO ENABLE CERTAIN FINANCING OPTIONS NEEDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL FACILITY, 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.

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H.B. 544 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS, 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 Hise, seconded by Senator McInnis, the Senate adjourns at 12:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Friday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 31, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 1.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 130, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

The bill is re-referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment 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. 155 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE FOR CERTAIN OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20.

The Committee Substitute 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. 192 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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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**.

H.B. 264 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 267 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 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**.

H.B. 308 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 600 (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 May 4.

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. 608 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 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**.

H.B. 618 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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. 674, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, TO GOVERN THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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**.

H.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance 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**.

H.B. 790 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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**.

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
May 25, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the Republican Caucus of the House of Representatives has reorganized:

Representative Kidwell of Beaufort and Representative McNeely of Iredell have resigned their leadership positions as Deputy Majority Whips.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSORS

Senator Barnes, Senator Daniel, and Senator Hise request to be added as co-sponsors of previously introduced legislation:

S.J.R. 487, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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. 17, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE STAGGERING OF TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STANLY COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STANLY COUNTY. (Became law upon ratification, May 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-19)

S.B. 203, AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLK COUNTY TO PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT SKATEBOARDING. (Became law upon ratification, May 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-20)

S.B. 276, AN ACT AUTHORIZING UNION COUNTY TO USE WHEEL LOCKS OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES TO ENFORCE PARKING REGULATIONS ON COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY LEASED BY THE COUNTY. (Became law upon ratification, May 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-21)

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S.B. 286, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. (Became law upon ratification, May 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-22)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, May 26, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Vickie Sawyer, Senator from Iredell County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Mike Woodard, Senator from Durham County, as follows:

“Dear God, thy will. Nothing more. Nothing less. Nothing else. Amen.”

Senator Woodard announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, May 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.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 544, AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 73, AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGETON TO REFLECT THE GENERAL LAW ON QUORUMS AND VOTING.

Upon motion of Senator Woodard, seconded by Senator Sawyer, the Senate adjourns at 9:35 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 87 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES, with a favorable report.

H.B. 103 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

H.B. 116 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES, with a favorable report.

H.B. 346 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION, with a favorable report.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 18 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 208 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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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. 73, AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGETON TO REFLECT THE GENERAL LAW ON QUORUMS AND VOTING. (Became law upon ratification, May 26, 2023 - S.L. 2023-23)

Pursuant to Senator Woodard's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, May 30, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS**RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL**

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 66 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 10.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 347 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS AND ON HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO AUTHORIZE LIVE HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report, as amended, unengrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, Committee Amendment No. 1 is adopted.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, is 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. 323 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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**.

S.B. 428, 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 April 3.

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**.

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:

“Dear Lord, receive these words from Abraham Lincoln as one of our continued prayer today. ‘It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us---that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion---that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain---that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom---and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.’* In Christ’s name I pray this. Amen.”

*The Gettysburg Address (excerpt)

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, May 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 Britt and Senator Chaudhuri.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Lydia Allen, Raleigh; Jahara Anderson, Durham; Lena Bird, Charlotte; Alyssa Bissonnette, Harrisburg; Walker Coley, Holly Springs; Emerson Euliss, Graham; Elizabeth Griffin, Goldsboro; Sam Ostrow, Blowing Rock; Lauren Parsons, New Bern; John Scott, Cary; Bryce Stathopoulos, Wilmington; and Anya Trivedi, Raleigh.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 87 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES, 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 103 (Senate 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, 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 116 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES, upon second reading.

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The Committee Substitute bill No. 3 passes its second reading (48-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 346 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Burgin is excused from voting on the bill because he is an agent with BCBS NC.

Without objection, Senator Corbin is excused from voting on the bill because he has a conflict of interest.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (41-5) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator P. Newton submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STOCK CAR AUTO RACING (NASCAR).”**

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator P. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 4:40 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, May 31, 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. 347 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS AND ON HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO AUTHORIZE LIVE HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, 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, 10475, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Senator Hise’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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SEVENTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, May 31, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS**RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS**

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

H.B. 125 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, referred to the **Health Care Committee** on May 18, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Sequential referrals to the **Judiciary Committee** and the **Finance Committee** are 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. 18 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 26, with House Amendment No. 1

The Committee Substitute bill, with House Amendment No. 1, is placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 1.

S.B. 208 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 26.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 1.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

H.B. 166 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES, 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. 364 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Krawiec for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 674, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, TO GOVERN THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

H.B. 125 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS UNDER THE ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DEPENDENCY LAWS AND TO MAKE CONFORMING STATUTORY CHANGES, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40493, which changes the title to read **H.B. 125** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICE MEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

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UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; AND TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

H.B. 190 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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 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, 40492, 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 P. Newton for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

H.B. 99 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO NINE MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2026, 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. 135 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TRINITY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, 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. 174 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL, 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. 227 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, 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. 31, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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, 10479, which changes the title to read **H.B. 31** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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 Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 142 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Education/Higher Education 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 Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, I pray that everything we do is the right thing and brings Glory to you. I ask that we work to protect others, to have good will, to treat each other respectfully and at the end of the day, to go home and think we’ve done our best. Thank you for this day. We ask this in your Son, Jesus,’ name. Amen.”

May 31, 2023

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 30, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 116, AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES.

H.B. 346, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 347 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS AND ON HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO AUTHORIZE LIVE HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Meyer is excused from voting on the bill due to a household conflict of interest.

Senator Perry offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-2).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 38, noes 11, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Britt, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---38.

Voting in the negative: Senators Alexander, Bode, Burgin, Craven, Ford, Grafstein, Jarvis, Krawiec, Mayfield, Sanderson and Settle---11.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 1, upon third reading.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Grafstein, the Senate adjourns at 4:51 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 1, at 11:00 a.m.

May 31, 2023

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 186 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC CONCERNING JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, 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, 30380, which changes the title to read **H.B. 186** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, 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.B. 552, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY PUBLIC 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, 15348, which changes the title to read **S.B. 552** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY ACT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

May 31, 2023

By Senator P. Newton for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

H.B. 308 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN, 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, 40494, 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. 66 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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, 30381, which changes the title to read **H.B. 66** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR ELECTING MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2024; AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BUNCOMBE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE ELECTED IN A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION BEGINNING IN 2026, 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**.

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Perry requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.J.R. 487, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

May 31, 2023

SEVENTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 1, 2023

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 Natalie S. Murdock, Senator from Durham County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, I pray that you will give every leader in this chamber strength so they do not grow weary in their leadership role. Father, the task may seem overwhelming and exhausting, but I pray that every leader will recognize that they are assigned to do your will. To love all. To serve all. To consider all. Therefore, I know at the right time that we will reap the harvest and reward if we do not give up. The path of leadership is long and winding. The road we trod may be stony, but give us strength to walk over those stones. Provide us with protection. We pray for divine strength for every leader and that they will not rely on themselves but your wisdom and grace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 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.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for today to Senator B. Newton.

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 100, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAW RIVER STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

S.B. 291, AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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H.B. 412, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TO PENDER COUNTY TO ENABLE CERTAIN FINANCING OPTIONS NEEDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL FACILITY.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 379, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRIBUTE THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS.

H.B. 247, AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE, THE TOWN OF BEECH MOUNTAIN, AND THE TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS.

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. 746, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CHARLOTTE A. MITCHELL TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION. (Res. 2023-8)

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 18 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1

Upon motion of Senator Ford, the Senate concurs in House Amendment No. 1, and the bill is ordered enrolled.

S.B. 208 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill and the bill is ordered enrolled.

June 1, 2023

H.B. 347 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS AND ON HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO AUTHORIZE LIVE HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, as amended, upon third reading.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Meyer's excuse from voting, requested on Wednesday, May 31, remains in effect.

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (30-18).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 37, noes 11, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Britt, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Daniel, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sawrey, Sawyer, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---37.

Voting in the negative: Senators Alexander, Bode, Burgin, Craven, Ford, Grafstein, Jarvis, Krawiec, Mayfield, Sanderson and Settle---11.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator P. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 11:41 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, June 5, at 3:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Sanderson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

H.B. 130, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED, 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, 30382, which changes the title to read **H.B. 130** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO (I) LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED AND (II) REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

June 1, 2023

By Senator Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 344, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, 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, 40495, which changes the title to read **H.B. 344** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REGULATORY CHANGES AND CREATE OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION'S MENTAL HEALTH LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION SECTION, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 140 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF BURLINGTON, GREENSBORO, GREENVILLE, AND WINSTON-SALEM TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES DURING A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **State and Local Government Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 747 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT WORK REQUIREMENT EXEMPTIONS FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES BENEFITS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 3.

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**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 1, 2023

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives on May 24, 2023, that the House failed to concur in **H.B. 259 Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Lambeth, Co-Chair
Representative Arp, Co-Chair
Representative Saine, Co-Chair
Representative Bradford
Representative Kidwell
Representative Setzer
Representative Wray
Representative Howard
Representative Ross
Representative Tyson
Representative Brisson
Representative Elmore
Representative Faircloth
Representative K. Hall
Representative B. Jones
Representative Sasser
Representative Strickland
Representative Hastings
Representative Hardister
Representative Torbett
Representative Willis
Representative Cleveland
Representative Riddell
Representative K. Baker
Representative Potts
Representative White
Representative Johnson
Representative Davis
Representative Greene
Representative Miller

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Representative Carson Smith
Representative Iler
Representative Shepard
Representative Willingham
Representative Brockman
Representative Pierce
Representative Crutchfield
Representative Winslow
Representative Dixon
Representative Gillespie
Representative Goodwin
Representative Blackwell
Representative Cotham
Representative Paré
Representative Bell
Representative Stevens and
Representative D. Hall

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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. 379, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRIBUTE THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS. (Became law upon ratification, June 1, 2023 - S.L. 2023-24)

H.B. 247, AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF AVERY COUNTY TO REFUSE RECORDATION OF A DEED FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWN OF CROSSNORE, THE TOWN OF BEECH MOUNTAIN, AND THE TOWN OF SEVEN DEVILS. (Became law upon ratification, June 1, 2023 - S.L. 2023-25)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

June 1, 2023

SEVENTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 5, 2023

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, thank you for this day and this time together and this week. We pray that you’ll guide and direct us in the House and the Senate as we continue to work on the budget for the people of North Carolina. We pray that you’ll help us in everything we do. Help us to bring honor and glory to you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Alexander announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 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.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 18, AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS.

S.B. 208, AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, seconded by Senator Alexander, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 6, at 9:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Hise, P. Newton, Daniel (Primary Sponsors); Ford, Johnson and Sawrey:

S.B. 747, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

June 5, 2023

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 248 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS; TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NASH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE BOUNDARIES OF NASH COUNTY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 364 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT, TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STATE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS, AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 512 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

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. 31 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, with a favorable report.

June 5, 2023

H.B. 66 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR ELECTING MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2024; AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BUNCOMBE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE ELECTED IN A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION BEGINNING IN 2026, with a favorable report.

H.B. 99 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO NINE MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2026, with a favorable report.

H.B. 174 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL, 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. 168 (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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 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. 471 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY AUDIT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CORRECTIVE ACTION TO UNDERPERFORMING STATE AGENCIES, AND TO MAKE OTHER AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 26.

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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 **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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**.

H.B. 488 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 3.

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 **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 611, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

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. 627 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ITS ON-SITE WASTEWATER RULES DIFFERENTLY AND READOPT ITS RULES CONSISTENT WITH THAT IMPLEMENTATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

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. 628 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 2.

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. 813 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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**.

S.B. 712, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE A STATE BUILDING CODE PERMIT TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 10.

The bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 145, 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 **Commerce and Insurance Committee** on May 18, with sequential referrals to the **Health Care Committee**, the **Judiciary Committee**, the **Finance Committee**, and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **Health Care Committee** is stricken.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

H.B. 259 (Senate 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.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 1 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for H.B. 259 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Jackson, Co-Chair; Senator Hise, Co-Chair; Senator Lee, Co-Chair; Senator Berger, Senator Rabon, Senator P. Newton, Senator Perry, Senator Johnson, Senator Craven, Senator Sanderson, Senator McInnis, Senator Sawyer, Senator Lazzara, Senator Galey, Senator Barnes, Senator Proctor, Senator Ford, Senator Alexander, Senator Jarvis, Senator Krawiec, Senator Burgin, Senator Corbin, Senator Britt, Senator Daniel, Senator Woodard and Senator Lowe 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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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. 544, AN ACT TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO TAKE SHARKS FROM THE SHORELINE AS PART OF A RECREATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT DURING TOURIST SEASON IN CERTAIN SOUTHEASTERN WATERS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 2, 2023 - S.L. 2023-26)

S.B. 465, AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THEIR ORDINANCE-MAKING JURISDICTION IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTIES AND GRANTING ALL COUNTIES THE SAME AUTHORITY TO REMOVE ABANDONED VESSELS FROM NAVIGABLE WATERS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 2, 2023 - S.L. 2023-27)

S.B. 18, AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASES AND CONTRACTS FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY YEARS. (Became law upon ratification, June 5, 2023 - S.L. 2023-28)

S.B. 208, AN ACT CLARIFYING THE TYPE OF PROPERTY THAT SHALL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL GRANTOR IF THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT CEASES TO OPERATE OR THE GREATER ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY IS DISSOLVED. (Became law upon ratification, June 5, 2023 - S.L. 2023-29)

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Jarvis for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

H.B. 140 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF BURLINGTON, GREENSBORO, GREENVILLE, AND WINSTON-SALEM TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES DURING A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, 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, 40496, which changes the title to read **H.B. 140** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE, 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 P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 364 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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 Proctor for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

H.B. 608 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY, 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. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**.

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By Senator P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 552 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY ACT, 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, 45344, 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. 675 (Committee Substitute), 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; TO ELIMINATE MUNICIPAL EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; AND TO PROHIBIT MINIMUM LOT SIZES, 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, 35286, which changes the title to read **S.B. 675** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE SITING OF SCHOOLS VIA SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AREAS ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL USE; TO CLARIFY THAT USE RIGHTS ON PROPERTY ARE NOT EXTINGUISHED BY THE APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL USE RIGHTS; AND TO ELIMINATE MUNICIPAL EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, is 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. 130 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO (I) LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED AND (II) REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS, 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, 40497, 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 Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Kevin Corbin, Senator from Macon County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you today for all the blessings you’ve given us. We want to pause just now and thank you for these colleagues in the room. Thank you for their lives of service and our love for our state. God, please bless our efforts to faithfully serve the citizens of this great state. God, we ask for wisdom and your divine blessing. In Jesus’ name we pray, and all God’s children said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Craven, Senator Garrett, Senator Hanig, and Senator Salvador.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Tito Babcock, Raleigh; Lensey Cabral, Clinton; Bobby Croom, Raleigh; Juhee Desai, Rocky Mount; Demone Frazier, Nashville; Lucy Griffin, Asheboro; Caroline Holland, Clinton; Taylor Mayeux, Charlotte; Keshav Patel, Raleigh; Reynolds Pearce, Southport; Olu Rouse, Cary; and Clara Tanner, Carthage.

CALENDAR

Bills on today’s calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 31 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 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. 66 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR ELECTING MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2024; AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BUNCOMBE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE ELECTED IN A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION BEGINNING IN 2026, upon second reading.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 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 No. 2. 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. 99 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO NINE MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2026, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 174 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

S.B. 364 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT, TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STATE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS, AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (30-15) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 512 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-45) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Murdock submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CONEN TREVELL MORGAN.”** Upon motion of Senator Mohammed, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Mohammed, the words spoken by Senator Murdock are spread upon the Journal as follows:

“Mr. President and colleagues, I rise today to honor my dear friend and advisor Conen Morgan. You can learn more about him—there is a statement provided on everyone’s desks—but just want to share a little bit more about my dear friend; and hundreds of us gathered this morning, actually right downtown, to eulogize him just this morning. As Senator Mohammed and I were talking about on the way up, for folks that knew him, everyone has a Conen story, and we heard so many of those as he tragically died accidentally in a boating accident Memorial Day weekend. He was a native North Carolinian, born in Aberdeen, North Carolina. He loved the Wolfpack and was elected as President of the Senate while at NC State and was initiated into Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. After college he was elected as the 67th President of the Young Democrats of North Carolina and only the third black man to serve that role and the first black person to manage a gubernatorial campaign here in North Carolina. Unbeknownst to many that are not in politics, he played a role on campaigns of so many people that not only served across our great state, but also the entire nation. He co-founded the Longleaf Agency to professionally help so many of us with our various campaigns and issues. Stacey Abrams would always say, ‘You don’t just need a path to win, you need the math to win.’ Holding a degree in computer science from NC State University, he was brilliant. He was just really smart. He was our numbers guy. He had no issue being honest with you and letting you know if you did or did not have a chance to win your race simply on the numbers in the district. But he was more than a political strategist. He was our friend, brother, and leader of our various kitchen cabinets. His impact during his short forty-two years—forty-two years—so, please, please honor your loved ones; we lost him at forty-two years young—on this Earth was so massive, it’s practically impossible to quantify the impact he’s had on so many. One of the last things we talked about was his participation in the North Carolina Science Olympiad. Middle schoolers from across the state compete, and he cherished working with those young students and wanted to foster and encourage their passion for science. God knew he needed to coach them for one last competition just a few weeks ago. He was awarded with the Longleaf Pine today on behalf of Governor Cooper by Leader Blue and Leader Reeves—a true testament to the legacy that he leaves behind. As our dear friend was eulogized just this morning, we ended with the song ‘Thank You for Being a Friend.’ It’s so appropriate because more than anything he was a dear and trusted friend to so many. Our compass. Our north star. He embodied the very best of the human spirit. Conen Morgan, we will miss you dearly. Mr. President, at the appropriate time I request that we adjourn in honor of Conen Morgan.”

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SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HELEN C. BARROW.**”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Murdock, the Senate adjourns at 4:46 p.m., in honor and in memory of Helen Cabaniss Barrow, Conen Trevell Morgan, and Tom Smith, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 512 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 512 on June 6, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Daniel, Chair; Senator Rabon and Senator Berger 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 Proctor for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

S.B. 145, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY 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, 15350, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 490, 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** on April 4.

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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 **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**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, June 7, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by Senator Berger, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for this day and for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Guide us in all that we say and do. I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Proctor announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 6, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 364, AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT, TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY’S INTENT THAT STATE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS, AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT.

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H.B. 87, AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES.

H.B. 103, AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 99, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO NINE MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2026.

H.B. 174, AN ACT TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL.

Upon motion of Senator Proctor, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:43 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 8, at 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL

A bill filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Garrett, Marcus, Batch (Primary Sponsors); Applewhite, Blue, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hunt, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson and Salvador:

S.B. 748, 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**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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By Senator Barnes for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

H.B. 192 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, 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, 10481, 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. 600 (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 Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 40499, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator Corbin for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 323 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, 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. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL 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 Ford for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

H.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, 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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By Senator Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 130 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO (I) LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED AND (II) REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 135 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TRINITY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 140 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE, with a favorable report.

H.B. 166 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES, with a favorable report.

H.B. 227 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 308 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN, with a favorable report.

S.B. 552 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY ACT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 675 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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.

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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. 395, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO PROVIDE THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN EITHER SEMIANNUAL OR ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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. 815 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONE CHILD OR SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE TO BE PLACED IN A FAMILY FOSTER HOME IF THE FOSTER FAMILY HAS FIVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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**.

S.B. 248 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS; TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NASH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE BOUNDARIES OF NASH COUNTY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 5.

The House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 8.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 582 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

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
June 7, 2023

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 512 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative D. Hall, Chair and
Speaker Moore

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 7, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 149 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Elmore, Chair
Representative Cotham and
Representative Willis

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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

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. 99, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN 2024 AND TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO NINE MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2026. (Became law upon ratification, June 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-30)

H.B. 174, AN ACT TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL. (Became law upon ratification, June 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-31)

Pursuant to Senator Proctor's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

SEVENTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 8, 2023

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 Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we come to you today as our minds are consumed with concerns about the future, about our communities, about our state, from the past and from problems in the present. We know that you will watch over us today in this meeting and as we go forth. We ask for peace in our mind and heart. Help us to find rest in knowing that you will give us strength. Thank you for being God, who cares about every detail about our decisions that we will be making here in this General Assembly, and all the people of God said, ‘Amen.’”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 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 Applewhite, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Garrett, Senator Hanig, Senator Meyer, Senator Proctor, and Senator Robinson.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 299, AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT.

S.B. 329, AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT.

S.B. 331, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE ACT.

S.B. 729, AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING LAWS.

H.B. 347, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS AND ON HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO AUTHORIZE LIVE HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 66, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR ELECTING MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2024; AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BUNCOMBE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE ELECTED IN A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION BEGINNING IN 2026.

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 582 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 7.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 47(a), Senator Rabon offers a motion that the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 be placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 135 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TRINITY 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 enrolled.

H.B. 227 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO 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 enrolled.

H.B. 308 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN, 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.

S.B. 248 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS; TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NASH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE BOUNDARIES OF NASH COUNTY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Barnes, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill and the bill is ordered enrolled.

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S.B. 552 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY ACT, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 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. 675 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (29-14) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives.

H.B. 130 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO (I) LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED AND (II) REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (36-7) 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. 140 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE, upon second reading.

The Senate 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 166 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES, 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.

S.B. 582 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, for concurrence in House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (37-6) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Jarvis submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **“CELEBRATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF STAMEY’S BARBECUE.”**

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Woodard, the words spoken by Senator Jarvis are spread upon the Journal as follows:

“Members, on your desk you’ll find a Senatorial Statement. Today I’ve had the pleasure to host the Stamey family and celebrate fifty years of Stamey’s Barbecue. On June 14, 1973, against all odds and advice, Dan Stamey founded Stamey’s Barbecue. He rented a little, small, one thousand-square-foot building on North Carolina Highway 150 South that had been noted for not being able to have any business succeed where it was. Everyone thought that Stamey’s Barbecue would only be open for a couple of months at best. In fact, in the first week of its operation his ice machine broke down. When the repair man arrived, he told him, he said, ‘Son,’ he said, ‘I’ll give you a word of advice. The best you can do is sell your inventory and close shop because you’ll never make it here.’ I’ve known Dan for quite a few years, and I’ve known him to be just a little stubborn and hard-headed, and I think that may have been a part of the reason to why we’re here five decades later, and the only change was made that he relocated across the street in 1975 to expand the restaurant. The art of true Lexington barbecue has been second nature to Dan Stamey. He started working for his father at Smiley’s Barbecue of Lexington when he was eleven years old. His father had been a cook for the U.S. Army, which inspired Mr. Stamey to join the Navy at age seventeen. Mr. Stamey, upon returning home, barbecue being in his blood, he started working for several local barbecue restaurants prior to starting Stamey’s Barbecue. Now Dan Stamey’s son, his brother, all work together to continue this legacy. Stamey’s Barbecue has become an institution that truly embodies the spirit and soul of Davidson County. The values of hard work, dedication, and genuine love for the craft of Lexington-style barbecue can be seen all throughout the Stamey family story. Thank you all for fifty years of excellence, warm memories, and the gift of bringing us all closer together through the joy of great food. We all know that in this chamber, we have a small difference of opinion whenever we talk about North Carolina barbecue. But in Davidson County, we all know that Lexington-style barbecue is the best barbecue in the state.”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 12:07 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, June 12, at 4:00 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

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H.B. 475 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PARTY DESIGNATIONS ON OFFICIAL BALLOTS BE PRINTED IN ITALICS AND TEN-POINT FONT SIZE, TO RAISE THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT THAT TRIGGERS THE FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR REPORT, WITH AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION, UNDER CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS, AND TO WAIVE THE FORTY-EIGHT-HOUR REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR CANDIDATES WHO ARE UNOPPOSED DURING A PRIMARY ELECTION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 587 (Committee Substitute No. 2), 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. 834 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO EVALUATE WHETHER A JUVENILE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROCEED, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS, TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 195 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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 Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

H.B. 488 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL AND TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, 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, 40500, which changes the title to read **H.B. 488** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Lazzara requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.J.R. 487, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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. 66, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR ELECTING MEMBERS BEGINNING IN 2024; AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE BUNCOMBE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE ELECTED IN A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION BEGINNING IN 2026. (Became law upon ratification, June 8, 2023 - S.L. 2023-32)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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EIGHTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 12, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day and week you’ve given us, and for your grace and mercy and love. Guide and direct us this week, and help us to bring honor and glory to you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 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.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 582, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE.

H.B. 166, AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 248, AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS; TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NASH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE BOUNDARIES OF NASH COUNTY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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H.B. 135, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TRINITY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

H.B. 227, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 4:06 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 13, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 195 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 8.

The House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 13.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**:

H.B. 192 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

H.B. 344 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REGULATORY CHANGES AND CREATE OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION'S MENTAL HEALTH LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION SECTION, with a favorable report.

H.B. 364 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 608 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY, with a favorable report.

H.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, 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. 69 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE WARREN COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

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. 80, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF ST. JAMES TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 133, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE GRAHAM COUNTY DISTRICT G AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 184 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE OCCUPANCY TAX RATE AUTHORIZED FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

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. 213 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL AND A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF STALLINGS TO EACH LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

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. 220 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LANSING, THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, AND STOKES COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 23.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 231 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

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. 232 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MITCHELL COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

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. 233, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 238 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF CLAYTON TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF CLAYTON WITHIN JOHNSTON COUNTY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

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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. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 29.

The bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 20 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT RETAIL BUSINESSES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM REFUSING CASH PAYMENTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The Committee Substitute 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 **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 309 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE OFF-SITE SAFETY INSPECTION OF LOW-SPEED VEHICLES BY LICENSED SAFETY INSPECTION STATIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 27.

The Committee Substitute 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. 415 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 26.

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. 605 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO ESTABLISH PEER-TO-PEER COUNSELING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES REGARDING PLACEMENT AND CONTENTS OF SCHOOL CRISIS KITS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, AND TO EXPAND DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY EXERCISES FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 27.

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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**.

S.B. 747, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 5.

The bill is re-referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 455 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 26.

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**.

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. 346, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR A HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATION TO REORGANIZE BY CREATING A NONPROFIT HOLDING CORPORATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 9, 2023 - S.L. 2023-33)

H.B. 116, AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS STATUTORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 9, 2023 - S.L. 2023-34)

H.B. 412, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TERMS OF CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TO PENDER COUNTY TO ENABLE CERTAIN FINANCING OPTIONS NEEDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL FACILITY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 9, 2023 - S.L. 2023-35)

S.B. 100, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE HAW RIVER STATE TRAIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADDITION TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 9, 2023 - S.L. 2023-36)

S.B. 248, AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEVEN MEMBERS; TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH

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COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NASH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO BE IDENTICAL TO THE BOUNDARIES OF NASH COUNTY EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HICKORY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND NEWTON-CONOVER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION. (Became law upon ratification, June 12, 2023 - S.L. 2023-37)

H.B. 135, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TRINITY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS. (Became law upon ratification, June 12, 2023 - S.L. 2023-38)

H.B. 227, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF VANCEBORO SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS. (Became law upon ratification, June 12, 2023 - S.L. 2023-39)

S.B. 291, AN ACT TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE TO HOLD HARMLESS CERTAIN FACILITIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RESUMES ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SCALE (ERS) ASSESSMENTS FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND TO REQUIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAR-RATING SYSTEM REFORM AND REPORT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 12, 2023 - S.L. 2023-40)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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RECESS**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Bills filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Daniel, P. Newton, Hise (Primary Sponsors); Barnes and Corbin:

S.B. 749, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Rabon:

S.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER SANITARY DISTRICT SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FROM FIVE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

Referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 574 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20.

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 **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Alexander for the **State and Local Government Committee**:

H.B. 395, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO PROVIDE THAT ASSESSMENTS MAY BE PAID IN EITHER SEMIANNUAL OR ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

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H.B. 471 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY AUDIT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CORRECTIVE ACTION TO UNDERPERFORMING STATE AGENCIES, AND TO MAKE OTHER AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 611, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSIONS, 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, 40501, which changes the title to read **H.B. 611** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EXPUNGED CRIMES COMMITTED BY MINORS CANNOT PREVENT LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION, 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 No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS MAY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CLERK OF COURT, OR A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN, AND CLARIFYING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREFIGHTERS PRIOR TO OFFERING THE POSITION, 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, 30385, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

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H.B. 542 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM AMOUNT FOR DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS BEFORE A UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION CAN BEGIN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AND TO STRENGTHEN NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY THE ASSOCIATIONS TO OWNERS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN TO INITIATE FORECLOSURE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 142 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, referred to the **Education/Higher Education Committee** on May 31, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee** is added between the existing referrals.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 13, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 31 Senate Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

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Representative Warren, Chair
Representative Howard and
Representative Crutchfield

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Warren Daniel, Senator from Burke County, as follows:

“From Matthew chapter 6, instructions on the model prayer: ‘When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father, who is in the secret place, and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you openly. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask him. In this matter, therefore, pray as our Lord directed. ‘Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Batch, Senator Lazzara, and Senator Woodard.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Helen Bennington, Wilmington; Caroline Carwile, Whispering Pines; Sophia Fusi, Holly Springs; Addi Gentle, Cornelius; Lizzie Hilbert, Wilmington; Gene Oglesby, Fayetteville; Autumn Parish, Garner; Matthew Sun, Charlotte; Reann Thomas, Apex; Henry Turlington, Raleigh; Chris Walters, Laurinburg; and Sloane Whalen, Winston-Salem.

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CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 364 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 47, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith and Waddell---47.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Wednesday, June 14, upon third reading.

H.B. 192 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION, 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A FUTURE CALENDAR

H.B. 364 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Wednesday, June 14, and placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 15.

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CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 344 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE REGULATORY CHANGES AND CREATE OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION'S MENTAL HEALTH LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION SECTION, upon second reading.

Senator Krawiec offers Amendment No. 1, 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 608 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY, upon second reading.

Senator Hanig 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 sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in Senate Amendment No. 1.

H.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (29-18) 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 bill will be sent to the Governor by special message.

S.B. 195 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-47) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Corbin submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LARRY ROSS CLOER.**"

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Senator Marcus submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING LIFESAVER ATHLETIC TRAINERS.**”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Alexander, the Senate adjourns at 4:51 p.m., in memory of Jennifer Zoe Gaber, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 14, at 10:30 a.m.

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Corbin requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.B. 747, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW.

Pursuant to Senator Hise’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. Your Word tells us to understand that you are good, and blessed is the man that trusts in you. I ask that I will trust in you and we all will trust in you. Guide and direct us. We thank you for all that you do for us in your grace and mercy. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 13, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

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S.B. 22, AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE NORTH CAROLINA OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE YOUTH OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

H.B. 130, AN ACT TO (I) LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED AND (II) REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS.

H.B. 750, AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 308, AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:46 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 15, at 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Without objection, resolutions filed for introduction are presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senators Overcash and Berger (Primary Sponsors):

S.R. 751, A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DAVID WILLIAM HOYLE, SR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The resolution is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 28.

By Senators Jarvis and Berger (Primary Sponsors):

S.R. 752, A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF STANLEY "STAN" WALKER BINGHAM, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The resolution is placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 15.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 285 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REMOVING THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE AND ADDING CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO.

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. 808 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SURGICAL GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

The Committee Substitute 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 **Judiciary 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**:

H.B. 455 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES, 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. 627 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ITS ON-SITE WASTEWATER RULES DIFFERENTLY AND READOPT ITS RULES CONSISTENT WITH THAT IMPLEMENTATION, with a favorable report.

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 Rabon for the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee:**

H.B. 186 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, with a favorable report.

H.B. 611 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EXPUNGED CRIMES COMMITTED BY MINORS CANNOT PREVENT LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION, with a favorable report.

By Senator Sanderson for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee:**

H.B. 168 (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 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, 40503, 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. 628 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, 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, 30389, which changes the title to read **H.B. 628** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL BUILDING INSPECTION AND INSTALLATION, TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 34 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISCHARGING OR ATTEMPTING TO DISCHARGE A FIREARM AT OR INTO AN UNOCCUPIED EMERGENCY VEHICLE AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR POINTING A LASER DEVICE AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ANIMAL, OR OTHER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL WHEN THE PERSON OR ANIMAL IS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER DUTIES, 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, 40505, which changes the title to read **H.B. 34** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 422 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE, 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, 30387, 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. 813 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE, 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, 10487, 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 Galey for the **Education/Higher Education Committee:**

H.B. 142 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee.**

H.B. 574 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, 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, 10486, 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. 605 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO ESTABLISH PEER-TO-PEER COUNSELING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES REGARDING PLACEMENT AND CONTENTS OF SCHOOL CRISIS KITS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, AND TO EXPAND DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY EXERCISES FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, 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, 40504, 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. 618 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS, 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, 30390, 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 Krawiec for the **Health Care Committee:**

H.B. 415 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee.**

H.B. 815 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONE CHILD OR SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE TO BE PLACED IN A FAMILY FOSTER HOME IF THE FOSTER FAMILY HAS FIVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN, with a favorable report.

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:

S.B. 265 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

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S.B. 179 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHIN THE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE SUNSET ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SPENCER MOUNTAIN, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 58 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST UTILITIES, INCLUDING FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, BROADCAST, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 193 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, 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, 30391, which changes the title to read **H.B. 193** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING AND ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED, 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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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. 308, AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD FOR THE ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN. (Became law upon ratification, June 14, 2023 - S.L. 2023-41)

H.B. 347, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGE, AND AMATEUR SPORTS AND ON HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO AUTHORIZE LIVE HORSE RACING IN NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 14, 2023 - S.L. 2023-42)

H.B. 166, AN ACT TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS TO WEAR CULTURAL OBJECTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 14, 2023 - S.L. 2023-43)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 15, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

“In Ephesians chapter 6 it says, ‘Remember to always put on the full armor of God, so that you may withstand the evil day. With your loins gird about with truth, the breastplate of righteousness, your feet shod with the Gospel of peace, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit.’ Lord, help us to dress in these things that you say will protect us in the evil day. Lord, there are many that look around and, Father, we are getting pretty close, if we’re not already there. But, God, you are the light at the end of the tunnel. You are the way when there seems to be no way. Our hope is in you. Our faith is in you. Our trust is in you. We give you honor. In your name we pray. Amen.”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 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 Garrett, Senator Lazzara, Senator Marcus, Senator Murdock, Senator Proctor, Senator Salvador, and Senator Waddell.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 240, AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHOICE OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES.

S.B. 327, AN ACT TO CONFORM THE GENERAL STATUTES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE BY UPDATING OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO “ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR” AND “EXCEPTIONS” AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

S.B. 673, AN ACT TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE PEAK DAILY SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN RATE MODELING, TO PERMIT WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM EXPANSIONS BEYOND EXISTING ALLOCATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS TO THE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE STATUTES.

H.B. 140, AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **S.R. 752** 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:

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S.R. 752, A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF STANLEY “STAN” WALKER BINGHAM, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, for adoption.

The Chair orders the resolution read in its entirety.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the words spoken on S.R. 752 are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR JARVIS: “Today we pay tribute to an exceptional individual, a man who has continued to impact the lives of all those around him as well as the community he served. It is with great pride and admiration that I stand before you to speak about the remarkable life of the late Senator Stan Bingham. It’s my first memory of Stan, if I remember correctly, I was about fourteen or fifteen years old. I was working for someone, and we were cutting firewood. Let me rephrase that. The gentlemen I was working for was cutting the firewood; I had to split and stack the firewood. Anyways, we met Stan for breakfast at the Village Restaurant. One thing that I noted was any time that you met Stan Bingham, he recognized you with a bigger than life welcome, as if you were the only person he was interested in speaking to. But while you were there, the stories you would hear. Some of you may question whether they were true. Maybe they were exaggerated, embellished, I should say, very embellished at times, but probably true. Several times I had the privilege to go to his house, which, for those of you that have not had the chance to go there, when you arrive at the driveway you then embark on a mile-long journey up a winding, gravel road until you reach the top of a mountain, where you find his house. There’s a stone wall all the way around his house. I often teased him and told him he had a castle with a moat all the way around it. In the center was the windmill used to generate power until the time he said his wife threatened to leave him if he did not get a consistent source of electricity. He was always—I got to know Stan, another side of Stan—it didn’t take long until he would be talking about his daughters. I knew them not by name, but as ‘that’s the doctor,’ ‘that one’s a lawyer,’ and ‘the engineer that lives in Charlotte,’ or ‘the other engineer.’ In his mind, the sun rose and set with his girls; they could do no wrong. And at home he was always referred to as ‘Big Daddy.’ He was also always someone looking out for his community and people in the community that were not always—what you would say—had challenges in their lives. He would see to it—I found out later, he actually was behind the scenes, no one knew, but he may pay for someone’s education because they were not able to. He actually built a building so that they could start a business. Beyond the façade, he had a soft, caring, and helpful heart. Stan’s humility and down to earth nature have endeared him to all who have had the privilege of knowing him. His unwavering dedication to service, his compassion for others, and his relentless pursuit of a better tomorrow will all live in our hearts as we celebrate his life. His legacy will always shine as a beacon of hope and an inspiration for generations to come. And I would commend the resolution to you.”

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SENATOR DANIEL: “First, I want to welcome the family. Our condolences for your loss; it’s our loss as well. I think anybody that served with Stan, or knew Stan, knew that he was a man who lived a full life, and certainly the resolution illustrates that. We all heard many stories about Stan’s life experiences—very unique experiences. I was interested in the resolution to know that he also fought fires in the great Northwest. So, if he was here today, I would ask him to tell me some stories about fighting forest fires. As Senator Jarvis mentioned, one of Stan’s great qualities was the ability to cheer people up. He always had this engaging smile when he walked into a room. If you were having a bad day, Stan could help you fix that. He was a great supporter of the military. When I was a freshman—Senator Soucek and I, we were West Point classmates, and Stan was always very proud of us. In fact, he sat in this desk, at one point, and I sat in this desk, and whenever we would have something like a military appreciation day or it was D-day or something like that and there would be some resolution about that, Stan would always turn around and say, ‘You need to stand up and talk.’ Most of the time I didn’t. I’m the introvert in my family. But I remember that with Stan. He also—I think it’s called the Life Flight—the project that sends World War II veterans to D.C. to see the memorials—Stan was a part of that. I remember one of the best things that I’ve gotten to attend while I’ve been here was the return of one of those flights. Stan and, actually, Senator Atwater, who was here at the time, invited Senator Soucek and I to go to the Raleigh airport and meet one of those returning groups, and it was just a great experience. I guess, also, because of my military background, Stan thought that I knew how to shoot any type of weapon that he had in his arsenal. So, he had some kind of a fifty-cal—I don’t know if it was automatic or not—but he said, ‘I’ve got this gun, and I need you to come to my house to help me shoot it.’ He invited me to his home on a number of occasions, but, for whatever reason, our lives get busy, and I never took him up on his offer to visit his home or to shoot his fifty-cal. I guess we all—when somebody that is special to us passes, we always look back and think, ‘I wish I could have done this one more time’ or ‘I wish I could have had another conversation.’ So, if Stan were here today, I would take him up on his offer, and I’d ask him to tell me another story. So, thank you to the family for being here, and thank you for sharing Stan with us.”

SENATOR HISE: “You know, sometimes you travel this entire state and others, and you just meet characters you will never forget. For some reason, I imagine a whole lot of them sitting in Norm Sanderson’s seat, whether it was Don East or Stan Bingham. I can’t recount the number of times Stan would have conversations—he liked to tell you how little he paid for the things he was wearing. Most of them came from thrift stores. He had several jackets that he had gotten for less than two dollars, and he never paid more than a dollar for a tie. He had the zip versions that kind of came up rather than actually having to tie them—that he wore on the floor. But one of the things I appreciate the most was that he had an understanding of dining in Raleigh that no one else would know. He knew exactly where the ninety-nine cent hot dogs were and what day of the week they were offering them. He knew where the good, cheap Chinese food was, and he knew where the twelve-dollar prime rib dinner was and what night we would go

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there, and he would coordinate all of us. But I was shocked when I went because wherever he went, even at Olive Garden, he ordered dessert first. And they had to bring him his dessert to eat before anyone else ate the meals. But that wasn't it. After the meal he also had to go get ice cream. I would point out that there is probably no strange correlation that the thirty wonderful flavors at Baskin-Robbins in Cameron Village closed after he left the General Assembly because I'm pretty sure he kept them every evening going and eating his ice cream with Fletcher and many other members of the General Assembly. So, I think the biggest thing he struggled with on the floor was trying to get Don East to be quiet and not tell the stories of their adventures, especially when they had violated several speeding laws and others. I did learn that we do have immunity for things said on the floor—when he got into stories exceeding a hundred miles an hour. Legislatively I think Stan will be known much more for the Child Fatality Task Force than anything. I can tell you, I'm not sure that would exist today if it were not for Stan Bingham. Everything they were promoting—he would go to every member's door and come in and make sure that we were focused on what was killing children in the state. From bicycles and helmet laws and everything they were dealing with, that was always his number one priority. He made sure that their recommendations became policy here for his folks. I'll also say, I don't know if someone else will say it, for those who see the glorious Oxmeter that is on the floor, that was built and designed by Stan Bingham, and I think it probably represents his personality as much as anything else that's around here. It's a little confusing, it doesn't go anywhere else, but it makes an impact for all that we do. So, it is my privilege today to stand up and honor him. He's somebody I'll never forget in my life. Thank you."

SENATOR LOWE: "Stan—the biggest thing—well, there's several things that make an impact on me. The first thing is, Stan made himself known when I first got here. The first thing he said, he said, 'Senator, come with me. I know where all the cheap eats are.' The first time I went with him to eat—with Warren, Tucker, Jerry Tillman—and I noticed that while Jerry and Tucker argued about God only knows what, he just would smile. I looked at Warren because I was new—he was quiet, so I thought I should be quiet too. I had only been here about a week. Then after we got through eating prime rib, we went to have ice cream, and, of course, he'd already had dessert, but we had to go have more dessert. But his friendship through the years—things I didn't understand, things I was learning—he would invite me to his office to just hang out. Those are some of the things that I remember about him most. The next thing I remember about him was this motorcycle. I just couldn't figure out why anyone would ride a motorcycle in bad weather, or whatever, from Raleigh to wherever he lived around Salisbury, but he did it. One day I saw him, and it was inclement weather, and I kinda beckoned to him, and he knew who I was, and I said, 'You sure you don't want a ride? We can put your motorcycle on the truck.' But he wanted to ride. Those were some of the fond memories I have of him. One of the jewels of being a member of this body is some of the people that you meet and some of those individuals that impact your life in very unusual and profound ways. So, I certainly will cherish the memory of Senator Stan Bingham."

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SENATOR B. NEWTON: “I want to echo a lot of what’s already been said. I don’t want to stand up here and talk about it. But, you know, I’ve come back to this place, and there’s a lot of people here who didn’t have the benefit of getting to meet or serve with Stan Bingham. He made a deep impact on me too. I will—not to belabor it—I will recall a few quick stories. I remember one of the first things I saw Stan doing, when I really didn’t know who he was, was him and Don East down underneath the building with the trunk open, and there was a brown paper bag and something with liquid in it—it was a wide mouth, it wasn’t a narrow bottle or anything—they seemed to be testing something out. I was like, ‘Wow. Okay. Alright. This is what goes on up here in Raleigh.’ But later I got to know Stan a little better, and, of course, Don. We had fun instances in J2, where they played a good joke on Senator Kinnaird about ceramic brass knuckles. Senator Daniel probably remembers that one well. Hopefully, Senator Berger never heard about it. What I recall the most is—all the questions about restaurants and eating—what I recall the most is Monday nights at the Red Dragon. God, those were some good nights. It was usually a bipartisan crowd; it wasn’t just the Republicans. A lot of people would gather there. But Stan would hold court—as a lawyer, I can say that—Stan would hold court, and, of course, dessert was first. What I remember probably the most were the stories about his traveling around the world. My wife would often come with me—this was our date night. Many of you know that I don’t generally stay up here, but on Monday nights back then my parents would keep the kids, and that was our date night. My wife loved Stan, so about half the time we would go to dinner at the Red Dragon with everybody, and the other half the time we’d go to dinner with ourselves. But what we loved hearing was Stan’s stories. The story in particular about him sneaking into a particular country in the Middle East dressed not as a male in order to get through customs or whatever they would call it was the one that I recall the most and made my wife laugh over and over again, and we could always enjoy hearing that story and ones like it again, and we would often prompt him and find ways—wouldn’t we, Fletcher—to get him going. So, I will just say this in closing. Stan made a big impact on me as a legislator, too, because I came up here all full of fire and vinegar and ready to go. Stan was always easy. He was passionate, and he was effective, but he was easy. You know, we all have—if we’re going to be honest with ourselves, and I’m probably that guy for some of you—we all see somebody coming and we’re like, ‘Oh, God,’ and you try to walk another direction, ‘I’d rather not engage.’ That was not Stan Bingham. If Stan was coming, he had a smile on his face, and he either wanted to tell a story and joke with you, or he had something serious he wanted to talk about, and you’d find a way to work on it. Often it was the Child Fatality Task Force. I enjoyed my time serving as the Sub Appropriations Chair with him on Justice and Public Safety. He was very easy to work with, and all the things that you’ve already heard are so very true. I regret for all of you who did not have the opportunity to know Stan or get to serve with him. It’s one of the memories that I have, or one of the great regrets, Senator Daniel, that I have about not taking him up on visiting him and shooting his fifty-caliber. But I will always remember my friend Stan Bingham. Thank you, Mr. President.”

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SENATOR RABON: “Members, not much has been said today that I won’t repeat. I may focus in a little closer on some of the items and tell a little bit of my side of things. It’s appropriate to honor Stan on a Thursday because most Thursdays, when we finished session—we finished early—we would go to Stan’s favorite hot dog joint, The Roast Grill—Fletcher and Stan and I. Stan always ordered the same thing, two hot dogs. One raw, by itself, a hot dog, and a beer—a beer. He and the proprietor were great friends. If we ever showed up—I don’t think he knew my name, and I don’t know that he knew Fletcher’s name, but he knew Stan—and if we ever showed up without him, he’d lean across the bar, and he’d say, ‘Where’s Stan?’ Always. When you finished your hot dog and your beer or your Coca-Cola at The Roast Grill and you got ready to leave, you pay your bill—George’s mother took care of the cash, and she would give you a Tootsie Roll. Stan was always given two Tootsie Rolls. Fletcher and I got one; Stan got two. Every time. It did not miss. Ralph told the truth about his ordering dessert first. He and I had huge sweet teeth to be two small men, but we never miss dessert if it’s offered. We would go to Baskin-Robins after eating and after dessert many times. When they saw Stan coming around the corner and going in the door, they immediately had his ice cream ready. It was a cup, not a cone, of coffee ice cream. They didn’t miss. You walked in and you had to order what you want. Stan Bingham’s ice cream was waiting for him when he got to the counter. He was that well-known and that much of a person of habit. But I want to tell you about his short stories. Stan could spin one, and everyone alludes to them. For the most part they were real, but he told them, and they read like a Capote or a Mark Twain. They were the most fascinating things you had ever heard in your life, and you would think, ‘Gosh, I wish they could be compiled’ because this was just something that no one, no one, could live a life so full and so enjoyable. The one thing, or two things, about Stan I want to say is when he came into the room in the morning, he had breakfast with him. He lived on his stomach. And the bag that he had it in always looked like it was yesterday’s breakfast. He had the most crumpled bags—you remember that, Tucker? He’d come in with these crumpled bags, but he’d have a biscuit or this or that. He lived, he lived on his stomach. And I think that at some point, we should all get a clip-on tie and at least one day every session we should have ‘Stan Bingham Clip on Tie Day’ because, love him as I did, I don’t believe the man could tie a necktie. He’d stick that thing on, put on that blue blazer, and he came to wherever, he came to session or came to committee rooms. The most important thing, and what I want to say most about my friend, my dear friend, was that Stan knew the value of a relationship. He knew how to build relationships, and friendship meant as much to him as anything else in the world. He was a true friend, and I love him, and I miss him.”

SENATOR WOODARD: “In preparation for today’s session, I was looking over the agenda, and I saw that this resolution would be on there, so I Googled Stan Bingham just to read a little bit about him. If y’all do this, you’ll have the same experience I had last night. You click on the ‘images’ link on the Google page, and you’ll see pictures of Stan. There are dozens of them in different settings. I swear, I think I found two where he wasn’t smiling. Every other time

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Stan was smiling. I think that's the thing I will remember most about Stan is that smile. It was a little crooked sometimes—go look at the pictures out here. It wasn't a big broad smile; it was just one of those like he knew something was going on or he was up to something. But beyond Stan's smile was the twinkle in his eye. It was always there. Senator Jarvis, when he spoke about remembering the first time he met Stan, it reminded me of the day I was sworn in 2013. Stan walked from the front row and introduced himself. He was one of the first veteran members I met here, and he made the effort to come and say hello and welcome me to the chamber, and that began a great friendship that I've always cherished. You already heard our great feats of eating with Stan wherever it was, whether it was at the Red Dragon, prime rib at the Olive Garden, Piccola—and I can't say it like Stan—y'all remember how he had that—I guess it's a Davidson County thing—he'd always say, 'Come eat with us. We're going to Piccola.' And we got introduced to that. But I'll always treasure the times we went to Baskin-Robbins. As Senator Rabon said, we'd walk in the door, and they'd have Stan's cup of ice cream ready. But sitting there with Senator Hartsell and others who would join us for second dessert of the evening were times that we would just treasure and have great conversation. You heard Stan told great stories, and I always wondered if they were true. I have to tell you, I often thought, 'That could not be a true story.' But when we were in Denton at Stan's funeral a few months ago, some of those were repeated in the pulpit at the Methodist church, so I guess they were probably true. I sat at the funeral that day with Senator Bill Purcell, another great friend and role model, someone I admire who served in this chamber. Senator Purcell and I were talking about Stan, and Senator Purcell reminded me that he and Stan co-chaired Health Committee together. And those of you who know Doctor Purcell remember that he was a beloved pediatrician, but Senator Purcell said that he learned a lot from Stan. And I said, 'Doctor Purcell, Senator Purcell, you were a pediatrician. What could Stan teach you about health?' And Doctor Purcell proceeded to run down this list of all the things he had learned from Stan that made him a better Senator. The processional music played, so Senator Purcell had to stop talking. But during the funeral, I sat there and thought about the things I learned from Stan, too. If you ever had the pleasure to run a bill with Stan, you'll know what I mean. Nobody worked harder on a bill—I'm not kidding—than Stan. His research was always thorough. He cared about it. If you were a co-sponsor with Stan, he'd always keep you informed. He'd make sure you knew what was going on with it. You'd go to committees together with him. And it was just a real pleasure to watch Stan legislate. Because, as Senator Rabon said, the relationships were what were important to Stan. So, to our great colleague and my friend Stan Bingham, I just want to say, thank you, Stan, for all the things you taught me."

SENATOR BLUE: "Thank you very much, Mr. President, and to my colleagues and to Stan's family. You've gathered an essence of who Stan was. I met him when I first came to the Senate. I listened to the resolution as it was read, and especially Senator Jarvis's remarks, but also all of the other remarks that have been made in here. I wholeheartedly agree with everything that's been said about Stan. Every time I ride down by The Roast Grill, just a few blocks up the street, I think about Stan because Senator Rabon is absolutely right. I just figured it out,

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Senator Rabon, that I don't know whether he was getting a commission for bringing people in there, but I can't think of anybody who brought more people to that little wiener joint than Stan did. But in collecting—and all of us have our stories, I remember all of the ones about speeding and all of that stuff. But, I think, in essence, what I want to say about Stan is that the resolution and what we've said captures everything. But if I had to use just a few words, Stan was the most gregarious human being I have ever met. He did not find a stranger anywhere. He was going to find a way to connect and relate. He was one of the warmest human beings I have ever met, and he fits the definition any way you use it of what a good man really is. I think that anybody who served in this chamber with him—doesn't matter whether you're a Republican, Democrat, whether you're an intern, just visiting for a while, or whether you were one of the staffers—Stan had that same relationship and respect for them as he did everybody else or people that were even much closer to him. He exuded it. You could tell that nothing about him was artificial. He would tell me stories about his newspaper sometimes, some of the things that he just wanted to talk about. But more importantly, Stan would seek you out because he could sense when there was something that you needed to talk to him about or something that he could be helpful with you on, even if you didn't know that. He never ever was hurried to leave you once he got in a conversation with you. I think that perhaps what really captures him is he felt that his mission in life was to be helpful. He went the extra mile to be that, and by being helpful he made these friendships that you've heard discussed today. All of us felt very deeply about him. The last time he was here, he sought me out, came around and talked awhile. You can't help but have the fond memories of what this place means because people like Stan define serving in this place and knowing that you're serving the whole state of North Carolina. I'm hoping that everybody enthusiastically—I know everybody will support this resolution—but I'm hoping that you'll enthusiastically support this resolution, knowing that you embody everything that's good about this place and everything that's good about people when you celebrate Stan Bingham.”

SENATOR BERGER: “So, I'm going to break protocol a little bit now. Stan and I started in the Senate at the same time, and we were both elected in November of 2000, started in January of 2001. I would say that based on what you've heard today, or anybody that knows or knew Stan would say, that he is not—was not—the typical senator. I don't think anybody would've described him as such. Of course, we've all heard the stories—there are several other folks here that can probably tell some that ought not be told but would be—you know, the story about the snake bite, the story about what he did in the Soviet Union. He picked up some strange hitchhikers from time-to-time, riding around with Senator East, and there are literally dozens more. Of course, Stan will always be a part of this chamber as long as we have the Oxmeter, and as long as we have conversation in this chamber, we will continue to need an Oxmeter, and, so, we can thank him for that. Over the past twenty-three years, I've heard a lot of things said about a lot of people in this chamber—former members, people in communities—but I don't know that I've ever heard remarks that express a warmth of feeling like we have heard this morning. I want to thank the members for that. I know the family does as well.”

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Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, the resolution is adopted (42-0).

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Batch. Without objection, the leave will apply to the vote on S.R. 752.

S.B. 179 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHIN THE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE SUNSET ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SPENCER MOUNTAIN, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

The Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill and the bill is ordered enrolled.

S.B. 265 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

The Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill and the bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 364 (Committee Substitute), 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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, Barnes, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith and Woodard---42.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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H.B. 186 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 611 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EXPUNGED CRIMES COMMITTED BY MINORS CANNOT PREVENT LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION, 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 58 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST UTILITIES, INCLUDING FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, BROADCAST, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator McInnis, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (42-0) 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 Hise, seconded by Senator Krawiec, the Senate adjourns at 12:16 p.m., in honor and in memory of former Senator Stanley Walker Bingham, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, June 19, at 4:00 p.m.

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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 Craven, Berger and Woodard (Primary Sponsors):

S.R. 753, A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JERRY WAYNE TILLMAN, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The resolution is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 21.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 603 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO PERMIT TEMPORARY EVENT VENUES.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 681, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND A MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSURE PROCESS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 6 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT FIRST RESPONDERS MAY NOT BE DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE DUE TO APPEARING IN THE VOTING PLACE IN UNIFORM.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 126 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 382 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, 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:

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By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 600 (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, 10488, 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**.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 58, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST UTILITIES, INCLUDING FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, BROADCAST, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 265, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator P. Newton for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

S.B. 747, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, 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, 35291, 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. 749, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS 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, 15355, 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 Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 19, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. Thank you for the rain coming our way to replenish the earth. We praise you for your grace, mercy, and love. Bless us this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 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.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 364, 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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 179, AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHIN THE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE SUNSET ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SPENCER MOUNTAIN.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 4:07 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 20, 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. 168 (Senate 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.

H.B. 455 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES, with a favorable report.

H.B. 574 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 618 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 627 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ITS ON-SITE WASTEWATER RULES DIFFERENTLY AND READOPT ITS RULES CONSISTENT WITH THAT IMPLEMENTATION, 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. 126 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 15.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 20.

S.B. 382 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 15.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 20.

H.B. 628 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL BUILDING INSPECTION AND INSTALLATION, TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 14.

The Senate 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**.

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 364, "An Act to Amend the State Human Resources Act to Prohibit Compelled Speech When an Individual Seeks State Government or Community College Employment, to Demonstrate the General Assembly's Intent That State

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and Community College Employees Recognize the Equality and Rights of All Persons, and to Prohibit State Government and Community College Workplaces From Promoting Certain Concepts That Are Contrary to That Intent.”

In North Carolina, the diversity of our people is a strength. This legislation attempts to eliminate training that can help us understand the unconscious bias we all bring to our work and our communities. It is troubling that a legislature that witnessed open racism on the floor of the House of Representatives wants to stop training aimed at creating a more effective and understanding workforce. Instead of pretending that bias and racism don't exist, the legislature should instead encourage training that can help eliminate discrimination so we can work toward common goals.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this 16th day of June 2023, at 4:13 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, June 20, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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. 265, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES IN HENDERSON, POLK, AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR IN THE TOWN OF TRYON AND ALL ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF RUTH FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. (Became law upon ratification, June 15, 2023 - S.L. 2023-44)

H.B. 87, AN ACT TO ALLOW DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO FILE PROBATION MODIFICATION PETITIONS, TO ALLOW PROBATION OFFICERS TO REDUCE A TERM OF SUPERVISED PROBATION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AND TO EXEMPT SHERIFF'S OFFICES FROM CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS WHEN CONTRACTING FOR FOOD AND FOOD SERVICES AT DETENTION FACILITIES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-45)

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H.B. 103, AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AND SESSION LAWS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-46)

S.B. 58, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST UTILITIES, INCLUDING FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF TELEPHONE, BROADBAND, BROADCAST, OR CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, FUEL, OR ANOTHER FORM OR SOURCE OF ENERGY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 19, 2023 - S.L. 2023-47)

S.B. 729, AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING CONTRIBUTION-BASED BENEFIT CAP LAW FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS AS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY S.L. 2021-72 AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO RESOLVE DISPUTED APPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-PENSION SPIKING LAWS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 19, 2023 - S.L. 2023-48)

S.B. 179, AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY COLLEGE BUILDINGS ON THE CAMPUSES OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITHIN THE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE SUNSET ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SPENCER MOUNTAIN. (Became law upon ratification, June 19, 2023 - S.L. 2023-49)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Vetoed bills, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, were returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate, as follows:

GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 299, "An Act to Increase Compliance by Counties and Municipalities That Fail to Timely Submit an Annual Audit Report."

It is important that local governments follow the law on auditing their finances in order to foster accountability and fiscal responsibility. While well intentioned, this legislation as written is likely to punish residents of some of our state's smallest communities. Rather than having state government seize sales taxes that are needed for local government, the North Carolina General Assembly should reconsider this legislation and provide more help for these communities to make sure they do it right rather than impose financial punishment that could make matters worse.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 19th day of June 2023, at 2:39 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 329, "An Act to Amend the Retail Installment Sales Act."

At a time when the cost of living is rising, North Carolina consumers cannot afford to be hit with higher fees and interest rates on loans and purchases.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 19th day of June 2023, at 2:40 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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GOVERNOR'S OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE

Senate Bill 331, "An Act to Amend the North Carolina Consumer Finance Act."

At a time when the cost of living is rising, North Carolina consumers cannot afford to be hit with higher fees and interest rates on loans.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 19th day of June 2023, at 2:40 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**.*

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 184 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE OCCUPANCY TAX RATE AUTHORIZED FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY, referred to the **Finance Committee** on June 12.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Finance 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**.

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 219 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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. 316 (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** on May 2.

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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 **Judiciary Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

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. 681, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE LICENSURE OF THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND A MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSURE PROCESS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 15.

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**.

S.B. 176, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 1.

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**.

H.B. 258 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on March 16.

The Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary 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**.

H.B. 591, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

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. 748 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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, 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 INTENTIONALLY AND ROUTINELY INFLICT PHYSICAL INJURY ON THAT CHILD, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 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. 814 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 471 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY AUDIT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON CORRECTIVE ACTION TO UNDERPERFORMING STATE AGENCIES, AND TO MAKE OTHER AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR, 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, 30388, 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. 790 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY 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, 10489, which changes the title to read **H.B. 790** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION AND TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 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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S.B. 145 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES ACT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, with 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, 15357, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 120, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SWAIN COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO TWO PERCENT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 132, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BERTIE COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 255, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CURRENT IREDELL COUNTY-WIDE OCCUPANCY TAX, TO CREATE IREDELL COUNTY DISTRICT I, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Mike Woodard, Senator from Durham County, as follows:

“Dear God, I pray today for the men and women of the North Carolina Senate. Reveal yourself to us, and bring us closer to you that we may hear your voice clearly and distinctly. Speak to us of truth, integrity, justice, and fairness. Show us the way to help others, to right wrongs, and to make our state a more beautiful place. I pray that you would bind our hearts together in ways we could not have imagined. Help us declare, as King David did, ‘How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.’ Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

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The Chair grants a leave of absence for today to Senator Murdock.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Katie Brand, Raleigh; Ally Breeyear, Charlotte; Al Butler, Wilmington; Ava Custer, Raleigh; Chesney Gibson, Grover; Grayson Harmon, Apex; Connor Lang, Raleigh; Mason Meinig, Raleigh; Mackenzie Moran-Bates, Cary; Luke Pannenbacker, Mooresville; Luca Pass, Winston-Salem; Marleigh Swanner, Oxford; and Keith Tillett II, Fayetteville.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the following bills, having been referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 20, be withdrawn from that committee and placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails, and the Chair so orders:

S.B. 299 (Ratified), AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

S.B. 329 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

S.B. 331 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE ACT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 126 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS, upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill and the bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 168 (Senate 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 Johnson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-1).

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading, by a three-fifths majority vote, ayes 49, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---49.

Voting in the negative: None.

Without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute, as amended, is read a third time and passes its third reading, by a three-fifths majority vote, and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 455 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Blue.

H.B. 574 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 618 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS, upon second reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (30-18) 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. 627 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ITS ON-SITE WASTEWATER RULES DIFFERENTLY AND READOPT ITS RULES CONSISTENT WITH THAT IMPLEMENTATION, upon second reading.

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Senator Craven offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (48-0).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (47-1) 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 Senate Amendment No. 1.

S.B. 382 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Perry, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-48) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 364 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT, TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STATE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS, AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Daniel offers a motion that S.B. 364 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, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---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. 299 (Ratified), AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Barnes offers a motion that S.B. 299 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 31, noes 16, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Woodard---31.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell---16.

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. 329 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Perry offers a motion that S.B. 329 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 31, noes 16, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Woodard---31.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell---16.

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. 331 (Ratified), AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE ACT, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Burgin's excuse from voting, requested on Thursday, April 6, remains in effect.

Senator Perry offers a motion that S.B. 331 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 30, noes 16, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Woodard---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell---16.

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.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator P. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 5:32 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 21, at 9:30 a.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. 605 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO ESTABLISH PEER-TO-PEER COUNSELING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES REGARDING PLACEMENT AND CONTENTS OF SCHOOL CRISIS KITS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, AND TO EXPAND DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY EXERCISES FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 747 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, with a favorable report.

S.B. 749 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, with a favorable report.

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee:**

H.B. 125 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICE MEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; AND TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL, 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, 30392, which changes the title to read **H.B. 125** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE; AND TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee**.

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 488 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, with an unfavorable report as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, 10490, 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. 99, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES ON BOND APPLICATIONS, THE ORDER APPROVING THE BOND APPLICATION, AND ON THE BALLOT, 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, 15358, which changes the title to read **S.B. 99** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES ON BOND APPLICATIONS, THE ORDER APPROVING THE BOND APPLICATION, AND ON THE BALLOT; TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE ON THE BALLOT QUESTION IF KNOWN AND ADDITIONAL POSTING OF BOND ORDERS; AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUE APPROVED BY THE 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**.

S.B. 162, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION, 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, 15359, 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. 154, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, 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, 45349, which changes the title to read **S.B. 154** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL, A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF STALLINGS, AND UNION COUNTY TO EACH LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM, 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 Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, June 21, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

RECESS**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. 295, 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** on May 4.

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. 782, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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**.

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 176, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT, referred to the **Finance Committee** on June 20, 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 replaced with a sequential referral to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

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By Senator Burgin for the **Health Care Committee**:

H.B. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 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. 808 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR THE PROVISION OF SURGICAL GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, 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, 40507, which changes the title to read **H.B. 808** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

By Senator Krawiec for the **Pensions and Retirement and Aging Committee**:

H.B. 142 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 69 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE WARREN COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

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. 80, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF ST. JAMES TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 125 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE; AND TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 133, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE GRAHAM COUNTY DISTRICT G AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 220 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF LANSING, THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, AND STOKES COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, 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. 232 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MITCHELL COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION, with a favorable report.

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. 233, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 238 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF CLAYTON TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE AREA OF THE TOWN OF CLAYTON WITHIN JOHNSTON COUNTY, 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. 240, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF FOUR OAKS TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 628 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL BUILDING INSPECTION AND INSTALLATION, TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS, 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**.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.J.R. 652, A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ANNIE BROWN KENNEDY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

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By Senator P. Newton for the **Finance Committee**:

S.B. 176, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS 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, 45354, which changes the title to read **S.B. 176** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**.

H.B. 57, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO ALLOW THE CITY TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE 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, 30394, which changes the title to read **H.B. 57** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWNS OF HARMONY AND LOVE VALLEY, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable W. Ted Alexander, Senator from Cleveland County, as follows:

“Oh God, our Eternal Father, from whose hand our country and state were wrought and to whom we owe all glory, honor, and praise for all you have done in our lives and for the molding of our character and the Godly Christian country we have inherited—and our state that we have inherited. I thank you, Lord. Our prayer is that we, in our individual lives and as a legislative body, live up to the high ideals and aspirations of those you inspired through our Constitution. Lord, let us never forget nor grow lazy in the blessings of life, liberty, and freedom that you have bequeathed us through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, 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 Britt, Senator Burgin, and Senator Murdock.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 455, AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 126, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **S.R. 753** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed before the Senate for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR

Bills and resolutions on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.R. 753, A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JERRY WAYNE TILLMAN, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, for adoption.

The Chair orders the resolution read in its entirety.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, the words spoken on S.R. 753 are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR CRAVEN: "Members, I first met Senator Tillman back when I was in high school. I recall that larger than life figure that most of you knew as just Jerry. I worked the polls for him, paged for him in this chamber, and I have tried to fill those size D-14 shoes of his, in honor of him, on this floor daily. I recall so many memories of Jerry and have heard so many more from others around this room and our community. From our School Board Chairman, Gary Cook, who credits where he is today to Jerry's 'whippins' back when he was principal, to the success of the megasite back home in landing the Toyota project because of his foresight to get the original funding for that site a decade before. His mark on Randolph County and the state of North Carolina, along with his Richard Petty or Elon ball cap he

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would often wear around—that’s why he often was referred to by members of this body as ‘Coach.’ Indeed, Jerry coached us all. He personally encouraged and supported me as he did many of you. He was a mentor, a friend, and a confidant to many members, and he was always a resource to others for education matters. As a former coach, school principal, and assistant superintendent, he understood what school systems needed most. Jerry loved his family. He would call Ms. Marian every morning from Raleigh just to ensure she’d gotten the paper that day and that she had eaten a good breakfast that morning. He loved his children—Jeff, Patrick, Mary Elizabeth—and he was so very proud of his grandchildren and all of their accomplishments. He was quick to point out each of their pictures hanging on his office wall and how special it was to be called ‘Pa-Paw.’ Many of you know that country music was a daily part of his conversations with others, members, Sergeant-at-Arms, and all the visitors in his office. He would sing or recite lines that you could tell the writer of the story behind the song every time—the love story, the breakup, the heart ache, or how someone experienced God’s mercy and grace. As a strong Christian and a faithful member of Archdale Friends Meeting, Senator Tillman would often speak of his religious foundation. He would share Bible verses weekly with his staff, and he would pray with whomever was sharing a meal with him, with his favorite verse being Matthew 6:33, ‘But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’ As I grew up and spent more time with Jerry in the political circles, I learned a few things not everyone knew. He did, in fact, write his own newsletters here in Raleigh, and like his pitch speed, he often exaggerated about how many people read those letters, but I’ll digress. He would write out his newsletter on legal pads and insist that his legislative assistant put the punctuation and spelling exactly like he had written it on that pad—often giving us a lot of humor when reading his newsletters, folks. Oftentimes I would call Jerry as his party Chair, and he would pick up that old flip phone from anywhere, which I finally got him to admit to me one day, he kept the flip phone just so people knew when he hung up on them. Often, he was in a committee meeting, possibly on the floor, or at 42nd Street with his good friend Senator Woodard. If Jerry were here today, he would remind us all that even though we all have our deep-rooted political views, we can still respect each other, have strong friendships with one another, and work together to continue making North Carolina the best state in this country. To his family here today, I thank you all for allowing Jerry the time with us and so many others around this state. Godspeed.”

SENATOR WOODARD: “I can’t believe Senator Craven was saying all those good things about Jerry Tillman because I’m going to tell you some other things. I remember pulling up one day—I parked downstairs, and Jerry parked there on the corner where the Whip’s parking space is—and I got a whiff of something. ‘What is that?’ I realized it was Old Spice. ‘I wonder who that is.’ Went and got in the elevator and came upstairs, and that elevator was stinking of Old Spice. ‘Who is that?’ When I got off the elevator right down here, there was Jerry. I remember it was him. He bathed in Old Spice, didn’t he? Come on, y’all! Jerry could tell some tall tales. Y’all ever heard one of Jerry Tillman’s tall tales? How fast was his fast ball really? I’ve heard about six or seven different numbers over the years, am I right? If Jerry disagreed with you, he could take you down on the floor in a flat

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minute. We have two current members of Congress who got some good preparation for going to Congress when Jerry would dress them down on the floor. Y'all know who I'm talking about. If you ever ran a bill with Jerry, let me tell you, it was a lesson in anonymity. My second term here, Jerry and I were talking one day, and he said, 'I want you to run this bill with me.' We were talking about hanging out at convenience stores and country stores and things like that. He said, 'I'm going to run this biscuit bill.' That's 'biscuit bill,' not 'Biscuitville.' He said, 'I'm going to run this biscuit bill because you know I like to go get a biscuit, I like to sit there and have a biscuit. We need to have tables in some of these stores.' Some of y'all remember the bill. So, I signed on to it with Jerry. It had to go to about three or four different committees in both chambers. I went with Jerry every time. Just, you know, I'm a sophomore member of the Senate, I'm running a bill with a big senior member. I never spoke once on that bill because it took Jerry so long to tell you how he put the biscuit in there, put the napkin on top, and let it heat up, and went down and got his cup of coffee and sit and talk with his friends. That's how you run a bill with Jerry. I can't keep this ruse up any longer, trying to poke fun at Jerry, because I just really loved the man too much. I really did. When he passed away, I went and got the picture that I keep in my office, and it sits right here on my desk. Many of you have seen it, and some of you will remember the night Jerry and I sat right there and sang 'Long Black Veil' at 2 a.m., during one of our long sessions. There's a video. You can go watch it if you want to hear us sing. Some of you may not want to hear us sing. But that was Jerry. We could always get together and have fun, and I went and brought that picture. I've also got my 'Uncle Si' cup because Jerry liked Uncle Si, and he liked drinking out of his Tupperware cup. So, I keep those two things here on my desk to remind me of my friend Jerry. Jerry was what one of our favorite singers, Guy Clark, would call an 'old school man of the world.' But, you know, our favorite song, many of you know this, was Townes Van Zandt's 'Poncho and Lefty,' and we would talk about that often. Jerry and I were talking one time, and we figured out that I was Lefty, and he was Poncho. Not just cause I'm from Durham and vote left sometimes. But if you know the song, the first stanza presents Lefty as a restless young soul and the second stanza presents Poncho as the wisened bandit with all the wisdom that he shared in that friendship. But the great line that I always focused on with Jerry that described Poncho was, 'He wore his gun outside his pants for all the honest world to feel.' And Jerry and I both thought that what Townes Van Zandt meant was that Poncho, you knew where he stood because he wore that gun right there. You always knew where he stood, and he would tell you what he thought. And that was Jerry, so he really was Poncho. We could fuss and fight because he did flip that phone on me a few times, I have to say. We had many great conversations in the years we served together. Music was often a shared love. We could talk about the Bible. You're right, Senator Craven. Jerry could quote more Bible verses than about any preacher I know, and we would often talk about the Bible. And, of course, Jerry would always talk about his love for his family. So, I've missed Jerry since the time he retired. I've felt a real loss since he passed away. I learned a lot of great things from Jerry and really loved serving with him. So, in closing, I'll just say, here's to my friend Jerry. Rest in peace, Poncho."

Upon motion of Senator Craven, the resolution is adopted (46-0).

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.J.R. 652, A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ANNIE BROWN KENNEDY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Joint Resolution is placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.J.R. 652, A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ANNIE BROWN KENNEDY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, the words spoken on H.J.R. 652 are spread upon the Journal as follows:

SENATOR BLUE: "Thank you, Mr. President, and to my colleagues here in the Senate. Today we do something rare in this chamber, and that is honoring two members who served in one of these two chambers. Annie Brown Kennedy, as the resolution indicates, served for thirteen years in the House, beginning in the 1980s. I think of Annie Brown Kennedy, and I think of a song that we sang in the choir at my church because it makes me think of her as we go through the verses of it. It starts out, 'What shall I render unto God for all of His benefits toward me?' It's based on a biblical verse. At the end of it it says, 'reasonable service is all that's expected of us,' and Annie Brown Kennedy embodied 'reasonable service.' This young woman was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and grew up right next door in the same neighborhood as Martin Luther King Jr.—they were contemporaries. She was schooled in Atlanta and left because one of her Sunday school teachers told her when she was very young, in the 30s, 'You ought to become a lawyer. You've got all that it takes to be a lawyer, and don't let anybody convince you otherwise.' Now, mind you, this woman was the first lawyer, I think, licensed in Georgia that is a Sunday school teacher. So, Annie went on up to Howard University and went to law school, and came, she and her husband, who had just graduated from law school at the same time, came to North Carolina, Winston Salem, where he was from. She decided to take the bar exam. She took it and passed, and in 1954 became the second black woman in North Carolina licensed to practice law and the second woman, period, in Forsyth County licensed to practice law. She told a story to me when she first got to the House—there were a bunch of us young lawyers—there was six or eight of us, basically ranging from twenty-seven to thirty-four, thirty-five, all of us, including Joe Hackney, Dennis Wicker, Harry Payne, and other names that you might be familiar with. When Annie was elected to the House in 1982, we had been there for a year and were sort of raucous and thinking that we had the answers to stuff. She came and immediately settled us all down because she was a person that exerted that kind of influence and that kind of power over these young men, who were young enough to be her sons. She figured that we needed some control, and

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she did that successfully for thirteen years in the House. But, you know, while she was doing that, too, she was raising three young boys. The interesting thing about it, she and her husband were among the first husband-wife couples to start a law practice in North Carolina together. We tend to take so many things for granted—and realize that women are a relatively recent addition to practicing law in the profession. I know, now, that they outnumber men in law schools and medical schools, but I'm talking 1950s and 1960s. So, she took off and started raising her sons and told an interesting story. She stopped practicing law so that she could make sure that her sons, the three of them, got the kind of training and background they ought to have because her sons were among the first to integrate the public schools in Forsyth County. So, Anne gave all of her energy to doing that, working with PTAs and groups in that county to make sure that these transitions went well; and they did to a great degree because of Annie Brown Kennedy's involvement in it. She told me a story, and I really think that this is important. When she was preparing to take the bar, she could not use the library in the courthouse in Forsyth County. One of the most prominent attorneys in Winston-Salem lead probably one of the most prominent law firms in North Carolina at the time, Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge, and Rice. One of the named partners—I think it was Mr. Carlyle—looked her up and found her and said, 'Ma'am, you need somewhere to learn what the law is in North Carolina' and made the offices of Womble-Carlyle available to her. She spent half a year studying for the bar, getting ready. Didn't have the courses where you took them with everybody else. She said, 'The lesson that you learn from that, Dan, is you've got to accept people where they are because the ones that have been put in place to help you might not always be the most obvious. Mr. Carlyle made that law firm and its library available to me when the tax dollars couldn't guarantee that I had access to it.' It's lessons like that that you learn from people like Annie Brown. She later on became the president of the Forsyth County Bar. She later on made a statement, 'You know,' she said, 'I get tired of being the first or second one woman or black person to do stuff. And, so, I'm going to give my effort to making sure that when somebody like me does it, there's no reason to note it because first, second, third, fourth doesn't mean anything anymore because it's routine in the way that you do things.' That's the effort that she put forth when she came to the General Assembly. She eventually chaired the Judiciary Committee. She was involved in educational things—very much so her passion as she served over in the House of Representatives, serving for all of North Carolina. So, I say to you that we are fortunate to have rare people come into our lives when we don't know that they're coming into our lives and to influence you in so many different ways. At Annie's funeral back at the beginning of the year, many young women came up and said, 'You know, I became a lawyer because of Annie Brown Kennedy.' Some of them didn't even know her, 'But I followed her life and her path, and that inspired me to do something that nobody thought that I could do. As I look around this audience,' she was saying, 'black girls, white girls, people of every persuasion, Annie Brown's life has inspired us to do things.' So, when you look at her contributions to this state, both as a legislator and as a human being—she was active in First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, giving until she was incapable of getting around—she died at ninety-eight years old—but giving as long as she had energy—giving advice, giving direction—are the kinds of things that she

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will be remembered by in the end. So, I say that it's a real honor to mention her name on the floor of this General Assembly today because when I look at Annie—and people typically say that she inspired women—I think about all of us young men that she inspired as well when we thought that we didn't need a whole lot more inspiration. Because she really seized control of all of us over in the House—young, old, and in between, and mostly men—there were only four or five women in the House at the time—and gave us a sense of direction and inspiration. So, I say that her sons are proud of her, and they display it in everything they do. Two of them went off to law schools—went to Chapel Hill—she served on the Morehead selection committee. But they went off, and they came back, and they joined the firm. So, you know, you ask someone who their lawyer was, 'Kennedy, Kennedy, Kennedy, and Kennedy.' And they've had successful practices in Winston-Salem. So, Mr. President, we're fortunate to have had Annie Brown Kennedy serve the people of North Carolina and the General Assembly, serve the people of Forsyth County as a person who participated in almost every organization that you could participate in, in Forsyth County, and was one of the most respected and beloved individuals in Forsyth County. I commend this resolution to you because Annie Brown Kennedy lived a life that had meaning and a life that was inspirational."

SENATOR LOWE: "I've had the opportunity to know Ms. Annie Brown Kennedy for more than thirty years, up until her death. I remember having her do work for the church. One of the things that I remember most about talking to her, having developed a long-standing relationship with two of her sons—Michael was away, but Harold and Harvey we'd do a lot of projects together in the Winston-Salem area. But one of the things I remember—I happened to be in Atlanta, Georgia, for a conference. During that conference, I had to go to a reception at Spelman College. If you ever get a chance to go to Spelman, it is a treat to just walk around that campus. But I remember it being in one of the buildings, I don't remember the name of the building, but the reception was going on, and it got a little slow, so I just kind of walked around and meandered around. They have a wall in Spelman College which has pictures and writings of individuals that have made an impact in the world. And I saw Annie Brown Kennedy, and I looked, and I said, 'That's Ms. Kennedy.' So, I read it and read all the stuff that she had done. She was kind of semi-retired when I met her. Then when I got back from Atlanta, I couldn't wait to see her and tease her about why she didn't tell me all of the things that she had been doing. What I appreciate about her is, she wasn't someone that talked about what she did. She just went out and did it. That is an amazing example of service. She was about serving the community, and she had so many what I'd like to call 'distant mentees,' individuals that looked up to the work that she had done in the community and worked to emulate that example of service. I appreciate the works that she did. I had the honor of serving as one of the eulogists at her memorial service. North Carolina, Winston-Salem, Forsyth County is better because of Ms. Annie Brown Kennedy. Thank you, brothers, for letting her serve and not being too disorderly when she was away. We thank you for offering your mother to us. God bless you."

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (47-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled.

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S.B. 747 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, upon second reading.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (28-19).

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Bode offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

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 (28-19).

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 7.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 7 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (32-15).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 8.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 8 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-19).

Senator Marcus 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 Marcus 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).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (28-19) 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. 749 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, upon second reading.

Senator P. Newton offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (29-18).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (28-19) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives.

H.B. 605 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO ESTABLISH PEER-TO-PEER COUNSELING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPTION OF

POLICIES REGARDING PLACEMENT AND CONTENTS OF SCHOOL CRISIS KITS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, AND TO EXPAND DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY EXERCISES FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Garrett.

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.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Salvador submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**COMMENDING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS' EFFORTS AND MOURNING THOSE LOST IN THE SOUTHPARK FIRE.**"

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator McInnis, the Senate adjourns at 6:45 p.m., in honor and in memory of former Senator Jerry W. Tillman and former Representative Annie Brown Kennedy, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 22, 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. 34 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT, with a favorable report.

H.B. 488 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 790 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION AND TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 813 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE, with a favorable report.

S.B. 99 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES ON BOND APPLICATIONS, THE ORDER APPROVING THE BOND APPLICATION, AND ON THE BALLOT; TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE ON THE BALLOT QUESTION IF KNOWN AND ADDITIONAL POSTING OF BOND ORDERS; AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 120, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SWAIN COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO TWO PERCENT, with a favorable report.

S.B. 132, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BERTIE COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, with a favorable report.

S.B. 154 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL, A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF STALLINGS, AND UNION COUNTY TO EACH LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM, with a favorable report.

S.B. 162 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION, with a favorable report.

S.B. 255, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CURRENT IREDELL COUNTY-WIDE OCCUPANCY TAX, TO CREATE IREDELL COUNTY DISTRICT I, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT, with a favorable report.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

H.B. 31 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN-SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 13 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 31 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Ford, Chair; Senator P. Newton 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.

H.B. 149 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 7 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 149 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Galey and Senator Johnson 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. 195 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 195 on June 13, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Galey, Chair; Senator Barnes 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. 382 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 382 on June 20, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Perry, Chair; Senator Burgin 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 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 21, 2023

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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 186 Senate Committee Substitute (6th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Davis, 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

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator Ford requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.J.R. 487, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

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S.B. 126, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS. (Became law upon ratification, June 21, 2023 - S.L. 2023-50)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, June 22, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 631 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND STATE FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON MINORS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 626 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION, AND TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO RIOTING, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 411 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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S.B. 176 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** on June 21, 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.

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

H.B. 38 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ACCEPTANCE OF CASH FOR ADMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20.

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. 419 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 1.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Finance Committee** and upon a favorable report will be re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 387 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 20.

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**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 415 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023, 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, 40508, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Norman W. Sanderson, Senator from Pamlico County, as follows:

“Father, in Jesus’ name, we thank you, God, that the only truth that lasts is your truth. We thank you, Lord, that you allow us to just share in the wisdom that you so generously pour out on us. In fact, your Word says that if any lack wisdom, just let them ask for it. So, God, we’re asking for wisdom today. We thank you that you are present with us and that your truth is written on our hearts. Lord, let that truth be evident. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 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 Blue, Senator Burgin, Senator Corbin, Senator Murdock, and Senator Robinson.

ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 552, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY ACT.

H.B. 192, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION.

H.B. 608, AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY.

H.B. 611, AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SHERIFFS’ EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EXPUNGED CRIMES COMMITTED BY MINORS CANNOT PREVENT LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION.

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The Enrolling Clerk reports the following Joint Resolution duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.J.R. 652, A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ANNIE BROWN KENNEDY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. (Res. 2023-9)

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 120, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SWAIN COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO TWO PERCENT, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill remains on the calendar for Monday, June 26, upon third reading.

S.B. 132, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BERTIE COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill remains on the calendar for Monday, June 26, upon third reading.

S.B. 154 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL, A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF STALLINGS, AND UNION COUNTY TO EACH LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 0, as follows:

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Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Monday, June 26, upon third reading.

S.B. 162 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION, 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, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Monday, June 26, upon third reading.

S.B. 255, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CURRENT IREDELL COUNTY-WIDE OCCUPANCY TAX, TO CREATE IREDELL COUNTY DISTRICT I, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Bode, Britt, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill remains on the calendar for Monday, June 26, upon third reading.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 626 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION, AND TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO RIOTING, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 22.

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Pursuant to Rule 47(a), Senator Rabon offers a motion that the House Committee Substitute bill be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR (*continued*)

S.B. 99 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES ON BOND APPLICATIONS, THE ORDER APPROVING THE BOND APPLICATION, AND ON THE BALLOT; TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE ON THE BALLOT QUESTION IF KNOWN AND ADDITIONAL POSTING OF BOND ORDERS; AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 33, noes 12, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---33.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hunt, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Salvador, Smith and Woodard---12.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Monday, June 26, upon third reading.

H.B. 34 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, 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.

H.B. 488 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, upon second reading.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (33-12) 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. 790 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION AND TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, upon second reading.

Senator Britt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-1).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (41-4) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 813 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE, upon second reading.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 626 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION, AND TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO RIOTING, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Alexander, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (45-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

The Senate recesses at 12:52 p.m., to reconvene at 1:10 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 190 (Senate 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 31.

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Pursuant to Rule 47(a), Senator Rabon offers a motion that the Senate Committee Substitute bill be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails (28-16), and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 190 (Senate 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 Krawiec offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (28-17) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 190** (Senate 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 AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO SESSION LAW 2023-14.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Berger.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (27-17).

Senator Woodard 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 26, upon third reading.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Alexander submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, **"COMMENDING TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA."**

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 1:37 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, June 26, at 3:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Craven for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

H.B. 782, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE, 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, 40510, which changes the title to read **H.B. 782** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE; TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RADON PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OF A LICENSEE HAVING MAINTAINED A LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS EXPERIENCE FOR PLUMBING AND HEATING QUALIFICATIONS BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBING, HEATING, AND FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS, 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.B. 176 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, 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, 35293, which changes the title to read **S.B. 176** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT, TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, AND TO ALLOW SALESMEN OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED WITH MORE THAN ONE DEALER IF EACH DEALER IS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is re-referred to the **Judiciary Committee.**

By Senator B. Newton for the **Judiciary Committee:**

H.B. 258 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT, 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, 40509, which changes the title to read **H.B. 258** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT; TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Health Care Committee**.

H.B. 808 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS, 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, 30395, 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**.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

H.B. 186 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on June 21 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 186 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator

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Britt, Chair; Senator Daniel and Senator B. Newton as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

DISMISSAL AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, hereby dismisses the conferees appointed on June 21 on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 382** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, and appoints Senator Perry, Chair; Senator Corbin and Senator Rabon as new conferees. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Pursuant to Senator Rabon's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, June 26, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 3:00 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 7:00 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
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 195 House Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE

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ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Hardister, Chair
Representative D. Hall
Representative Prather and
Representative Pickett

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 382 House Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS OF DENTISTRY, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Potts, Chair
Representative K. Baker and
Representative D. Hall

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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H.B. 258 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE STATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT; TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS, referred to the **Health Care Committee** on June 22, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Health Care Committee** and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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 582, "An Act to Make Various Changes to the Agricultural and Wastewater Laws of This State."

The provision in this bill that severely weakens protection for wetlands means more severe flooding for homes, roads and businesses and dirtier water for our people, particularly in eastern North Carolina. This provision coupled with the drastic weakening of federal rules caused by the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in the Sackett case, leaves approximately 2.5 million acres, or about one half of our state's wetlands, unprotected. The General Assembly has allocated tens of millions of dollars to protect the state from flooding and my administration is working to stop pollution like PFAS and other contaminants. This bill reverses our progress and leaves the state vulnerable without vital flood mitigation and water purification tools.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 23rd day of June 2023, at 3:59 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

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*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, 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. 26, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY, BY RESOLUTION, AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX OF UP TO ONE PERCENT, referred to the **Finance Committee** on January 27, with sequential referrals to the **State and Local Government Committee** and the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

The sequential referral to the **State and Local Government Committee** is stricken.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Perry for the **Finance Committee**:

H.B. 78 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, 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. 419 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE, 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**.

S.B. 145 (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**.

S.B. 26, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO LEVY, BY RESOLUTION, AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX OF UP TO ONE PERCENT, 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 **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 234, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSESSORS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY, 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, 35295, 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. 345 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT, 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, 15363, which changes the title to read **S.B. 345** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT AND TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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. 5 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, 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, 30396, which changes the title to read **H.B. 5** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS, 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. 267 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS, 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, 30397, which changes the title to read **H.B. 267** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF LELAND, 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**:

H.B. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

H.B. 628 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL BUILDING INSPECTION AND INSTALLATION, TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 782 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE; TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RADON PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OF A LICENSEE HAVING MAINTAINED A LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS EXPERIENCE FOR PLUMBING AND HEATING QUALIFICATIONS BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBING, HEATING, AND FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 808 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 815 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONE CHILD OR SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE TO BE PLACED IN A FAMILY FOSTER HOME IF THE FOSTER FAMILY HAS FIVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN, with a favorable report.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 171 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

S.B. 389 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITH WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE MIDWIFERY STATUTES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 447 (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 April 27.

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 **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 Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Thou who art eternal, we ask, even today, even this evening, that you would help us as we make decisions for the Old North State. We ask that you give us courage and that you give us strength so that we make the best decisions we can on behalf of our citizens. These things we pray in your Son, Christ Jesus, name, and all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 22, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Robinson, Senator Smith, and Senator Woodard.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 246, AN ACT TO AMEND WHAT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF SECOND DEGREE TRESPASS TO INCLUDE ENTERING OR REMAINING ON THE CURTILAGE OF A DWELLING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 A.M.

S.B. 626, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION, AND TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO RIOTING.

H.B. 168, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE STATUTES GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

H.B. 574, AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS.

SENATE PAGES

The Chair recognizes the following pages serving in the Senate this week:

Will Ackerman, Bahama; Brynn Bacon, Wake Forest; Preston Carroll, Fuquay-Varina; Larrington Chadwick, Stacy; Anslee Falls, Huntersville; Stewart Hodges, Raleigh; Isaac Hoilman, Bakersville; Liza Howard, Atlantic Beach; Ben Jones, Charlotte; Faith McCall, Concord; Ava Claire Rodgers, Cary; Sonya Shah, Cary; Anish Thota, Charlotte; and Cailynn Winford, Mooresville.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate this week will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 582 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the bill, having been referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 26, be withdrawn from that committee and placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration, which motion prevails, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 582 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Jackson offers a motion that S.B. 582 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 29, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---29.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador and Waddell---17.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 120, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW SWAIN COUNTY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL OCCUPANCY TAX OF UP TO TWO PERCENT, upon third reading.

The bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

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S.B. 132, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE BERTIE COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, upon third reading.

The bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 154 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AVERY COUNTY TO LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN A TAX DISTRICT COMPRISING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF INDIAN TRAIL, A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF STALLINGS, AND UNION COUNTY TO EACH LEVY AN OCCUPANCY TAX, IF APPROVED IN A REFERENDUM, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 162 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CONFORM AND INCREASE THE YANCEY COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX AUTHORIZATION, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 255, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL THE CURRENT IREDELL COUNTY-WIDE OCCUPANCY TAX, TO CREATE IREDELL COUNTY DISTRICT I, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF AN OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE DISTRICT, upon third reading.

The bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 99 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES ON BOND APPLICATIONS, THE ORDER APPROVING THE BOND APPLICATION, AND ON THE BALLOT; TO INCREASE THE TRANSPARENCY OF BOND REFERENDUMS BY REQUIRING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE ON THE BALLOT QUESTION IF KNOWN AND ADDITIONAL POSTING OF BOND ORDERS; AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF PROPOSED BOND ISSUE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, upon third reading.

Upon the appearance of Senator Woodard in the chamber, the Chair acknowledges his presence and the leave of absence granted previously is withdrawn.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 32, noes 15, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Marcus, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---32.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Mayfield, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---15.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 190 (Senate 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 third reading.

Senator Krawiec offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Krawiec offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (47-0).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 4.

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Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Bode offers Amendment No. 5.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 5 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Hunt offers Amendment No. 6.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 6 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Mayfield offers Amendment No. 7.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 7 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

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 (29-18).

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 9.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 9 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 10.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 10 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Waddell offers Amendment No. 11.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 11 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Salvador offers Amendment No. 12.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 12 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 13.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 13 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 14.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 14 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

Senator Adcock offers Amendment No. 15.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 15 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-18).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading (45-2) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Krawiec, the Senate adjourns at 8:10 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, June 27, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

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H.B. 295, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, referred to the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee** on June 21, with a sequential referral to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

A sequential referral to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee** is added between the existing referrals.

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. 22, AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THE OUTDOOR HERITAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE NORTH CAROLINA OUTDOOR HERITAGE TRUST FUND AND TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMMING TO PROMOTE YOUTH OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 23, 2023 - S.L. 2023-51)

H.B. 140, AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES TO EMPLOY AND ALLOW CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE TRAFFIC CRASHES INVOLVING ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 23, 2023 - S.L. 2023-52)

S.B. 240, AN ACT TO PROVIDE CHOICE OF EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 23, 2023 - S.L. 2023-53)

S.B. 327, AN ACT TO CONFORM THE GENERAL STATUTES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE BY UPDATING OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO "ASSIGNMENTS OF ERROR" AND "EXCEPTIONS" AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 23, 2023 - S.L. 2023-54)

S.B. 673, AN ACT TO ALLOW ALTERNATIVE PEAK DAILY SEWAGE FLOW RATES FOR DESIGN RATE MODELING, TO PERMIT WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM EXPANSIONS BEYOND EXISTING ALLOCATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS TO THE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEE STATUTES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 23, 2023 - S.L. 2023-55)

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H.B. 611, AN ACT TO MODIFY VARIOUS POWERS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EXPUNGED CRIMES COMMITTED BY MINORS CANNOT PREVENT LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 23, 2023 - S.L. 2023-56)

S.B. 552, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NOTARY ACT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 23, 2023 - S.L. 2023-57)

H.B. 130, AN ACT TO (I) LIMIT CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM PROHIBITING CONSUMER CHOICE OF ENERGY SERVICE BASED UPON THE TYPE OR SOURCE OF ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED AND (II) REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE DECOMMISSIONING OF NEWLY SITED UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS UPON CESSATION OF OPERATIONS. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, June 26, 2023 - S.L. 2023-58)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

EIGHTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, June 27, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 4:00 p.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 750 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE

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AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on June 23, 2023 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. 654.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Lee for the **Education/Higher Education Committee**:

H.B. 219 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS, 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, 40511, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

By Senator Barnes for the **Agriculture, Energy, and Environment Committee**:

H.B. 295, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROMOTE LOCAL SAWMILLS BY ALLOWING THE USE OF UNGRADED LUMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**.

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 748 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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, 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 INTENTIONALLY AND ROUTINELY INFLICT PHYSICAL INJURY ON THAT CHILD, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, 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, 30399, which changes the title to read **H.B. 748** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 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, 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 INTENTIONALLY AND ROUTINELY INFLICT PHYSICAL INJURY ON THAT CHILD, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REGISTRATION PROCESSES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY, TO REMOVE TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CRIME VICTIMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, TO EXPAND RENTAL PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN CRIME VICTIMS, TO CREATE A PRIVILEGE FOR CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS WITH VICTIM ASSISTANCE CENTERS, TO ALLOW MAGISTRATE EX PARTE ORDERS TO BE EXTENDED IN DURATION UPON THE APPROVAL OF A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE; AND TO CREATE NEW CRIMINAL OFFENSES FOR EXPOSING A CHILD TO A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 176 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT, TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, AND TO ALLOW SALESMEN OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED WITH MORE THAN ONE DEALER IF EACH DEALER IS UNDER COMMON OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL, 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, 45356, which changes the title to read **S.B. 176** (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, 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.**

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H.B. 674, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, TO GOVERN THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS, with a favorable report.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 814 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, 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. 591, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, 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, 10492, 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 **State and Local Government Committee**:

H.B. 387 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, 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. 184 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE OCCUPANCY TAX RATE AUTHORIZED FOR HAYWOOD COUNTY, with an unfavorable report as to the Committee Substitute bill, but favorable as to the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Senate Committee Substitute bill, 10493, which changes the title to read **H.B. 184** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, TO PROHIBIT THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY FROM ADOPTING OR RENEWING OR EXTENDING ANY MORATORIA ON ANY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL, AND TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITIONS ON DOWN-ZONING PROPERTY IN MAGGIE VALLEY, 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. 397 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR A TERM OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS WITHOUT TREATING IT AS A SALE, 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, 40512, 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**:

H.B. 5 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 78 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, with a favorable report.

H.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION STATUTES AND WAIVING FEES FOR ESTATE ADMINISTRATION LIMITED TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES HELD IN THE ESCHEAT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

H.B. 201 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

H.B. 267 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF LELAND, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 419 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE, with a favorable report.

H.B. 600 (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.

S.B. 145 (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.

S.B. 234 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSESSORS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 345 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT AND TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, with a favorable report.

By Senator Johnson for the **Commerce and Insurance Committee**:

H.B. 447 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, 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, 30398, 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 27, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 750 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND

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GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, 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 750, "An Act to Address the Use of Environmental, Social, and Governance Criteria by State Agencies and State Pension Plan Fiduciaries."

This bill does exactly what it claims to stop. For political reasons only, it unnecessarily limits the Treasurer's ability to make decisions based on the best interest of state retirees and the fiscal health of the retirement fund.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 23rd day of June, at 4:00 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**.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Standing committee reports are submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Judiciary Committee**:

H.B. 542 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM AMOUNT FOR DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS BEFORE A UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION CAN BEGIN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AND TO STRENGTHEN NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY THE ASSOCIATIONS TO OWNERS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN TO INITIATE FORECLOSURE, 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, 10494, which changes the title to read **H.B. 542** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS SECURING AMOUNTS OWED TO UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN REQUIRED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY ASSOCIATIONS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE TO ENFORCE CLAIMS OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE ALL FINES COLLECTED BY AN ASSOCIATION TO BE REMITTED TO THE CIVIL FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND, TO EXPAND OWNERS' ACCESS TO HOA RECORDS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATIONS FROM COMPENSATING A MANAGING AGENT BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION REGULATION OF PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS OR ROADS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN LESSONS GIVEN ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY TO A GROUP OF FIVE OR FEWER PERSONS, TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN FORECLOSURE SALES TO BE CONDUCTED AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC LOCATIONS, TO EXPAND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE TO COMMENCE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, is adopted and engrossed.

Pursuant to Rule 43, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

By Senator Daniel for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee:**

S.B. 386, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWEST TO AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL DISTRICTS, 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, 45359, which changes the title to read **S.B. 386** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWEST TO AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY 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.**

S.B. 750, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER SANITARY DISTRICT SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FROM FIVE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS, 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, 45358, which changes the title to read **S.B. 750** (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER SANITARY DISTRICT SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FROM FIVE RESIDENCY 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.**

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 27, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 299 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, 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
June 27, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 329 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

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 27, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 331 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE 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
June 27, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 582 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE, 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
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 364 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT, TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STATE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS, AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, just remind us daily that in all of our dealings with each other, we’re dealing with your children. Each of us are your children, so we’re each brothers and sisters. So, remind us to always control our tongues, always be mindful of how we treat each other, and to do it with respect and good will. We ask this in your Son, Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, June 26, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Garrett, Senator Hunt, Senator Robinson, and Senator Smith.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 190, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO SESSION LAW 2023-14.

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MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 28.

H.B. 750 (Ratified), AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the bill, having been referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 27, be withdrawn from that committee and placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration, which motion prevails, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 750 (Ratified), AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Craven offers a motion that H.B. 750 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 29, noes 16, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---29.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---16.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 750 becomes law at 4:27 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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H.B. 628 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL BUILDING INSPECTION AND INSTALLATION, TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (44-1) 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.

H.B. 782 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE; TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RADON PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OF A LICENSEE HAVING MAINTAINED A LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS EXPERIENCE FOR PLUMBING AND HEATING QUALIFICATIONS BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBING, HEATING, AND FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS, upon second reading.

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 782** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RADON PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OF A LICENSEE HAVING MAINTAINED A LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS EXPERIENCE FOR PLUMBING AND HEATING QUALIFICATIONS BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBING, HEATING, AND FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS.

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Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 2, 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 by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

BILL FILING

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, Rule 40 is suspended to allow for the filing of bills today until 5:00 p.m.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 808 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS, upon second reading.

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-16).

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-16).

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (29-16).

Senator Murdock offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 5 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (29-16), and Amendment No. 4 subsequently fails.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (29-16) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 815 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ONE CHILD OR SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE TO BE PLACED IN A FAMILY FOSTER HOME IF THE FOSTER FAMILY HAS FIVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN, 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.

S.B. 171 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

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Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate concurs in House Amendment No. 1 to the Committee Substitute bill (41-4) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 389 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITH WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE MIDWIFERY STATUTES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (45-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

NOTICE OF A DISCHARGE PETITION

Pursuant to Rule 47(b), Senator Grafstein announces her intent to circulate a discharge petition for **S.B. 540**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DECLARING THE RIGHT TO USE CONTRACEPTION TO PREVENT PREGNANCY SHALL NOT BE LIMITED, which was referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 5:38 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, June 28, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 411 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 22.

The House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, June 28.

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. 125 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE

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CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE; AND TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION, with a favorable report.

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. 299, AN ACT TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2023 - S.L. 2023-59)

S.B. 329, AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETAIL INSTALLMENT SALES ACT. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2023 - S.L. 2023-60)

S.B. 331, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER FINANCE ACT. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2023 - S.L. 2023-61)

S.B. 364, AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ACT TO PROHIBIT COMPELLED SPEECH WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKS STATE GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT, TO DEMONSTRATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT THAT STATE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZE THE EQUALITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL PERSONS, AND TO PROHIBIT STATE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKPLACES FROM PROMOTING CERTAIN CONCEPTS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO THAT INTENT. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2023 - S.L. 2023-62)

S.B. 582, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND WASTEWATER LAWS OF THIS STATE. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2023 - S.L. 2023-63)

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H.B. 750, AN ACT TO ADDRESS THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE CRITERIA BY STATE AGENCIES AND STATE PENSION PLAN FIDUCIARIES. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, June 27, 2023 - S.L. 2023-64)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETIETH 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 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 3:00 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. 754, 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**:

H.B. 57 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWNS OF HARMONY AND LOVE VALLEY, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, with a favorable report.

H.B. 184 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, TO PROHIBIT THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY FROM ADOPTING OR RENEWING OR EXTENDING ANY MORATORIA ON ANY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL, AND TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITIONS ON DOWN-ZONING PROPERTY IN MAGGIE VALLEY, with a favorable report.

H.B. 219 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 378 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS MAY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CLERK OF COURT, OR A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN, AND CLARIFYING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREFIGHTERS PRIOR TO OFFERING THE POSITION, with a favorable report.

H.B. 387 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 397 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR A TERM OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS WITHOUT TREATING IT AS A SALE, with a favorable report.

H.B. 447 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 674, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, TO GOVERN THE SHARING OF

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INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 814 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, with a favorable report.

S.B. 176 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 386 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWEST TO AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 750 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER SANITARY DISTRICT SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FROM FIVE RESIDENCY DISTRICTS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 754, 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.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Galey, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 195** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute, S195-PCCS15367-BE-1.

The Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 29, for adoption.

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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 Warren Daniel, Senator from Burke County, as follows:

“Our eternal, Heavenly Father, all of us at times in our lives have been your prodigal children. We thank you for having patience with us during those times. We thank you for your abundant mercy, and we thank you for your grace. Most of all, Lord, we thank you for receiving us back into your waiting arms with gladness when, like the prodigal son, we come to our senses, we confess our wrongs, and we run back to you. These ‘thanks’ we pray in the name of the Risen King. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, June 27, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Britt, Senator Mohammed, Senator Robinson, and Senator Smith.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 171, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

S.B. 389, AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITH WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE MIDWIFERY STATUTES.

H.B. 34, AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT.

H.B. 344, AN ACT TO MAKE REGULATORY CHANGES AND CREATE OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION’S MENTAL HEALTH LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION SECTION.

H.B. 488, AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING

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CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

H.B. 605, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO ESTABLISH PEER-TO-PEER COUNSELING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES REGARDING PLACEMENT AND CONTENTS OF SCHOOL CRISIS KITS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, AND TO EXPAND DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY EXERCISES FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

H.B. 618, AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS.

H.B. 627, AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ITS ON-SITE WASTEWATER RULES DIFFERENTLY AND READOPT ITS RULES CONSISTENT WITH THAT IMPLEMENTATION.

H.B. 790, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION AND TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE.

H.B. 813, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE.

H.B. 815, AN ACT TO ALLOW ONE CHILD OR SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE TO BE PLACED IN A FAMILY FOSTER HOME IF THE FOSTER FAMILY HAS FIVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN.

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H.B. 75 (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, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on February 27.

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Pursuant to Rule 47(a), Senator Rabon offers a motion that the Committee Substitute bill be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails without objection, and the Chair so orders.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills are placed on today's calendar:

S.B. 386 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWEST TO AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS.

S.B. 750 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER SANITARY DISTRICT SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FROM FIVE RESIDENCY DISTRICTS.

S.B. 754, 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.

H.B. 814 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

H.B. 447 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **S.R. 751** 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. 751, A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DAVID WILLIAM HOYLE, SR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, for adoption.

The Chair orders the resolution read in its entirety.

Upon motion of Senator Berger, the words spoken on S.R. 751 are spread upon the Journal as follows:

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SENATOR OVERCASH: “Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, members of the Senate and guests and family of Senator Hoyle. Today we are memorializing someone that spent his entire life in public service. Every one of us in this room is committed to public service, but I daresay that there’s no one that can truly lay claim to a lifetime of public service the way Senator Hoyle did. He was elected at just twenty-eight years old as the mayor of Dallas, North Carolina, his hometown. From there he went on to serve on the Board of Transportation, through multiple Governors and multiple years, leading up to 1984. After that Senator Hoyle joined this body, where he served ably for nine terms. During that time, as you heard the clerk read, he served at the top positions in this body, including Rules Chairman and Finance Chairman. I will say this, he was respected and loved by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. He was respected and beloved by the people in Gaston County. His tenure here has left a mark on this institution. It was a mark of being able to work in multiple areas, across multiple policy areas, being able to approach things with a seriousness of purpose that is often lacking in publicly elected office. But for most people, after a tenure of that—being in an elected office since he was twenty-eight years old, serving nine terms in the state Senate—most people would go back home and kick their shoes off and put their feet up on the ottoman at home, but he didn’t do that. That wasn’t good enough for Senator Hoyle, so he accepted an appointment to become the Secretary of the Department of Revenue, where he served for three years, retiring in 2013. You might think after nearly fifty years of public service he would go back home to Dallas and take it easy. He certainly would have earned that, but he didn’t do that. Not David Hoyle. He went back and served as a community leader all the days of his life. He was the chairman of what is now called CaroMont Health. At the time it was Gaston Memorial Hospital. Because of Chairman Hoyle’s good work, and many others’ good work in that, we’re seeing the fruits of that today. CaroMont Health is the largest remaining independent hospital in the state of North Carolina. That doesn’t happen by accident. It happened by good, hard work from the folks in the community, captained by Senator Hoyle. He also served as the chairman of Lenoir-Rhyne College, now Lenoir-Rhyne University, a major institution in North Carolina. He was also—even though he was born and raised as a Baptist, when he married his dear wife, Lynda, she brought him over to the Lutheran denomination. And they were very active members of Saint Paul’s Lutheran church in Dallas, where he taught Sunday school and served as the chairman of the church council, their administrative body. I think about David Hoyle, and I think about what high regard he’s held in, both in Raleigh and particularly back home in Gaston, and I think about that servant leadership that he provided over his entire life. I think the Bible verse very appropriately states, ‘Well done, thy good and faithful servant.’ So, please join me in memorializing the late Senator Hoyle today. Thank you.”

Upon motion of Senator Overcash, the resolution is adopted (46-0).

SENATOR BERGER: “Members, I’m going to take a little departure here from normal protocol. When I first got to the Senate, David Hoyle was one of the leaders in this body. And he and a number of other leaders of the then-Democratic

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majority were instrumental in everything that happened in North Carolina for a long period of time. Senator Hoyle was a close friend of and key lieutenant of Senator Basnight, whose portrait hangs in this chamber as we speak. And I can say without a doubt that people on both sides of the aisle were very confident in conversations they had with Senator Hoyle and in his judgment on things. And, so, his service to the Senate and his service to the state is something that we are acting very properly today in honoring.”

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator McInnis submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF BILLY PACKER.**”

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 5 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS, 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, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 29, upon third reading.

H.B. 78 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, 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, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 29, upon third reading.

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H.B. 267 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF LELAND, 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, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawyer, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 29, upon third reading.

H.B. 419 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE, upon second reading.

The 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, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawyer, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 remains on the calendar for Thursday, June 29, upon third reading.

S.B. 145 (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.

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 sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 234 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE ASSESSORS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATED TO THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY, 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 by special message.

S.B. 345 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING ACT AND TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 125 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE; AND TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey 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.

H.B. 181, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION STATUTES AND WAIVING FEES FOR ESTATE ADMINISTRATION LIMITED TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES HELD IN THE ESCHEAT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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H.B. 201 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (29-17).

Senator Perry objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Committee Substitute bill placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 29, upon third reading.

H.B. 203 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (46-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

FLOOR PRIVILEGES

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to allow staff on the Senate chamber floor while **H.B. 600** is being discussed.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 600 (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.

Without objection, Senator Chaudhuri is excused from voting on the bill as his law firm has litigation related to provisions of this bill.

Senator Sanderson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Johnson offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (38-7).

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (45-0).

Senator Applewhite offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-16).

Senator Jarvis offers Amendment No. 5, which is adopted (44-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2, as amended, passes its second reading (31-13) 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

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S.B. 411 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator P. Newton, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-45) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 386 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHWEST TO AMEND ITS CHARTER TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS, 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. 750 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BRUNSWICK REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER SANITARY DISTRICT SHALL BE ELECTED AT LARGE FROM FIVE RESIDENCY DISTRICTS, 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. 754, 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 (29-16).

Senator Woodard objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the bill placed on the calendar of Thursday, June 29, upon third reading.

H.B. 447 (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 as he is a partner in new car dealerships.

Senator Jackson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (44-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (44-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 814 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, upon second reading.

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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.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Proctor. Without objection, the leave of absence will apply to the vote taken on Amendment 4 to H.B. 600 and all votes taken thereafter.

H.B. 75 (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, upon second reading.

Senator Rabon offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (36-8).

The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (37-7) 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 Senate Amendment No. 1.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Sawyer submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**OBSERVING THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA’S ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.**”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Settle, the Senate adjourns at 4:52 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, June 29, at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
June 28, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 195** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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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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. 323 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, with a favorable report.

H.B. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS, with a favorable report.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 9 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-FIRST 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.

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Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-45.1(a10), I am pleased to nominate the following individual as Special Superior Court judge:

- Jocelyn Mitnaul Mallette to fill the vacancy created on December 30, 2021.

With this letter, I withdraw my prior nomination to fill this vacancy and submit Ms. Mitnaul Mallette's name for confirmation by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

I am grateful for Ms. Mitnaul Mallette'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/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Dan Blue Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk
The Honorable Robert Reives Mr. James White, House Principal Clerk

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. 193 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING AND ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED, with a favorable report.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 91 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING AN OFFICIAL FORM, TO MAKE STREET TAKEOVERS UNLAWFUL, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO COURTROOM PROCEDURES, AND TO ALLOW FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS FOR CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICT BOARDS, AND TO MAKE AN ABC TECHNICAL CORRECTION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

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. 49 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 452 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS 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. 615 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, THE EXPANSION

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OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN JUVENILE MATTERS, AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTMENT FOR UNEMANCIPATED MINORS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 132 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO DELIVER PERMITS ISSUED TO PERMITTEES BY MAIL OR A DESIGNATED DELIVERY SERVICE INSTEAD OF REQUIRING IN-PERSON PICKUP AT AN AGENCY OR OTHER PHYSICAL LOCATION UNLESS A PERMITTEE OPTS TO PICK UP THE PERMIT IN PERSON.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 197 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS REGARDING BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 438 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 579 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ESTABLISH OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR DEQ TO FACILITATE THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 721 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO STUDY THE HOLDING OF BULLION AND VIRTUAL CURRENCY AND THEIR POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND WHETHER TO ESTABLISH A NORTH CAROLINA BULLION DEPOSITORY FOR SUCH ASSETS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 741 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT AND TO MODIFY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING CHARITABLE SOLICITATION.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 852, 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.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 850, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LICENSING BOARDS RELATED TO COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

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:

“Oh, Lord, our heavenly Father, bless our thoughts with hope for the future as we go through harsh happenings of this world. Help us to see past the opposing views and disagreements of each other and settle our anxieties. Keep us uplifted and let us find the good in all moments. May our joyful spirit take control at all times. In Jesus’ Holy name we pray, and all the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, June 28, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Applewhite, Senator Britt, Senator Chaudhuri, Senator Jackson, Senator Mohammed, Senator Murdock, Senator B. Newton, Senator Rabon, Senator Robinson, and Senator Smith.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 45, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS AND CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS.

S.B. 135, AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM USING A TITLE OR ABBREVIATION INDICATING THE QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD.

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S.B. 507, AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION.

S.B. 722, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD CARE TO ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

H.B. 181, AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION STATUTES AND WAIVING FEES FOR ESTATE ADMINISTRATION LIMITED TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES HELD IN THE ESCHEAT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

H.B. 203, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

H.B. 628, AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL BUILDING INSPECTION AND INSTALLATION, TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS.

H.B. 782, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RADON PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OF A LICENSEE HAVING MAINTAINED A LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS EXPERIENCE FOR PLUMBING AND HEATING QUALIFICATIONS BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBING, HEATING, AND FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS.

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H.B. 808, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS.

H.B. 814, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**, without objection, the following bill is placed on today's calendar:

H.B. 193 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING AND ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the following bills are withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar:

S.B. 91 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING AN OFFICIAL FORM, TO MAKE STREET TAKEOVERS UNLAWFUL, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO COURTROOM PROCEDURES, AND TO ALLOW FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS FOR CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICT BOARDS, AND TO MAKE AN ABC TECHNICAL CORRECTION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 29.

S.B. 452 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 29.

S.B. 615 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTees TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION

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RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN JUVENILE MATTERS, AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTMENT FOR UNEMANCIPATED MINORS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 29.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Lowe.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 49 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 29.

Senator Daniel offers a motion that the House Committee Substitute bill be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, which motion prevails (26-13), and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 5 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 39, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---39.

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. 78 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED, upon third reading.

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The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 39, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---39.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 267 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF LELAND, upon third reading.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 39, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---39.

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. 419 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 39, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---39.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 57 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWNS OF HARMONY AND LOVE VALLEY, upon second reading.

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Senator Moffitt offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (39-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 57** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWNS OF HARMONY AND LOVE VALLEY.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (39-0) 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. 184 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, TO PROHIBIT THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY FROM ADOPTING OR RENEWING OR EXTENDING ANY MORATORIA ON ANY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL, AND TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITIONS ON DOWN-ZONING PROPERTY IN MAGGIE VALLEY, 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 by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 397 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR A TERM OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS WITHOUT TREATING IT AS A SALE, 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 by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 176 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, upon second reading.

Senator Johnson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (39-0).

Senator Craven offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (39-0).

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (39-0).

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, passes its second reading (26-13).

Senator Woodard objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, placed on the calendar of Monday, July 3, upon third reading.

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H.B. 173, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (39-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 219 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS, upon second reading.

Senator Meyer offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (26-13), and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Marcus offers Amendment No. 3.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 3 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-13).

Senator Grafstein offers Amendment No. 4.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 4 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (26-13).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (27-12) 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, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

H.B. 323 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Grafstein is excused from voting on the bill due to a potential conflict of interest.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (36-2).

Senator Perry objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Committee Substitute bill placed on the calendar of Monday, July 3, upon third reading.

H.B. 378 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS MAY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CLERK OF COURT, OR A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN, AND CLARIFYING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREFIGHTERS PRIOR TO OFFERING THE POSITION, upon second reading.

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The Senate Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (39-0) 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. 387 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading (39-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 484, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (39-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 674, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, TO GOVERN THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS, upon second reading.

The bill passes its second reading (39-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 754, 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 third reading.

Senator Garrett offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 2 as a substitute amendment, which is adopted (25-13) and Amendment No. 1 subsequently fails.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 3, which is adopted (39-0).

The bill, as amended, passes its third reading (26-13) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

H.B. 201 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER, upon third reading.

Senator Perry offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (39-0).

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The Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its third reading (39-0) and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in Senate Amendment No. 1.

S.B. 195 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (39-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action. Pursuant to the message received on Wednesday, June 28, that the House of Representatives adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 195, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

H.B. 193 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING AND ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED, upon second reading.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (39-0).

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (39-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 49 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (26-13) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 91 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING AN OFFICIAL FORM, TO MAKE STREET TAKEOVERS UNLAWFUL, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO COURTROOM PROCEDURES, AND TO ALLOW FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS FOR CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICT BOARDS, AND TO MAKE AN ABC TECHNICAL CORRECTION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (39-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

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S.B. 452 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (0-39) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 615 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTees TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN JUVENILE MATTERS, AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTMENT FOR UNEMANCIPATED MINORS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-39) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, all bills that passed the Senate today will be sent to the Governor by special message.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, **S.B. 176** and **H.B. 323**, which would ordinarily appear on the calendar of Monday, July 3, for third reading, are withdrawn from that calendar and re-referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Daniel, the Senate adjourns at 1:30 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, July 3, at 3:00 p.m.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 190, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL, CONFORMING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO SESSION LAW 2023-14. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-65)

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Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 3, 2023

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 great week, and we thank you for this great country. We pray that you'll continue to bless our country and bless our state. We thank you for all that you do for us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, June 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

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 49, AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN.

S.B. 195, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

H.B. 173, AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

H.B. 387, AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS.

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H.B. 484, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

H.B. 674, AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, TO GOVERN THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 78, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED.

H.B. 419, AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, July 6, at 9:30 a.m.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 91, AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING AN OFFICIAL FORM, TO MAKE STREET TAKEOVERS UNLAWFUL, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO COURTROOM PROCEDURES, AND TO ALLOW FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS FOR CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICT BOARDS, AND TO MAKE AN ABC TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

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. 364, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCING, WITHOUT APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OR THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND, OF CERTAIN CAPITAL

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IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BETWEEN CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 30, 2023 - S.L. 2023-66)

H.B. 455, AN ACT TO EXPEDITE TRANSFER OF WATER OR WASTEWATER PUBLIC UTILITIES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 30, 2023 - S.L. 2023-67)

H.B. 608, AN ACT TO CHANGE ELEVATOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE ACCORDINGLY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 30, 2023 - S.L. 2023-68)

H.B. 192, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE LAWS, AS REQUESTED BY THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 30, 2023 - S.L. 2023-69)

H.B. 168, 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 30, 2023 - S.L. 2023-70)

S.B. 626, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION, AND TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO RIOTING. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, June 30, 2023 - S.L. 2023-71)

H.B. 78, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF OAK ISLAND TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ANY ON-STREET PARKING IN THE SAME MANNER IN WHICH PROCEEDS FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES ARE USED. (Became law upon ratification, July 3, 2023 - S.L. 2023-72)

H.B. 419, AN ACT TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF YOUNGSVILLE. (Became law upon ratification, July 3, 2023 - S.L. 2023-73)

Pursuant to Senator Sawrey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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NINETY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 6, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Lisa S. Barnes, Senator from Nash County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we just give you praise today as our mighty, almighty, wonderful God. Lord, your Word says that we are to love others because you first loved us. I pray that you would help us all to love one another in that same way, Lord, and that you would just give us peace and comfort and confidence in our walk today, Lord, that you will be honored and glorified by everything that we say and do. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Barnes announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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 Barnes, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, July 10, 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 49, “An Act to Enumerate the Rights of Parents to Direct the Upbringing, Education, Health Care, and Mental Health of Their Minor Children.”

Parents are the most essential educators for their children and their involvement must be encouraged, but this bill will scare teachers into silence by injecting fear and uncertainty into classrooms. This “Don’t Say Gay” bill also hampers the important and sometimes lifesaving role of educators as trusted advisors when students have nowhere else to turn. The rights of parents are well established in state law, so instead of burdening schools with their political culture wars, legislators should help them with better teacher pay and more investments in students.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

July 6, 2023

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 5th day of July 2023, at 12:59 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

*Senator Rabon orders the bill, together with the Governor's objections and veto message, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.***

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 6, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 808 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 5, 2023 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. 729.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 6, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 574 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 5, 2023 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. 727.

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Pursuant to Senator Barnes's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 10, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

"Father, we praise you for this day and this week, and we praise you for salvation and grace and mercy. We thank you for all that do for us and for giving us traveling mercies here. Lead and guide and direct everyone here today. We thank you for them and thank you for you, Lord God, and what you do for us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Sawrey announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 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 Sawrey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, July 13, 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 10, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 618 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM

July 10, 2023

REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 7, 2023 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. 728.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 10, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 488 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 7, 2023 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. 726.

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. 790, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA INNOCENCE INQUIRY COMMISSION AND TO MODIFY VARIOUS LAWS RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-74)

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H.B. 813, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-75)

H.B. 34, AN ACT ENACTING THE PROTECT THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT ACT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-76)

H.B. 627, AN ACT TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT ITS ON-SITE WASTEWATER RULES DIFFERENTLY AND READOPT ITS RULES CONSISTENT WITH THAT IMPLEMENTATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-77)

H.B. 605, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO ESTABLISH PEER-TO-PEER COUNSELING IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE ADOPTION OF POLICIES REGARDING PLACEMENT AND CONTENTS OF SCHOOL CRISIS KITS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS, AND TO EXPAND DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY EXERCISES FROM ONLY TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-78)

S.B. 389, AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITH WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE MIDWIFERY STATUTES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-79)

H.B. 344, AN ACT TO MAKE REGULATORY CHANGES AND CREATE OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION'S MENTAL HEALTH LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION SECTION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-80)

S.B. 135, AN ACT TO PREVENT PERSONS FROM USING A TITLE OR ABBREVIATION INDICATING THE QUALIFICATION AS A REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN REGISTERED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-81)

July 10, 2023

H.B. 815, AN ACT TO ALLOW ONE CHILD OR SIBLINGS IN FOSTER CARE TO BE PLACED IN A FAMILY FOSTER HOME IF THE FOSTER FAMILY HAS FIVE BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-82)

S.B. 45, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS AND CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-83)

S.B. 507, AN ACT TO ALLOW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN CHIROPRACTIC PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 7, 2023 - S.L. 2023-84)

S.B. 246, AN ACT TO AMEND WHAT CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF SECOND DEGREE TRESPASS TO INCLUDE ENTERING OR REMAINING ON THE CURTILAGE OF A DWELLING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF MIDNIGHT AND 6:00 A.M. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, July 8, 2023 - S.L. 2023-85)

S.B. 171, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-86)

S.B. 722, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITIES IN CHILD CARE TO ADDRESS THE WORKFORCE SHORTAGE BY RECOGNIZING THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (CDA) CREDENTIAL IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-87)

H.B. 181, AN ACT MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION STATUTES AND WAIVING FEES FOR ESTATE ADMINISTRATION LIMITED TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES HELD IN THE ESCHEAT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-88)

H.B. 203, AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND OTHER CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-89)

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H.B. 628, AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES GOVERNING ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, TO MAKE CERTAIN NC ON-SITE WASTEWATER CONTRACTORS AND INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION BOARD CHANGES, TO DIRECT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN ON-SITE WASTEWATER EXISTING SYSTEM AFFIDAVIT, TO MAKE CERTAIN WASTEWATER ELECTRICAL CHANGES, TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELL BUILDING INSPECTION AND INSTALLATION, TO PROHIBIT FORCED SEWER CONNECTIONS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST EXAMINERS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-90)

H.B. 782, AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODE EXCLUSION FOR TEMPORARY MOTION PICTURE, TELEVISION, AND THEATER STAGE SETS AND SCENERY TO EXEMPT THEM FROM USE AND OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE CODE; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AN APPROVAL PROCESS FOR RADON PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OF A LICENSEE HAVING MAINTAINED A LICENSE IN GOOD STANDING UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 87 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES FOR AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS EXPERIENCE FOR PLUMBING AND HEATING QUALIFICATIONS BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBING, HEATING, AND FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-91)

H.B. 814, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER PROVISIONS GOVERNING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-92)

H.B. 173, AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO LAWS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER'S BANKING OPERATIONS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-93)

H.B. 387, AN ACT TO CREATE THE MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD FOR FIRST RESPONDERS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-94)

July 10, 2023

H.B. 484, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE LAW PERTAINING TO THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-95)

H.B. 674, AN ACT TO SET CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS, TO GOVERN THE SHARING OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-96)

S.B. 91, AN ACT AMENDING RULE 4 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO ALLOW ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE USING AN OFFICIAL FORM, TO MAKE STREET TAKEOVERS UNLAWFUL, TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO COURTROOM PROCEDURES, AND TO ALLOW FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS FOR CERTAIN SANITARY DISTRICT BOARDS, AND TO MAKE AN ABC TECHNICAL CORRECTION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-97)

Pursuant to Senator Sawrey's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 13, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for this another day and week you've given us. We pray that you'll guide and direct us here today and every day. Help us to bring honor to you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

July 13, 2023

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

H.B. 193, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING AND ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED.

H.B. 201, AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER.

H.B. 219, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS.

H.B. 378, AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS MAY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CLERK OF COURT, OR A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN, AND CLARIFYING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREFIGHTERS PRIOR TO OFFERING THE POSITION.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 57, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWNS OF HARMONY AND LOVE VALLEY.

H.B. 184, AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, TO PROHIBIT THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY FROM ADOPTING OR

RENEWING OR EXTENDING ANY MORATORIA ON ANY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL, AND TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITIONS ON DOWN-ZONING PROPERTY IN MAGGIE VALLEY.

H.B. 267, AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF LELAND.

H.B. 397, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR A TERM OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS WITHOUT TREATING IT AS A SALE.

Upon the direction of the Chair, it is noted that Mr. Joseph Buckner served as today's reading clerk.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:14 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, July 17, 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
July 12, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 5 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS.

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 12, 2023

July 13, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 125 Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE; AND TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Potts, Chair
Representative White
Representative K. Baker and
Representative Sasser

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 12, 2023

Mr. President:

July 13, 2023

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. 600 Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 (6th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF 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
July 12, 2023

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives today, that the House failed to concur in **H.B. 5 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Zenger, Chair
Representative Paré and
Representative Howard

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 12, 2023

Mr. President:

July 13, 2023

Pursuant to the message from the House of Representatives today, that the House failed to concur in **H.B. 600 Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 (6th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Riddell, Chair
Representative Zenger
Representative Brody
Representative Winslow and
Representative Chesser

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 451, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE DISTRICTS TO AREAS NOT CONTIGUOUS TO THE SERVICE DISTRICT.

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. 57, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF ELECTED OFFICERS IN THE TOWNS OF HARMONY AND LOVE VALLEY. (Became law upon ratification, July 13, 2023 - S.L. 2023-98)

H.B. 184, AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY, TO PROHIBIT THE TOWN OF MAGGIE VALLEY FROM ADOPTING OR RENEWING OR EXTENDING ANY MORATORIA ON ANY DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL, AND TO EXPAND THE PROHIBITIONS ON DOWN-ZONING PROPERTY IN MAGGIE VALLEY. (Became law upon ratification, July 13, 2023 - S.L. 2023-99)

July 13, 2023

H.B. 267, AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF HOLLY SPRINGS AND TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON ANNEXATION BY THE TOWN OF LELAND. (Became law upon ratification, July 13, 2023 - S.L. 2023-100)

H.B. 397, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE TO LEASE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR A TERM OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS WITHOUT TREATING IT AS A SALE. (Became law upon ratification, July 13, 2023 - S.L. 2023-101)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 17, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Steve Jarvis, Senator from Davidson County, as follows:

“Our dear blessed heavenly Father, we want to thank you for the day that you have given us. We pray that you would help each one as they go into summer. Keep them safe. Help us to be able to negotiate and get a budget done. We thank you. We pray for the Governor today; pray that you would be with him. Help us to do your will. Amen.”

Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 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 Jarvis, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 3:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

H.B. 600 (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

July 17, 2023

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on July 12 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for H.B. 600 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Sanderson, Chair; Senator P. Newton, Senator Rabon, Senator Johnson and Senator Craven 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.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
July 13, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that Representative Dixon and Representative Wray have been added as conferees to **H.B. 600 Senate Committee Substitute No. 2 (6th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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:

S.B. 195, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, July 14, 2023 - S.L. 2023-102)

Pursuant to Senator Jarvis's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

NINETY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 20, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

July 20, 2023

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, you’ve given us another day, and we thank you and praise you for that. Thank you for the rain you sent our way. I pray that you’ll look after the folks in Nash County that got hit by the tornado, and help them to come through this okay, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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 Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:13 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, July 24, at 3:00 p.m.

NINETY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 24, 2023

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, I thank you and love you, and thank you for your grace and mercy and love that you show to us every day. Thank you for all that you do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 3:05 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, July 27, at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

July 24, 2023

House of Representatives
July 24, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 219 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 21, 2023 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. 725.

CHAPTERED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 193, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPUNCTION OF THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING AND ENTERING OF A BUILDING WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A FELONY OR LARCENY AND AMEND THE CONDITIONS THAT RESULT IN A PETITION FOR EXPUNCTION BEING DENIED. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 21, 2023 - S.L. 2023-103)

H.B. 378, AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS MAY BE CONDUCTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, CLERK OF COURT, OR A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR FOR FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE YEARS, PROVIDING THAT THE FIREFIGHTER CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENT SHALL NOT APPLY TO JUNIOR MEMBER APPLICANTS AND CURRENT MEMBERS UNDER EIGHTEEN, AND CLARIFYING THAT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS ARE REQUIRED FOR FIREFIGHTERS PRIOR TO OFFERING THE POSITION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, July 21, 2023 - S.L. 2023-104)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

July 24, 2023

NINETY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, July 27, 2023

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 come to you today and thank you for all that you do for us. We pray that you’ll protect everyone during these hot days of summer. We pray that you’ll send a little rain our way. Father, we thank you for all that you do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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 Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:05 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, July 31, at 3:00 p.m.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

H.B. 201, AN ACT MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE LAWS GOVERNING THE TEACHERS’ AND STATE EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM, LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, CONSOLIDATED JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE DISABILITY INCOME PLAN, AND TO OTHER RELATED STATUTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TREASURER. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, July 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-105)

Pursuant to Senator Ford’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

July 27, 2023

ONE HUNDREDTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, July 31, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day and week you’ve given us. We pray that you’ll help us and guide and direct us today. We pray that you’ll be with the family of the young man who lost his life, and help them through this terrible, difficult time. We thank you for all that you do for us. We praise you. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Burgin announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, July 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Barnes, the Senate adjourns at 3:11 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, August 3, at 10:00 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, August 3, 2023

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, thank you for another day and another opportunity to talk to you and to praise you and lift you up today. We know that you know our needs before we bring them to you. We pray that you’ll continue to bless us as you have so much. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

July 31, 2023

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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 Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:13 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, August 7, at 1:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

July 31, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mark Robinson
Lieutenant Governor
310 N. Blount Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Lt. Governor Robinson:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7A-45.l(a10), I am pleased to nominate the following individual as Special Superior Court judge:

- The Honorable Quintin McGee to fill the vacancy created on July 1, 2023.

I hereby submit his name for confirmation by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

I am grateful for Judge McGee's willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Attached is his biographical information for your review. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Dan Blue Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk
The Honorable Robert Reives Mr. James White, House Principal Clerk

August 3, 2023

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, August 7, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for this day and this time you have given us. We thank you that you bring order out of chaos in our entire world. We thank you for that. We pray that you'll be with Peggy's family and the others that need your touch and need your help. We pray that you'll bless us here today and this week. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, August 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 Hise, the Senate adjourns at 1:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, August 10, at 10:00 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 615 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN JUVENILE MATTERS, AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTMENT FOR UNEMANCIPATED MINORS.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 615 on June 29, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Galey, Chair; Senator Daniel and Senator B. Newton as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

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Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, August 10, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Bill Rabon, Chair of the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us, a day of life and a day of forgiveness. We thank you for keeping us all safe this week during all the storms, and we just praise you for that. We pray that you'll guide and direct us today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, August 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 10:02 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, August 14, at 11:00 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 452 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 452 on June 29, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Johnson, Chair; Senator Craven, Senator Britt and Senator Perry 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 No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-

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TRAINED PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE; AND TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on July 12 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for H.B. 125 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Sawrey, Chair; Senator Rabon and Senator Hise 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.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, August 14, 2023

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, you’ve given us another day, another week, and we thank you for that. We pray that you’ll keep us all safe and healthy. We pray that you’ll help us in everything that we say and do this week, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, August 10, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 11:12 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, August 15, at 11:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
August 14, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that conferees for **H.B. 5 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS have been dismissed and new conferees have been appointed. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Paré, Chair and
Representative Bradford

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
August 14, 2023

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 452 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

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Representative D. Hall, Chair
Representative Stevens
Representative Setzer and
Representative Tyson

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

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, August 15, 2023

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 praise you for your grace, mercy, and love, and another day you've given us. We pray that you'll keep us safe later today as these thunderstorms come rolling through, Father. We thank you for that. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, August 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 Berger, the Senate adjourns at 11:40 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, August 16, 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. 422 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE, 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. 176 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 29.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3 is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, August 16.

H.B. 323 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 29.

The Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, August 16.

S.B. 9 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 28.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, August 16.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that Representative Humphrey has been added as a conferee to **S.B. 452**

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House Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, August 16, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 5:00 p.m.

RECESS

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Senator Daniel, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 512** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute, S512-PCCS15370-RI-2.

Senator Britt, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 186** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS

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FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H186-PCCS40515-CE-1.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **H.B. 186** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO CREATE LAWS TO EVALUATE WHETHER A JUVENILE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROCEED, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO SECURE CUSTODY ORDERS, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE LEASE EXPENSES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO S.L. 2023-97.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Mark Robinson, Lieutenant Governor.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, we do pray that we always do that which is right, and not in our eyes, but in your eyes. So, Lord, I thank you for each member here, for getting us back safely. Be with us here in this time of meeting and deliberation. Let us do all things for your good. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.”

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, August 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 Barnes, Senator Blue, Senator Corbin, Senator Proctor, and Senator Smith.

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CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Reports for **S.B. 512** and **H.B. 186** are placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

S.B. 49 (Ratified), AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on July 6.

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the bill be withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on today's calendar, for immediate consideration, which motion prevails, and the Chair so orders.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 49 (Ratified), AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Galey offers a motion that S.B. 49 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---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. 9 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY

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BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator Adcock, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 9 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 9, Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces the President *Pro Tempore's* appointment of Senator Krawiec, Chair; Senator Berger and Senator Adcock 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.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 422 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE, upon second reading.

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.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **S.B. 176** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the end of today's calendar.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 323 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, upon third reading.

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Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Grafstein's excuse from voting, requested on Thursday, June 29, remains in effect.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading (44-0) and is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 512 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (27-18).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 186 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO CREATE LAWS TO EVALUATE WHETHER A JUVENILE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROCEED, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO SECURE CUSTODY ORDERS, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE LEASE EXPENSES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO S.L. 2023-97, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, 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.

The Senate recesses at 5:48 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 6:00 p.m.

RECESS

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 219 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS, 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 219, "An Act to Make Various Changes to the Laws Affecting Charter Schools."

This bill allowing more students to attend failing charter schools risks their education and their future. The State Board of Education should continue to oversee the enrollment growth of charter schools to assure success. North Carolina should continue to cap the enrollment growth of low-performing charter schools until they can show that they can improve student achievement. Finally, diverting local resources to build charter schools without clear authority on who owns them risks financial loss to county taxpayers who have no recourse.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 21st day of July 2023, at 1:22 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 488 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, 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 488, "An Act to Reorganize the Building Code Council and Create the Residential Code Council, to Amend Various Provisions of the North Carolina State Building Code and Land Development Regulations, and to Increase the Project Cost Minimum for Applicability of General Contractor Licensing Requirements."

This bill stops important work to make home construction safer from disaster and more energy efficient, and ultimately will cost homeowners and renters more money. The bill also imperils North Carolina's ability to qualify for FEMA funds by freezing residential building code standards. Not only does the bill wipe out years of work to make homes safer and more affordable, it also violates the Constitution by rigging the way rules are made.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 7th day of July 2023, at 1:16 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

August 16, 2023

House of Representatives
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 574 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, 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 574, "An Act to Protect Opportunities for Women and Girls in Athletics."

We don't need politicians inflaming their political culture wars by making broad, uninformed decisions about an extremely small number of vulnerable children that are already handled by a robust system that relies on parents, schools and sports organizations. Republican governors in other states have vetoed similar bills because they hurt their states' reputation and economy and because they are neither fair nor needed.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 5th day of July 2023, at 1:03 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

August 16, 2023

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 618 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS, 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 618, "An Act to Convert the Charter Schools Advisory Board Into the Charter Schools Review Board, to Shift the Authority to Approve Charters From the State Board to the Review Board, and to Create a Right of Appeal to the State Board of Education From Review Board Decisions."

The North Carolina Constitution clearly gives the State Board of Education the oversight authority for public schools, including charter schools. This bill is a legislative power grab that turns that responsibility over to a commission of political friends and extremists appointed by Republican legislators, making it more likely that faulty or failing charter schools will be allowed to operate and shortchange their students. Oversight of charter schools should be conducted by education experts not partisan politicians.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 7th day of July 2023, at 1:17 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 808 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS, 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 808, "An Act to Prohibit Gender Transition Procedures for Minors."

A doctor's office is no place for politicians, and North Carolina should continue to let parents and medical professionals make decisions about the best way to offer gender care for their children. Ordering doctors to stop following approved medical protocols sets a troubling precedent and is dangerous for vulnerable youth and their mental health. The government should not make itself both the parent and the doctor.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 5th day of July 2023, at 1:04 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Senator Rabon offers a motion that the following bills be placed on today's calendar, and the Chair so orders:

H.B. 219 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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H.B. 488 (Ratified), AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

H.B. 574 (Ratified), AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

H.B. 618 (Ratified), AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

H.B. 808 (Ratified), AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 219 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Galey offers a motion that H.B. 219 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 219 becomes law at 6:17 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 488 (Ratified), AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE

BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Jarvis offers a motion that H.B. 488 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---17.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 488 becomes law at 6:21 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 574 (Ratified), AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Sawyer offers a motion that H.B. 574 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 574 becomes law at 6:29 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 618 (Ratified), AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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Senator Galey offers a motion that H.B. 618 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 618 becomes law at 6:33 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 808 (Ratified), AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Krawiec offers a motion that H.B. 808 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. The motion prevails by a three-fifths majority of members present and voting, ayes 27, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 808 becomes law at 6:56 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 176 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ENACT THE CONSUMERS IN CRISIS PROTECTION ACT AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITIONS OF MINORITY BUSINESS AND HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ESOP COMPANIES WITH MAJORITY OWNERSHIP BY MINORITY PERSONS OR SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, as amended, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, passes its third reading (27-18) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

The Senate recesses at 6:58 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 7:15 p.m.

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SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 754 (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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill and unengrossed House Amendment No. 1.

S.B. 579 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A MINOR, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 9 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

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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

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the following bills are placed on today's calendar:

S.B. 754 (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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, with unengrossed House Amendment No. 1.

S.B. 579 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A MINOR.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 754 (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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill and unengrossed House Amendment No. 1.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill and unengrossed House Amendment No. 1 (27-18) and the bill is ordered enrolled.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Krawiec, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 9** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS

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AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN HAYWOOD COUNTY AND MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S9-PCCS15374-BD-3.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **S.B. 9** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF GREENSBORO AND WINSTON-SALEM TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Senator Rabon places the Conference Report on today's calendar, for adoption.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 579 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A MINOR, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator B. Newton, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (0-45) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 9 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF GREENSBORO AND WINSTON-SALEM TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, for adoption.

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Upon motion of Senator Adcock, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (28-17).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

The Senate recesses at 8:14 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 8:30 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
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 49 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, 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:

S.B. 747 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill and unengrossed House Amendments No. 7 and No. 18.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

S.B. 747 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, with unengrossed House Amendments No. 7 and No. 18.

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Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill, with unengrossed House Amendments No. 7 and No. 18, is placed on today's calendar.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 747 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill and unengrossed House Amendments No. 7 and No. 18.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill and unengrossed House Amendments No. 7 and No. 18 (27-18), and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the words spoken by Senator Rabon are spread upon the Journal as follows:

“Earlier this month, members, we lost a member of our Senate family. Some of us knew her well. All of us have seen her many, many times, and that was Peggy Telfair. She was a dear lady, a very dear friend of mine, someone I just came to love, and a person who made me smile every single day when I came into the Senate. Senator Ford and I sent texts back and forth many, many times. I'd always laugh because she would come in the door over there, she would pick up a bill, and she'd walk out, and Senator Ford would text me and say, 'Was that the special messenger?' And I said, 'It was, in a whirlwind.' And I will promise you this, when she went back to the clerk's office, it didn't take as long for the Senate to get our bills over there by special message as it took us to get their bills back over here at night by special message. She will be sorely missed. She was the person who I would see every morning. Many times, we would come in together, or very close together, and she would be going into her office, and I'd be coming into mine. I'm the person who tends to be a little forgetful. A lot of times I'd have to walk down and say, 'Peggy, can you let me in the office? I left my keys in the truck, and it's a little shorter walk for you than it is for me.' And she just loved doing that. And she was the person that would keep the staff over there knowing and smiling about what a dear person could be and what a friend is and how to be a friend. She loved every one of y'all, and you all know it. She was just delightful. Fed me cakes and anyone else that would stop by and eat something, she had some sweets for you, and she would always offer those. And Peggy was the person that handled every single bill that any of you all ever wrote. She made hard copies of every bill. She'd put them in numeric order. She'd put them in a binder, and the morning after they came out they were on my desk for review. She probably did a better job reviewing them than I did. But she never missed. All of the binders in my office, every bill you ever had drafted and put out, Peggy handled, stapled, punched, and put in a binder for the Rules team to look at. She's just going to be missed. She was dear. She was just a dear, dear person. And when I walked down

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the hall, I would always, when I got near the door, I'd throw my hand up and I'd say, 'Hi Ms. Peggy,' because I knew she was sitting in that desk. And if she wasn't, I'd look around. I tried to make a stroll through every morning, make a circle. And I love and appreciate you all, but I made that circle to see Peggy, you know. There's no need to lie about it, and we all did. She's going to be dearly missed, and it's hard to believe that such a tiny, nice lady could leave such a big void. But she has left a void in our hearts and in our lives. And tomorrow, there will be a service for her. You can check with the clerk's office to get the particulars if you would like to attend. But I think we should all be happy with the fact that she did enrich our lives and that we all got to know her and enjoy her. She enjoyed every one of us. I can promise you she did. And I think it's only fitting that tonight that I request that we adjourn in memory of Peggy Murray Telfair. Thank you, Mr. President."

Upon motion of Senator Berger, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 8:57 p.m., in memory of Peggy Murray Telfair, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, August 17, at 11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 9 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF GREENSBORO AND WINSTON-SALEM TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

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. 9 on Wednesday, August 16, the bill is ordered enrolled.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 512 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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. 512 on Wednesday, August 16, 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
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 186 (Conference Committee Substitute)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO

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MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO CREATE LAWS TO EVALUATE WHETHER A JUVENILE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROCEED, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO SECURE CUSTODY ORDERS, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE LEASE EXPENSES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO S.L. 2023-97.

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
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 615 House Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN JUVENILE MATTERS, AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTMENT FOR UNEMANCIPATED MINORS, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Stevens, 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

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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
August 16, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the Republican Caucus of the House of Representatives has reorganized:

Representative Hardister of Guilford has resigned his leadership position as Majority Whip and has been elected as Deputy Majority Whip.

Representative Gillespie of Macon has been elected as Majority Whip.

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:

S.B. 49, AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, August 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-106)

H.B. 219, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS AFFECTING CHARTER SCHOOLS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, August 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-107)

H.B. 488, AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL AND CREATE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE COUNCIL, TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO INCREASE THE PROJECT COST MINIMUM FOR APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, August 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-108)

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H.B. 574, AN ACT TO PROTECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ATHLETICS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, August 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-109)

H.B. 618, AN ACT TO CONVERT THE CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD INTO THE CHARTER SCHOOLS REVIEW BOARD, TO SHIFT THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CHARTERS FROM THE STATE BOARD TO THE REVIEW BOARD, AND TO CREATE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM REVIEW BOARD DECISIONS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, August 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-110)

H.B. 808, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES FOR MINORS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, August 16, 2023 - S.L. 2023-111)

Pursuant to Senator Berger's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, August 17, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day you've given us. We thank you for a great success yesterday. Thank you for blessing us there and today and every day and for giving us life and giving us life more abundantly. We praise you in Jesus' name. Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, August 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.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

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S.B. 512, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

S.B. 747, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW.

H.B. 186, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO CREATE LAWS TO EVALUATE WHETHER A JUVENILE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROCEED, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO SECURE CUSTODY ORDERS, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE LEASE EXPENSES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO S.L. 2023-97.

H.B. 323, AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

H.B. 422, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE.

H.B. 447, AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 9, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF GREENSBORO AND WINSTON-SALEM TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

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S.B. 754, 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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 11:06 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, August 21, at 4:00 p.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. 9, AN ACT TO ALLOW THE APEX TOWN COUNCIL AND MAYOR TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND VOTE ON CERTAIN MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTEES FOR THE TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF APEX; TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MADISON COUNTY BE CONDUCTED ON A PARTISAN BASIS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITIES OF GREENSBORO AND WINSTON-SALEM TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL SERVICE BOARD. (Became law upon ratification, August 17, 2023 - S.L. 2023-112)

S.B. 754, 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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS. (Became law upon ratification, August 17, 2023 - S.L. 2023-113)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, August 21, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

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Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day, and we thank you for all that you do for us and your grace and love and mercy. We pray that you’ll keep us all safe and cool this week, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Woodard announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, August 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 Woodard, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 4:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, August 24, at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 169 (House Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS LOCAL CHANGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 3 and unengrossed House Amendment No. 1.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 218 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD’S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 308 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY

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PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE RETRIEVAL OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND PERMITS SURRENDERED PURSUANT TO AN EX PARTE, EMERGENCY, OR PERMANENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER, AND TO PROTECT MINOR VICTIMS OF AND WITNESSES TO CRIME, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 542 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION FOR BAR AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION AND REGULATION, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

S.B. 678 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO: (I) REDEFINE “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AS “CLEAN ENERGY,” TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (II) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (III) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (IV) INCREASE THE ROOFTOP SOLAR LEASING CAP; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; AND (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 388 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FOR CASH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES FROM FIFTY DOLLARS TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 466 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF TEMPORARY DWELLINGS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR THE DURATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Woodard's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, August 24, 2023

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 love you and thank you for another day. Your Word says that we can make all requests made known unto you. We can talk to you about anything at any time, and we thank you for that. We pray for your continued blessings upon us. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, August 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 Lowe, the Senate adjourns at 10:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, August 28, at 4:00 p.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:

H.B. 186, AN ACT TO MODIFY THE TRANSFER PROCESS FOR JUVENILES WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED CERTAIN FELONIES, TO MODIFY THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING JUVENILES UNDER INVESTIGATION, TO MODIFY THE INTERROGATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN JUVENILES, TO MODIFY THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS FOR JUVENILE PETITIONS, TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS FOR COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS FOR JUVENILES, TO CLARIFY MINORITY SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO CLARIFY JUVENILE DETENTION TRANSFER, TO MAKE VARIOUS TECHNICAL AND

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CONFORMING CHANGES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, TO CREATE LAWS TO EVALUATE WHETHER A JUVENILE HAS THE CAPACITY TO PROCEED, TO MODIFY CERTAIN LAWS RELATED TO SECURE CUSTODY ORDERS, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE LEASE EXPENSES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO S.L. 2023-97. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, August 24, 2023 - S.L. 2023-114)

H.B. 323, AN ACT TO RETAIN ADULT DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, August 24, 2023 - S.L. 2023-115)

H.B. 447, AN ACT TO CLARIFY VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER LAWS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, August 24, 2023 - S.L. 2023-116)

H.B. 422, AN ACT TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, August 24, 2023 - S.L. 2023-117)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, August 28, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. Thank you for your love and your protection. We pray that you’ll help us and protect us as this hurricane comes toward us. We pray that you’ll watch over us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, August 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 4:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Friday, September 1, at 9:30 a.m.

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 512, "An Act to Increase the Accountability of Public Boards and Commissions to the Citizens of North Carolina by Changing the Appointment Structure of Those Boards and Commissions."

This legislation will hurt the effective and efficient use of taxpayer money by impairing the Governor's constitutionally required duty to execute the laws passed by the legislature. The bill interrupts the critical work of boards and commissions to protect public health, provide clean air and water, recruit new jobs, lower electric bills and more. Fundamentally it violates the separation of powers enshrined in the state Constitution. The courts have consistently rejected these legislative power grabs in *McCrory v. Berger* and other cases. Legislative efforts to seize executive power and are unconstitutional and damage vital state work.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 24th day of August 2023, at 3:55 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 747, "An Act to Make Various Changes Regarding Elections Law."

This legislation has nothing to do with election security and everything to do with Republicans keeping and gaining power. In working to erect new barriers for younger and non-white voters, many of whom use early voting and absentee ballots, this bill also hurts older adults, rural voters and people with disabilities. It requires valid votes to be tossed out if the post office delivers them even one minute after 7:30 p.m. on Election Day or if a computer rejects a signature. It

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encourages voter intimidation at the polls by election deniers and conspiracy believers. North Carolina has conducted fair and secure elections but this bill will block voters and their ballots unnecessarily.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 24th day of August 2023, at 3:55 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.***

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 579 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A MINOR.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 579 on August 16, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator B. Newton, Chair; Senator Daniel, Senator Britt 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 Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Friday, September 1, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Dear Lord, we thank you again for a beautiful day in North Carolina. Thank you for protecting us from the storm. I know some folks had some flooding and some trees down, but, Lord, it could have been so much worse. We pray for all of our friends in Florida that they recover quickly. As we read about the great acts of kindness that people do for each other, we just thank you for your Spirit working through them. So be with us today, be with our state, Lord, be with us as we work on the budget, Medicaid expansion, and so many other good things. We ask this in your Son, Jesus,’ name, Amen.”

Senator Burgin announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, 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.

Upon motion of Senator Burgin, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, September 5, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us, and it’s always a gift. We thank you for your mercies that you bring fresh to us every day. Thank you for bringing us here and help us to do your work. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, September 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 Berger, the Senate adjourns at 4:13 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m.

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ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, September 7, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for this day, and we thank you for all that you do for us and your grace and love. We pray for our president and members of Congress and the U.S. Senate. We pray for the folks here in the House and Senate and our governor. We pray for all of these in leadership. But we know ultimately, Lord, you are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We thank you and praise you for today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, September 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.

ENROLLED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 429, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, September 11, at 3:00 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 274 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE ARRAY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS IN NORTH CAROLINA WHO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND TO REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

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S.B. 492 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

September 6, 2023

The Hon. Phil Berger
President *Pro Tempore*
North Carolina Senate
16 W. Jones St., Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Sen. Berger:

Consistent with N. C. G. S. § 143B-9(a), this letter serves as formal notice that effective October 1, 2023, Joseph R. “Joey” Hopkins has been appointed to serve as Secretary of the Department of Transportation, as announced on September 5, 2023. Secretary Hopkins is prepared for his confirmation hearings and appreciates the due consideration he will receive in the Senate.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,
S/ Roy Cooper

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

H.B. 5 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS.

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Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on July 12 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 5 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Rabon, Chair, and Senator Moffitt 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.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, September 11, 2023

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 day. We praise you for all that you say and do for us. We pray that you'll guide and direct us this week as we come back to do the peoples' business, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, September 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Rabon, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, September 12, 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. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, with a favorable report.

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H.B. 432 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, with a favorable report.

H.B. 542 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS SECURING AMOUNTS OWED TO UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN REQUIRED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY ASSOCIATIONS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE TO ENFORCE CLAIMS OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE ALL FINES COLLECTED BY AN ASSOCIATION TO BE REMITTED TO THE CIVIL FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND, TO EXPAND OWNERS' ACCESS TO HOA RECORDS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATIONS FROM COMPENSATING A MANAGING AGENT BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION REGULATION OF PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS OR ROADS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN LESSONS GIVEN ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY TO A GROUP OF FIVE OR FEWER PERSONS, TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN FORECLOSURE SALES TO BE CONDUCTED AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC LOCATIONS, TO EXPAND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE TO COMMENCE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, 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. 169 (House Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS LOCAL CHANGES, with unengrossed House Amendment No. 1, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 21.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 3, with unengrossed House Amendment No. 1, is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 12.

S.B. 218 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION,

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AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 21.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 12.

S.B. 274 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE ARRAY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS IN NORTH CAROLINA WHO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND TO REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on September 7.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 12.

S.B. 542 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION FOR BAR AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION AND REGULATION, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 21.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 12.

S.B. 678 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO: (I) REDEFINE "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AS "CLEAN ENERGY;" TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (II) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (III) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (IV) INCREASE THE ROOFTOP SOLAR LEASING CAP; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; AND (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 21.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 12.

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H.B. 415 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 22.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 12.

H.B. 658, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on May 4.

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.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, September 12, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

RECESS

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Galey, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 615** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTees TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN JUVENILE MATTERS, AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTMENT FOR UNEMANCIPATED 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 S615-PCCS35308-CI-4.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 615** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CORRECTIONS TO THE NOTARY LAWS, TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 12:30 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:45 p.m.

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 Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Let your mighty calmness reign in us. Rule us, oh King of Kings. Allow your peace to prevail. May your loving guidance give us direction. Thank you, Father, for your Word. We thank you. We ask for grace and mercy in our duty as legislators. In your name, and all the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, September 11, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Daniel, Senator Meyer, and Senator Proctor.

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CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills that pass the Senate today will be sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report for **S.B. 615** is placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

H.B. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, September 13.

H.B. 415 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, September 13.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 169 (House Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS LOCAL CHANGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 3 and unengrossed House Amendment No. 1.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 3 and unengrossed House Amendment No. 1 (42-5), and the bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 432 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, 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.

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H.B. 542 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS SECURING AMOUNTS OWED TO UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN REQUIRED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY ASSOCIATIONS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE TO ENFORCE CLAIMS OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE ALL FINES COLLECTED BY AN ASSOCIATION TO BE REMITTED TO THE CIVIL FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND, TO EXPAND OWNERS' ACCESS TO HOA RECORDS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATIONS FROM COMPENSATING A MANAGING AGENT BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION REGULATION OF PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS OR ROADS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN LESSONS GIVEN ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY TO A GROUP OF FIVE OR FEWER PERSONS, TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN FORECLOSURE SALES TO BE CONDUCTED AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC LOCATIONS, TO EXPAND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE TO COMMENCE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Jarvis.

Senator Johnson offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 542** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS SECURING AMOUNTS OWED TO UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN REQUIRED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY ASSOCIATIONS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE ALL FINES COLLECTED BY AN ASSOCIATION TO BE REMITTED TO THE CIVIL FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND, TO EXPAND OWNERS' ACCESS TO HOA RECORDS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATIONS FROM COMPENSATING A MANAGING AGENT BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION REGULATION OF PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS OR ROADS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN LESSONS GIVEN ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY TO A GROUP OF FIVE OR FEWER PERSONS, TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN FORECLOSURE SALES TO BE

CONDUCTED AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC LOCATIONS, TO EXPAND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE TO COMMENCE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE.

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.

S.B. 218 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (46-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 274 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE ARRAY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS IN NORTH CAROLINA WHO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND TO REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Perry, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-46) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 542 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION FOR BAR AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION AND REGULATION, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-46) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 678 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO: (1) REDEFINE "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AS "CLEAN ENERGY," TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE

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IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (II) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (III) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (IV) INCREASE THE ROOFTOP SOLAR LEASING CAP; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; AND (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

Upon motion of Senator P. Newton, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (18-28) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 615 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CORRECTIONS TO THE NOTARY LAWS, TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Galey, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (46-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator B. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 2:04 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 274 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE ARRAY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO

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SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS IN NORTH CAROLINA WHO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND TO REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 274 on September 12, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Perry, Chair; Senator Overcash 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. 542 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION FOR BAR AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION AND REGULATION, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 542 on September 12, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Galey, Chair; Senator Barnes 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 and requesting conferees.

S.B. 678 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO: (I) REDEFINE “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AS “CLEAN ENERGY,” TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (II) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (III) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (IV) INCREASE THE ROOFTOP SOLAR LEASING CAP; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; AND (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 678 on September 12, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator P. Newton, Chair; Senator B. Newton and Senator Rabon as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

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DISMISSAL AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, hereby dismisses Senator Rabon, Chair, appointed on September 7 on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 5** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS, and appoints Senator P. Newton, Chair. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

S.B. 492 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on September 7.

The House Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, September 13.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 678 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO: (I) REDEFINE "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AS "CLEAN ENERGY," TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (II) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (III) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (IV) INCREASE THE ROOFTOP SOLAR LEASING CAP; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER

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A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; AND (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Arp, Chair
Representative K. Hall and
Representative Winslow

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator P. Newton, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 5** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA AND THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H5-PCCS30404-TExr-1.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **H.B. 5** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON

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BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

The Proposed Conference Committee Substitute is ruled to be material, which constitutes first reading, and the Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Wednesday, September 13, for adoption upon second reading.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, September 13, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 10:30 a.m.

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, we know that in the line of work that you have placed us in as we serve the citizens of North Carolina, Lord, we all come in contact with those who would like to steal, kill, and destroy. But, God, we know that if we look to you for our wisdom and not our own understanding that you will deliver us and that you will give us the wisdom and the knowledge and the understanding to accomplish

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what it is you have put us here to accomplish. Lord, our most ardent desire is to stand before you one day and hear the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into my rest.' Lord, we love you and we honor you and we thank you for this opportunity. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, September 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 Craven, Senator Daniel, Senator Garrett, Senator Proctor, and Senator Woodard.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 218, AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 169, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS LOCAL CHANGES.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 19.

H.B. 415 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 19.

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CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, for adoption upon second reading.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Jarvis.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, the Conference Report passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 34, noes 10, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Berger, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis, Moffitt, Mohammed, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle and Waddell---34.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Batch, Blue, Chaudhuri, Grafstein, Marcus, Meyer, Murdock, Robinson and Smith---10.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 19, for adoption upon third reading.

S.B. 492 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (44-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Hanig submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING DR. NICOLAS F. ROBERTS, SR.**” Upon motion of Senator Hanig, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Hanig, the Senate adjourns at 10:55 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, September 14, at 12:00 p.m.

CHAPTERED BILL

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bill properly enrolled, assigned the following Chapter Number, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 169, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS LOCAL CHANGES.
(Became law upon ratification, September 13, 2023 - S.L. 2023-118)

Pursuant to Senator Hise’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, September 14, 2023

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 thank you for another day you’ve given us. We thank you for the beautiful fall weather you’ve sent our way. We know that you created everything, and we thank you for that. Thank you for your love and grace today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, September 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:

S.B. 492, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 12:12 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, September 18, at 11:00 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 287 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND PHARMACISTS TO EDUCATE PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS AND MEDICATIONS TO TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF OPIOIDS, OVERDOSE PREVENTION, AND THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on April 5.

The Committee Substitute bill No. 2 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 **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:

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S.B. 429, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHARITABLE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO MODIFY THE DEADLINES FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 14, 2023 - S.L. 2023-119)

S.B. 218, AN ACT TO UPDATE AND REORGANIZE THE GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO SPOUSAL AND CHILD'S ALLOWANCE IN ESTATES AND TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO TREAT WILLS AND REVOCABLE TRUSTS ALIKE IN CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ADMINISTRATION WHEN A MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED BY ABSOLUTE DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT AFTER EXECUTION OF THE WILL OR REVOCABLE TRUST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 14, 2023 - S.L. 2023-120)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, September 18, 2023

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 and another week you've given us. We thank you that you're God on the mountain, you're God in the valley, and you're God all the time. We praise you for that and thank you for it. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Barnes announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, September 14, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon her motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Barnes, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 11:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, September 19, at 10:00 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of bills as follows:

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H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE 3 LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

The Conference Report is withdrawn from the calendar of Tuesday, September 19, and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, September 20.

H.B. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Tuesday, September 19, and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, September 20.

H.B. 415 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the calendar of Tuesday, September 19, and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, September 20.

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SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that conferees for **H.B. 149 Senate Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY have been dismissed and new conferees have been appointed. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Saine, Chair
Representative Strickland
Representative Chesser
Representative Lowery
Representative B. Jones
Representative Pyrtle and
Representative Lambeth

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

DISMISSAL AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, hereby dismisses the conferees appointed on June 21 on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 149** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REMOTE CHARTER ACADEMIES, TO PROVIDE A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, and appoints Senator Jackson, Chair; Senator Hise, Senator Rabon and Senator Barnes as new conferees. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Pursuant to Senator Barnes's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, September 19, 2023

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., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

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 Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. Your Word tells us that you will rain on the just and the unjust, and we thank you for that promise. We thank you for all your promises and blessings. We pray that you’ll bless us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Rabon announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, September 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 Rabon, seconded by Senator Lazzara, the Senate adjourns at 3:21 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, September 20, at 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
September 19, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 615** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION

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RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CORRECTIONS TO THE NOTARY LAWS, TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON.

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. 615 on Tuesday, September 12, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 132 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

S.B. 749 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

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Pursuant to Senator Rabon's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 12:00 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 3:00 p.m.

RECESS

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 409 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO ALLOW CIVIC YOUTH GROUPS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS DURING CIVIC FOCUS WEEKS; AND TO REQUIRE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ON-PREMISES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Paul Newton, Senator from Cabarrus County, as follows:

“Heavenly Father, we just thank you for your mercy and for your grace. We thank you that we’re seeing a light at the end of the tunnel for an important phase of this biennium for this session. Father, we just acknowledge that we’re imperfect people, and as we’re developing the budget for North Carolinians, for the good of North Carolina, we know there are imperfections in that budget. But we just pray now, Father, that you would multiply the good things in that budget and that you would minimize the things that we got wrong. We just pray for all North Carolinians. We pray for our governor. We pray for our lieutenant governor, the members of this body, the staff. We pray for the folks in the gallery today. We pray that you would bless them and bless North Carolina. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, September 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 Alexander, Senator Lee, Senator Moffitt, Senator Proctor, and Senator Salvador.

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 189, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES.

S.B. 615, AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, TO MAKE CLARIFYING

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CORRECTIONS TO THE NOTARY LAWS, TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON.

H.B. 432, AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, September 21.

H.B. 415 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023.

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, September 21.

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM

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EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, September 21.

S.B. 409 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO ALLOW CIVIC YOUTH GROUPS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS DURING CIVIC FOCUS WEEKS; AND TO REQUIRE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ON-PREMISES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the House Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

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CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 132 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, for concurrence upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Hanig, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-45) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 749 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-45) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

S.B. 409 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO ALLOW CIVIC YOUTH GROUPS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS DURING CIVIC FOCUS WEEKS; AND TO REQUIRE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ON-PREMISES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator McInnis, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill (0-45) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

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POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Berger, the words spoken by Senator Perry are spread upon the Journal as follows:

“Members, on Saturday the 9th I lost my stepfather. He came around later in my life. He and my mom got married about midway through my senior year of high school. He was really one of the first male influences that I had in my life. I lost my dad when I was three months old. Being a dad myself and seeing what a wonderful grandfather he was to my children really touched my heart. I also have a great appreciation for stepparents in general. You know, being a parent is hard. Being a stepparent can certainly be a challenge, and those who do it and do it well, really, really touch a lot of lives. It’s been tough on my daughters. But I was just very thankful to have him in my life, and I was thankful for the kindness that he showed my mother and my children. His name was Dewey Lynn Pelletier. Mr. President, if we could, I would ask that we would adjourn today in his memory. Thank you.”

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Perry, the Senate adjourns at 3:32 p.m., in memory of Dewey Lynn Pelletier, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, September 21, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Senator Jackson, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 259** (Senate 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, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute, H259-PCCS50044-MHxr-6.

The Proposed Conference Committee Substitute is ruled to be material, which constitutes first reading, and the Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Thursday, September 21, for adoption upon second reading.

Senator P. Newton, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 678** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO: (I) REDEFINE “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AS “CLEAN ENERGY,” TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM INCLUDES NUCLEAR RESOURCES AND FUSION ENERGY, AND TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (II) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (III) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (IV) INCREASE THE ROOFTOP SOLAR LEASING CAP; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO

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AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; AND (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S678-PCCS35311-RI-6.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 678** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO (I) DEFINE "CLEAN ENERGY," WHICH INCLUDES "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AND NUCLEAR AND FUSION ENERGY; (II) ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (III) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (IV) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND (VII) ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PUBLIC STAFF.

The Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Thursday, September 21, for adoption.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

S.B. 409 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO ALLOW CIVIC YOUTH GROUPS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS DURING CIVIC FOCUS WEEKS; AND TO REQUIRE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ON-PREMISES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

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Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 409 on September 20, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Britt, Chair; Senator McInnis 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.

S.B. 749 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 749 on September 20, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator P. Newton, Chair; Senator Hise 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.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 542 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE OMNIBUS CHANGES TO THE LABOR LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION FOR BAR AS IT RELATES TO PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION AND REGULATION, AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION LAWS, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Hardister, Chair
Representative B. Jones
Representative Adams
Representative Ross and
Representative Tyson

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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

RE-REFERRAL OF A BILL

Senator Rabon orders the re-referral of a bill as follows:

H.B. 438 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on June 29.

The Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Thursday, September 21.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 154 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

The House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is ruled to be material, which constitutes first reading, and the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is placed on the calendar of Thursday, September 21, for concurrence upon second reading.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 531, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

S.B. 477 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH

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CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION, AND TO STANDARDIZE THE EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO PROVE A DEBT, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2.

H.B. 770 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE CAST VOTE RECORDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**.

H.B. 893 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INSPECTIONS BY PRIVATE INSPECTORS OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUILDING CODE AND TO EXPEDITE LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF SEALED COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDING PLANS.

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. 8 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMPLETION OF A COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, with a favorable report.

H.B. 142 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, with a favorable report.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 749 House Committee Substitute (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative D. Hall, Chair and
Representative Mills

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 409 House Committee Substitute (2nd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED;

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TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO ALLOW CIVIC YOUTH GROUPS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS DURING CIVIC FOCUS WEEKS; AND TO REQUIRE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ON-PREMISES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Carson Smith, Chair
Representative Crutchfield
Representative Pyrtle and
Representative Miller

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

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, September 21, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:32 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

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Prayer is offered by The Honorable Joyce Waddell, Senator from Mecklenburg County, as follows:

“Dear Lord, as September marks the end of summer and the ending of our legislation for this term, it also gives us an opportunity to give thanks for what we’ve done and accomplished and also thanks to this body. We continue to pray for new opportunities and fresh starts in our work and in our lives. Help us to make great decisions here today so that we are proud and so that we can benefit the best interests of our city, county, and state. We want to thank you for influences and for uplifting us and keeping us in your care. Dear God, help us, as we move forward, to be kind and gentle and obey your will, and all of the people said, ‘Amen.’”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, September 20, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Alexander, Senator Proctor, and Senator Salvador.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, **H.B. 259** is withdrawn from the regular order of business and placed at the end of today’s calendar.

H.B. 415 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Senate Committee Substitute bill is withdrawn from today’s calendar and placed on the calendar of Friday, September 22.

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT

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REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Friday, September 22.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 438 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 47, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---47.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill remains on the calendar for Friday, September 22, upon third reading.

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S.B. 154 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES, for concurrence upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 (0-47) and the House of Representatives is notified by special message.

H.B. 8 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMPLETION OF A COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Committee Substitute bill No. 2 is displaced to the end of today's calendar, to be heard immediately before H.B. 259.

H.B. 142 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, upon second reading.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (47-0) and, upon concurrence by the House of Representatives, will change the title to read, **H.B. 142** (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

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The Committee Substitute bill No. 3, as amended, 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 Senate Amendment No 1.

H.B. 361 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, upon second reading.

Without objection, Senator Grafstein is excused from voting on the bill due to a potential conflict of interest.

Senator Burgin offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (46-0).

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (46-0).

The Committee Substitute 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 sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in Senate Amendments No. 1 and No. 2.

S.B. 477 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION, AND TO STANDARDIZE THE EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO PROVE A DEBT, 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 (47-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 531, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, for concurrence in House Amendment No. 1.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Senate concurs in House Amendment No. 1 (47-0) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor.

S.B. 678 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO (I) DEFINE “CLEAN ENERGY,” WHICH INCLUDES “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AND NUCLEAR AND FUSION ENERGY; (II) ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (III) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (IV) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (V)

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REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND (VII) ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PUBLIC STAFF, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator P. Newton, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (29-18).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

H.B. 8 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMPLETION OF A COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, upon second reading.

Senator Lee offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-4) and, upon concurrence by the House of Representatives, will change the title to read,

H.B. 8 (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

Senator Galey offers Amendment No. 2, which is adopted (47-0) and, upon concurrence by the House of Representatives, will change the title to read, **H.B. 8** (Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

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 sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in Senate Amendments No. 1 and No. 2.

H.B. 259 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, for adoption upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Conference Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 28, noes 19, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Smith, Waddell and Woodard---19.

The Conference Report remains on the calendar for Friday, September 22, for adoption upon third reading.

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SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Robinson submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**CELEBRATING BENNETT COLLEGE’S 150TH ANNIVERSARY.**” Upon motion of Senator Robinson, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 5:45 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Friday, September 22, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Senator Sanderson, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 600** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute, H600-PCCS40520-RI-4.

The Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Friday, September 22, for adoption.

Senator P. Newton, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 749** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S749-PCCS15387-ST-2.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 749** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL

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CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

The Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Friday, September 22, for adoption.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 274 House Committee Substitute (4th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE ARRAY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS IN NORTH CAROLINA WHO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND TO REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Potts, Chair
Representative White
Representative Paré
Representative Lambeth
Representative Sasser and
Representative K. Baker

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 68 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET

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PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, 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
September 21, 2023

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 579 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A MINOR, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Davis, Chair
Representative Zenger and
Representative Mills

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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DISMISSAL OF A CONFEREE

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, hereby dismisses Senator Daniel as a conferee, appointed on August 28 on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 579** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A MINOR. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 9:45 a.m.

RECESS**CONFERENCE REPORTS**

Senator Sawrey, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **H.B. 125** (Senate Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO ALLOW THE GRANTING OF AN INTERNATIONALLY-TRAINED PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEE LICENSE; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS, TO ADDRESS THE

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VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED UPON THE REQUEST OF A HOSPITAL, TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO MODERNIZE AND EXPAND PHYSICIAN-PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE; AND TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute H125-PCCS30408-SH-6.

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 ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO EVALUATE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND, IF APPROPRIATE, DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TO UPDATE GENERAL STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NC CITIZENS; TO ADJUST MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DENTAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED IN AMBULATORY CENTERS; AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A BAR IN THE SANITATION STATUTES.

Senator Johnson, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 452** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S452-PCCS45372-TU-2.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 452** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE INSURANCE RATE-MAKING LAWS, AND TO REVISE HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

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Senator B. Newton, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 579** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY THE REGULATIONS ON ADULT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, AND TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL CONTACT WITH A MINOR, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S579-PCCS15388-CE-3.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 579** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND TO MODIFY CERTAIN OFFENSES RELATED TO PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENCY.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
September 21, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 678** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO (I) DEFINE "CLEAN ENERGY," WHICH INCLUDES "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AND NUCLEAR AND FUSION ENERGY; (II) ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (III) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (IV) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND (VII) ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PUBLIC STAFF.

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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 message received on Thursday, September 21, that the House of Representatives adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 678, 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
September 21, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 749** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

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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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 600** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF 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
September 22, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 259** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

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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 adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 452** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE INSURANCE RATE-MAKING LAWS, AND TO REVISE HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

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
September 21, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **H.B. 125** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO EVALUATE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND, IF APPROPRIATE, DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TO UPDATE GENERAL STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NC CITIZENS; TO ADJUST MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DENTAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED IN AMBULATORY CENTERS; AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A BAR IN THE SANITATION STATUTES.

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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

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives fails to concur in **H.B. 542** Senate Committee Substitute (4th Edition), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS SECURING AMOUNTS OWED TO UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN REQUIRED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY ASSOCIATIONS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE ALL FINES COLLECTED BY AN ASSOCIATION TO BE REMITTED TO THE CIVIL FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND, TO EXPAND OWNERS' ACCESS TO HOA RECORDS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATIONS FROM COMPENSATING A MANAGING AGENT BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION REGULATION OF PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS OR ROADS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN LESSONS GIVEN ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY TO A GROUP OF FIVE OR FEWER PERSONS, TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN FORECLOSURE SALES TO BE CONDUCTED AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC LOCATIONS, TO EXPAND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE TO COMMENCE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE, and requests conferees. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative D. Hall, Chair
Representative Liu, Vice Chair
Representative Mills

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Representative Budd
Representative Tyson
Representative Brody and
Representative Iler

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
September 21, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 579** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND TO MODIFY CERTAIN OFFENSES RELATED TO PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENCY.

When the appropriate action has been taken by both chambers, the bill will be ordered enrolled.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Lisa Grafstein, Senator from Wake County, as follows:

“Eternal God, we give thanks for the gift of life, wonder beyond words; for the awareness of soul, our light within; for the world around us so filled with beauty; and for the richness of the Earth, which sustains us day by day. For all these gifts and more, we thank and bless the source of all goodness, and together we say, ‘Amen.’”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, September 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 Adcock, Senator Alexander, Senator Britt, Senator Daniel, Senator Proctor, Senator Salvador, and Senator Smith.

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 NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION, AND TO STANDARDIZE THE EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO PROVE A DEBT.

S.B. 531, AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW.

S.B. 211, AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADJOINING STATES TO BE MEMBERS OF A NORTH CAROLINA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY.

H.B. 8, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

H.B. 142, AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS

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ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

H.B. 361, AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills being sent to the Governor today will be sent by special message.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Reports for **S.B. 579**, **H.B. 125**, and **S.B. 452** are placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE

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BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, September 26.

FLOOR PRIVILEGES

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the rules are suspended to allow staff on the Senate chamber floor while **H.B. 600** and **H.B. 259** are being discussed.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

H.B. 438 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 43, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---43.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered enrolled.

H.B. 415 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023, upon second reading.

Senator Sawrey offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (43-0) and changes the title to read, **H.B. 415** (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023 AND AMENDING THE LAW REGARDING EARWAX REMOVAL BY AUDIOLOGISTS.

The Senate Committee Substitute bill, as amended, passes its second reading (43-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message, for concurrence in the Senate Committee Substitute bill.

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H.B. 259 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS, for adoption upon third reading.

Upon motion of Senator Jackson, the Senate adopts the Conference Report on its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 26, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Barnes, Berger, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---26.

Voting in the negative: Senators Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Waddell and Woodard---17.

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 749 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator P. Newton, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (26-17).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action. Pursuant to the message received on Friday, September 22, that the House of Representatives adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 749, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

S.B. 452 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE INSURANCE RATE-MAKING LAWS, AND TO REVISE HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Johnson, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (43-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action. Pursuant to the message received on Friday, September 22, that the House of Representatives adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 452, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

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H.B. 600 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, for adoption.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Chaudhuri's excuse from voting, requested on Wednesday, June 28, remains in effect.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Moffitt.

Upon motion of Senator Sanderson, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (25-16).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 579 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND TO MODIFY CERTAIN OFFENSES RELATED TO PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENCY, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator B. Newton, 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. Pursuant to the message received on Friday, September 22, that the House of Representatives adopted the Conference Report for S.B. 579, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

H.B. 125 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO EVALUATE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND, IF APPROPRIATE, DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TO UPDATE GENERAL STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND

WELFARE OF NC CITIZENS; TO ADJUST MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DENTAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED IN AMBULATORY CENTERS; AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A BAR IN THE SANITATION STATUTES, for adoption.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Grafstein's excuse from voting, requested on Wednesday, June 28, remains in effect.

Upon motion of Senator Sawrey, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (41-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Craven submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LARRY REID.**"

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Sanderson, the Senate adjourns at 10:47 a.m., in honor and in memory of Larry Reid, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, September 26, at 2:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special messages are received from the House of Representatives:

S.B. 677 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO EXPEDITE PLAN REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDING PROJECTS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

S.B. 692 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO EDUCATION LAWS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

H.B. 563 (Committee Substitute No. 3), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS AND KRATOM PRODUCTS, AND TO BAN THOSE PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

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ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 452, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE INSURANCE RATE-MAKING LAWS, AND TO REVISE HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.

S.B. 579, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND TO MODIFY CERTAIN OFFENSES RELATED TO PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENCY.

S.B. 678, AN ACT TO (I) DEFINE "CLEAN ENERGY," WHICH INCLUDES "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AND NUCLEAR AND FUSION ENERGY; (II) ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (III) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (IV) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND (VII) ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PUBLIC STAFF.

S.B. 749, AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

H.B. 125, AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR

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ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO EVALUATE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND, IF APPROPRIATE, DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TO UPDATE GENERAL STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NC CITIZENS; TO ADJUST MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DENTAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED IN AMBULATORY CENTERS; AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A BAR IN THE SANITATION STATUTES.

H.B. 259, AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.

H.B. 600, 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:

H.B. 438, AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY.

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. 492, AN ACT TO MODIFY LAWS CONCERNING ADULT CORRECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 22, 2023 - S.L. 2023-121)

H.B. 438, AN ACT TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY. (Became law upon ratification, September 22, 2023 - S.L. 2023-122)

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Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, September 26, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Lisa S. Barnes, Senator from Nash County, as follows:

"Heavenly Father, we just worship you today as Creator God. I praise you that you are the creator of all different seasons, Lord, and you have given us a beautiful and cooler season to enjoy right now, and I give you praise for that. I ask that you would be with us today, Lord, that you would have your hand upon us. Lead us and guide us and protect us and help us to do your will. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

Senator Barnes announces that the Senate Journal of Friday, September 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 Barnes, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 2:02 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, September 28, at 9:30 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, September 28, 2023

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 thank you for another day you've given us. We thank you for this great country you've given us and the liberty. I hope and pray that we will continue to work here to keep our liberty in check, just where it is, and expand our liberty. Thank you for all that you do for us, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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Senator Settle announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, September 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 Settle, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:43 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, October 2, at 4:00 p.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. 189, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FINE IMPOSED ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, FENTANYL, OR CARFENTANIL; TO MODIFY THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION TO INCLUDE THE UNLAWFUL DELIVERY AND INGESTION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THAT PROXIMATELY CAUSES THE DEATH OF A PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF DEATH BY DISTRIBUTION; TO ADD POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE LIST OF OFFENSES FOR WHICH LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION APPLIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON ENFORCEMENT OF FENTANYL AND HEROIN DRUG VIOLATIONS; AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AUTOPSY LAW CHANGES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 28, 2023 - S.L. 2023-123)

S.B. 615, AN ACT TO ALLOW ADULT ADOPTEES TO BE ADOPTED BY A FORMER STEPPARENT, THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN REDACTION RESTRICTIONS FROM ADOPTION HOME STUDIES, AND THE EXPANSION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OPTIONS FOR AGENCY RELINQUISHMENTS FOR ADOPTION, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CORRECTIONS TO THE NOTARY LAWS, TO UPDATE THE GUARDIANSHIP ACCOUNTING STATUTE TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN TIMING ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIONS, TO AMEND THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OR MISUSE OF AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AN AGENT IN A POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND TO PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE GUARDIANSHIP PROCESS AND TO IMPROVE JUDICIAL OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 28, 2023 - S.L. 2023-124)

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H.B. 432, AN ACT TO UPDATE PRINCIPAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TO DEVELOP A PORTFOLIO-BASED ASSESSMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 28, 2023 - S.L. 2023-125)

Pursuant to Senator Settle's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, October 2, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another day and week you've given us. We thank you for all the gifts you give us; most of all life, and it more abundantly. We praise you for this week and this day. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, September 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 Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 4:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, October 5, at 9:30 a.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 749, "An Act to Revise the Structures of the North Carolina State Board of Elections and County Boards of Elections, to Revise the Emergency Powers of the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections, to Make Clarifying Changes to Senate Bill 512 of the 2023 Regular Session, to Make

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Additional Conforming and Clarifying Changes to Implement Photo Identification for Voting, and to Amend the Time for Candidates and Vacancy Appointees to File Statements of Economic Interests.”

The legislative takeover of state and local elections boards could doom our state’s elections to gridlock and severely limit early voting. It also creates a grave risk that Republican legislators or courts would be empowered to change the results of an election if they don’t like the winner. That’s a serious threat to our democracy, particularly after the nation just saw a presidential candidate try to strongarm state officials into reversing his losing election result. Courts have already ruled the ideas in this bill unconstitutional, and voters overwhelmingly said no when the legislature tried to change the constitution.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 28th day of September 2023, at 2:40 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.***

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 154 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill No. 2 for S.B. 154 on September 21, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Hise, Chair; Senator Rabon, Senator P. Newton and Senator Perry as conferees on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the two bodies. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action and requesting conferees.

CHAPTERED 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. 211, AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADJOINING STATES TO BE MEMBERS OF A NORTH CAROLINA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-126)

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S.B. 579, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR DISSEMINATING OBSCENITY, TO CLARIFY RESTITUTION FOR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND TO MODIFY CERTAIN OFFENSES RELATED TO PUBLIC MORALITY AND DECENCY. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-127)

H.B. 142, AN ACT TO MODIFY PENALTIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AGAINST STUDENTS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO REPORT CERTAIN MISCONDUCT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO SHOW STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE A VIDEO PRODUCED BY THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS CONTAINING AGE-APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE, AND TO DEFINE CONDUCT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT AS IT PERTAINS TO THE FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-128)

H.B. 125, AN ACT TO ALLOW MILITARY RELOCATION LICENSES FOR PHYSICIAN AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICEMEMBERS AND SPOUSES; TO MODIFY THE LAW FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER HEARING AIDS; TO MODIFY THE CREDENTIALING OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD; TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAWS OF OPTOMETRY; TO EVALUATE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS AND, IF APPROPRIATE, DEVELOP A PLAN TO TRANSITION THE NURSE AIDE I EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE BOARD OF NURSING; TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM VIOLENCE BY REQUIRING CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS; TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY FOR AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROVIDED UNDER THE EXPIRING FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION; TO UPDATE GENERAL STATUTES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF AUDIOLOGY TO BETTER REFLECT THE CHANGES IN EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF NC CITIZENS; TO ADJUST MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DENTAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED IN AMBULATORY CENTERS; AND TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF A BAR IN THE SANITATION STATUTES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-129)

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S.B. 477, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATIVE STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SELLERS THAT FILE COMPARABLE DISCLOSURES WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, TO MODIFY THE RIGHT OF A SHAREHOLDER OF A CORPORATION TO INSPECT THE RECORDS OF A SUBSIDIARY ENTITY OF THAT CORPORATION, AND TO STANDARDIZE THE EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO PROVE A DEBT. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-130)

S.B. 531, AN ACT TO AMEND THE DAM SAFETY LAW TO ALLOW PHASED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-131)

H.B. 8, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, September 29, 2023 - S.L. 2023-132)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, October 5, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day. We know your Word says we’re to give thanks for everything in all things, all seasons, and we’re doing that today. We thank you for life and we praise you for it. Father, bless us here today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, October 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 9:33 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, October 9, at 1:30 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION

A resolution filed for introduction is presented to the Senate, read the first time, and disposed of as follows:

By Senator Rabon:

S.J.R. 755, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF QUINTIN MCGEE AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

Referred to the **Judiciary Committee**.

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 678, "An Act to (I) Define "Clean Energy," Which Includes "Renewable Energy" and Nuclear and Fusion Energy; (II) Eliminate Language Impeding CPCN Issuance for Nuclear Facilities; (III) Modify Closure Deadlines for Certain Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments; (IV) Modify Applications Fees for Dam Construction, Repair, Alteration, or Removal Under the Dam Safety Act; (V) Require Approval by the Local Government Commission for Local Governments to Enter Into Agreements to Cede or Transfer Control Over a Public Enterprise to a Nongovernmental Entity; (VI) Prohibit Local Governments From Entering Nondisclosure Agreements in Order to Restrict Access to Public Records Subject to Disclosure Under the Public Records Act; And (VII) Establish Employee Classification and Compensation Exemptions for the Utilities Commission and Public Staff."

North Carolina is on a bipartisan path to removing carbon from our electric power sector in the most cost-effective way. This bill attempts to diverge from that path by trying to put construction of traditional power plants, and higher profits for the utility companies, over lower-cost solutions like energy efficiency. North Carolina should consider all pathways to decarbonize, rather than putting a thumb on the scale in favor of building new conventional generation.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 2nd day of October 2023, at 2:32 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

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

October 5, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Philip E. Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
Legislative Office Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear Senator Berger:

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 106-2, I am pleased to nominate Casey McDaniel Armstrong of Halifax County to serve as the new equine industry representative on the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture and hereby submit her name for confirmation by the North Carolina Senate.

I am grateful for her willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina. Please feel free to call my staff for any additional information.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Mark Robinson The Honorable Dan Blue
 Ms. Sarah Holland The Honorable Steve Troxler

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

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House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that **H.B. 600 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper on October 2, 2023 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. 830.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 5, 2023

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 154 House Committee Substitute No. 2 (5th Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative Bradford, Chair
Representative Setzer
Representative Ross
Representative Kidwell
Representative Wray and
Representative Howard

on the part of the House of Representatives to confer with a like committee appointed by the Senate to the end that the differences arising may be resolved.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

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APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

H.B. 542 (Senate Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND LAWS GOVERNING THE CREATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS SECURING AMOUNTS OWED TO UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, TO STRENGTHEN REQUIRED NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS GIVEN BY ASSOCIATIONS TO APPRISE OWNERS OF THE DELINQUENCY AND POTENTIAL FILING OF A CLAIM OF LIEN, TO REQUIRE ALL FINES COLLECTED BY AN ASSOCIATION TO BE REMITTED TO THE CIVIL FINES AND FORFEITURES FUND, TO EXPAND OWNERS' ACCESS TO HOA RECORDS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATIONS FROM COMPENSATING A MANAGING AGENT BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF FINES COLLECTED, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION REGULATION OF PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS OR ROADS, TO PROHIBIT ASSOCIATION ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN LESSONS GIVEN ON THE OWNER'S PROPERTY TO A GROUP OF FIVE OR FEWER PERSONS, TO ALLOW CERTIFIED COPIES OF COURT-FILED DOCUMENTS TO BE RECORDED WITHOUT MEETING CERTAIN CONFORMING REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN FORECLOSURE SALES TO BE CONDUCTED AT DESIGNATED PUBLIC LOCATIONS, TO EXPAND THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A SCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE TO COMMENCE, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOTE BIDDING AT A FORECLOSURE SALE.

Pursuant to the message received from the House of Representatives on September 21 that the House fails to concur in the Senate Committee Substitute bill for H.B. 542 and requests conferees, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Sawrey, Chair; Senator Johnson, Senator Rabon 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:

S.B. 452, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO AMEND THE INSURANCE RATE-MAKING LAWS, AND TO REVISE HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, October 3, 2023 - S.L. 2023-133)

H.B. 259, AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, October 3, 2023 - S.L. 2023-134)

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H.B. 361, AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY AGENCY FOR NORTH CAROLINA TO REPORT ITS ACTIONS REGARDING ITS IMPACT ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, October 3, 2023 - S.L. 2023-135)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, October 9, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day, and we thank you for our freedom in this country. We thank you for our military, and we pray that you'll guide and direct and be with them. We pray that you'll be with the folks in Israel as they go through all these terrible things that are happening there, these attacks. Guard and direct them. We thank you for all that you do for us and for the nation of Israel, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, October 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 Berger, the Senate adjourns at 1:39 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, October 10, at 9:30 a.m.

RE-REFERRAL OF BILLS

Senator Rabon orders the following vetoed bills, together with the accompanying objections and veto messages, withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and placed on the calendar of Tuesday, October 10, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto:

S.B. 749 (Ratified), AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF

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THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on October 2.

S.B. 747 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 28.

S.B. 512 (Ratified), AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on August 28.

S.B. 678 (Ratified), AN ACT TO (I) DEFINE “CLEAN ENERGY,” WHICH INCLUDES “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AND NUCLEAR AND FUSION ENERGY; (II) ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (III) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (IV) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND (VII) ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PUBLIC STAFF, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on October 5.

Senator Rabon orders the following bills withdrawn from the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** and re-referred as follows:

S.B. 68 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO

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CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on September 21.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, October 10.

S.B. 677 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO EXPEDITE PLAN REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDING PROJECTS, referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee** on September 22.

The House Committee Substitute bill is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, October 10.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, October 10, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:31 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Britt for the **Judiciary Committee**:

S.J.R. 755, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF QUINTIN MCGEE AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, with an unfavorable report as to the Joint Resolution, but favorable as to the Committee Substitute Joint Resolution.

Pursuant to Rule 45.1, the proposed Committee Substitute Joint Resolution, 45375, is adopted and engrossed.

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, we now come before you, interceding on behalf of all of those who were affected by the attack on Israel and its citizens. In the midst of the chaos and devastation that has ensued, we humbly implore you as the Prince of Peace and the great Adjudicator that those who have perpetrated these crimes against innocent men, women, and children will be brought to justice and that peace will be regained. We ask special blessings upon Israel for all of those harmed or kidnapped or for those who have had family members killed or kidnapped during these deadly attacks. God, we ask for healing in a broken world. God, may we as individuals and as a body politic be instruments, however you see fit, of thy healing. In your Holy name we offer this prayer. Amen.”

Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, October 9, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants a leave of absence for today to Senator Woodard.

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senator Hanig submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**CELEBRATING CHOWAN UNIVERSITY'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY.**” Upon motion of Senator Hanig, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

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Senator Hanig submits a Senatorial Statement entitled, “**HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF EDWIN WOODHOUSE.**” Upon motion of Senator Hanig, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, all bills being sent to the House of Representatives and the Governor today will be sent by special message.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today’s calendar and placed on the calendar of Thursday, October 12.

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S.J.R. 755 (Committee Substitute), A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF QUINTIN MCGEE AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the Committee Substitute Joint Resolution is placed on today's calendar for immediate consideration.

CALENDAR

Bills and a resolution on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.J.R. 755 (Committee Substitute), A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF QUINTIN MCGEE AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute Joint Resolution passes its second reading (49-0) and, without objection, is read a third time and passes its third reading and is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 68 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, for concurrence upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, the Senate fails to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill, by roll-call vote, ayes 0, noes 49, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: None.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Smith and Waddell---49.

The House of Representatives is notified by special message.

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S.B. 677 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO EXPEDITE PLAN REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDING PROJECTS, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Upon motion of Senator Jarvis, the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute bill (30-19) and the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to the Governor by special message.

S.B. 512 (Ratified), AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Daniel offers a motion that S.B. 512 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, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith 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. 678 (Ratified), AN ACT TO (I) DEFINE "CLEAN ENERGY," WHICH INCLUDES "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AND NUCLEAR AND FUSION ENERGY; (II) ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (III) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (IV) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND (VII) ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PUBLIC STAFF, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

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Senator P. Newton offers a motion that S.B. 678 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, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith 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. 747 (Ratified), AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator Daniel offers a motion that S.B. 747 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, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith 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. 749 (Ratified), AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Senator P. Newton offers a motion that S.B. 749 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, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

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Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith 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.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 10, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **H.B. 600 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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 600, "An Act to Provide Further Regulatory Relief to the Citizens of North Carolina."

This bill is a hodgepodge of bad provisions that will result in dirtier water, discriminatory permitting and threats to North Carolina's environment. It also undoes a significant policy to promote fairness in state contracting for historically underutilized businesses as it blocks efforts to encourage diverse suppliers for state purchases, rules that would save taxpayer dollars and help businesses grow. The rules mirror the successful approach used for 18 years in state construction contracting and they were enacted with extensive feedback from state agencies and vendors and they were approved by the Rules Review Commission, which has all of its members appointed by the Republican controlled legislature.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

S/ Roy Cooper
Governor

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The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 2nd day of October, at 2:42 p.m. for reconsideration by that body.

Upon motion of Senator Rabon, without objection, the bill is placed on today's calendar, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

H.B. 600 (Ratified), AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA, for reconsideration upon the Governor's veto.

Pursuant to Rule 29, Senator Chaudhuri's excuse from voting, requested on Wednesday, June 28, remains in effect.

Senator Sanderson offers a motion that H.B. 600 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, Britt, Burgin, Corbin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Rabon, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---30.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador, Smith and Waddell---18.

In accordance with Article II, Section 22 (1) of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina, H.B. 600 becomes law at 1:22 p.m., notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair orders a message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

SENATORIAL STATEMENT

Senator Alexander and Senator Grafstein submit a Senatorial Statement entitled, "**ON ISRAEL AND THE TERRORIST ACTIONS OF HAMAS.**" Upon motion of Senator Grafstein, without objection, the Senatorial Statement is spread upon the Journal. (See Appendix.)

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the words spoken by Senator Corbin are spread upon the Journal as follows:

"On behalf of myself, Senator Hise, Senator Britt, Senator Buck Newton, and the Appalachian State University family, we'd like to recognize Dr. Kenneth Edward Peacock. Dr. Kenneth 'Ken' Edward Peacock, 75, of Bermuda Run, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 6. He was born June 20, 1948, in Rocky Mount. Ken was a member of Clemmons United Methodist Church and retired as Chancellor from Appalachian State University in 2014, where he served as Chancellor from 2004 to 2014. As a first-generation college student, Ken

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received his undergraduate degree at Mars Hill. He began his accounting career at Price Waterhouse in Winston Salem before attending Louisiana State University for his masters and doctorate degree in accounting. He then joined the University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce before moving to Boone in 1983 to become part of the Appalachian State family. Ken Peacock's energy and enthusiasm for life will not soon be forgotten. Rest in peace, Ken Peacock. You will be missed."

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator Grafstein, the Senate adjourns at 1:33 p.m., in memory of those lives lost in the recent conflict in Israel, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, October 12, at 9:45 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 512 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, 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
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 678 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO (I) DEFINE "CLEAN ENERGY," WHICH INCLUDES "RENEWABLE ENERGY" AND NUCLEAR AND FUSION ENERGY; (II) ELIMINATE

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LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (III) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (IV) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND (VII) ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PUBLIC STAFF, 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
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 747 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

ENROLLED BILLS

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 677, AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO EXPEDITE PLAN REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDING PROJECTS.

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H.B. 415, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023 AND AMENDING THE LAW REGARDING EARWAX REMOVAL BY AUDIOLOGISTS.

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. 755, A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF QUINTIN MCGEE AS A SPECIAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE. (Res. 2023-10)

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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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has passed **S.B. 749 (Ratified)**, AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor and the bill becomes law.

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:

S.B. 512, AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, October 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-136)

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H.B. 600, AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REGULATORY RELIEF TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, October 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-137)

S.B. 678, AN ACT TO (I) DEFINE “CLEAN ENERGY,” WHICH INCLUDES “RENEWABLE ENERGY” AND NUCLEAR AND FUSION ENERGY; (II) ELIMINATE LANGUAGE IMPEDING CPCN ISSUANCE FOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES; (III) MODIFY CLOSURE DEADLINES FOR CERTAIN COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS; (IV) MODIFY APPLICATIONS FEES FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, ALTERATION, OR REMOVAL UNDER THE DAM SAFETY ACT; (V) REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO CEDE OR TRANSFER CONTROL OVER A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE TO A NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; (VI) PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM ENTERING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN ORDER TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT; AND (VII) ESTABLISH EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION EXEMPTIONS FOR THE UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PUBLIC STAFF. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, October 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-138)

S.B. 749, AN ACT TO REVISE THE STRUCTURES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, TO REVISE THE EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO SENATE BILL 512 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AND CLARIFYING CHANGES TO IMPLEMENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING, AND TO AMEND THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES AND VACANCY APPOINTEES TO FILE STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, October 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-139)

S.B. 747, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES REGARDING ELECTIONS LAW. (Became law after veto by the Governor overridden, October 10, 2023 - S.L. 2023-140)

Pursuant to Senator Hise’s motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, October 12, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by Senator Ford, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. Thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way. We pray that you’ll continue to bless and be with the folks in Israel as they battle this cruel terrorism they’re going through right now. Bless them. Help them. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Galey announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, October 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 Galey, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 9:49 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, October 16, at 3:00 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTIETH DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, October 16, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, thank you for another day you’ve given us. Thank you for the rain you’ve sent our way, and we praise you for that. We pray that you’ll continue to be with our friends in Israel. We pray that you’ll guide and direct them and protect them, Father. Bless us here today and this week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, October 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.

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Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 3:01 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, October 18, at 11:00 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

S.B. 68 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

Pursuant to the Senate having failed to concur in the House Committee Substitute bill for S.B. 68 on October 10, Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, appoints Senator Hise, Chair; Senator Daniel and Senator Moffitt 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 Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, October 18, 2023

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, you’ve given us another day, and we thank you for that. We pray that you’ll continue to give us courage and wisdom to do what we need to do and do it in a way that honors you. Protect the folks in Israel, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Monday, October 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.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 11:03 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, October 19, at 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 18, 2023

Mr. President:

Pursuant to the information that your Honorable Body failed to concur in **S.B. 68 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS’ ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, and requests conferees, Speaker Moore has appointed:

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Representative B. Jones, Chair
Representative Balkcom
Representative Biggs
Representative Willis
Representative Humphrey and
Representative Blackwell

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

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, October 19, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Ralph Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Lord, I thank you for this day, and thank you for the beautiful weather you’ve sent our way. We thank you for your many blessings that you bestow upon us every day of every week. Continue to protect those folks in Israel and guide them as they defeat the terrorists. We thank you for all that you do, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, October 18, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Hise, the Senate adjourns at 9:34 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Monday, October 23, 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:

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By Senators Hise, Daniel and P. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 756, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

Referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**.

By Senators Hise, Daniel and P. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 757, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

Referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**.

By Senators Hise, Daniel and P. Newton (Primary Sponsors):

S.B. 758, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE DISTRICTS.

Referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**.

By Senator Hise:

S.B. 759, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**.

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Senate Chamber
Monday, October 23, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by Bob Myrick, Sergeant-at-Arms of the North Carolina Senate, as follows:

“This comes from Psalm 90:14. ‘Fill us with your love every morning. Then we will sing and rejoice all our lives.’ Now be with us as we go about our day. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

Senator Jackson announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, October 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 Jackson, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 10:05 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Tuesday, October 24, at 9:30 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
October 23, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that conferees for **S.B. 68 House Committee Substitute (3rd Edition)**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, have been dismissed and new conferees have been appointed. Speaker Moore has appointed:

Representative D. Hall, Chair and
Representative Saine

Respectfully,
S/ James White
Principal Clerk

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Hise, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 154** (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute, S154-PCCS15391-SVxr-2.

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The Proposed Conference Committee Substitute is ruled to be material, which constitutes first reading, and the Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, October 24, for adoption upon second reading.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator P. Newton for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

S.B. 759, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, with a favorable report.

S.B. 757, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, 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, 45380, is adopted and engrossed.

DISMISSAL AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*, hereby dismisses Senator Daniel, appointed on October 16 on the part of the Senate to resolve the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 68** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, and appoints Senator Sawrey as a new conferee. A special message is ordered sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator P. Newton for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

S.B. 758, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE DISTRICTS, 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.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Hise, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 68** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S68-PCCS35314-STxr-5.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read, **S.B. 68** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE

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VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO CHANGE THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS TO RESIDENCY DISTRICTS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND AUTHORIZE THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO CONVEY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY BY PRIVATE NEGOTIATION AND SALE OR LONG-TERM LEASE; TO AUTHORIZE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR THE TOWNS OF LAUREL PARK AND MILLS RIVER.

The Proposed Conference Committee Substitute is ruled to be material, which constitutes first reading, and the Conference Report is placed on the calendar of Tuesday, October 24, for adoption upon second reading.

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. 415, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STOP ADDICTION FRAUD ETHICS (SAFE) ACT OF 2023 AND AMENDING THE LAW REGARDING EARWAX REMOVAL BY AUDIOLOGISTS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, October 20, 2023 - S.L. 2023-141)

S.B. 677, AN ACT TO ALLOW A LIMITED RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO EXPEDITE PLAN REVIEW AND AUTHORIZE AT-RISK CONSTRUCTION PERMITTING FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY BUILDING PROJECTS. (Became law without the approval of the Governor, October 21, 2023 - S.L. 2023-142)

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Pursuant to Senator Jackson's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 9:30 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:00 p.m.

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 Paul A. Lowe, Jr., Senator from Forsyth County, as follows:

“Our God, we thank thee and we love thee as the creator of all good and beautiful gifts. We thank you for this time of sharing, this time of serving. We ask that you would continue to help us to do the best that we can to serve 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 Monday, 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.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Corbin, Senator Rabon, Senator Robinson, and Senator Smith.

CONVEYANCE OF BILLS

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**, without objection, all bills being sent to the House of Representatives and the Governor this week will be sent by special message.

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MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and placed on the calendar of Wednesday, October 25.

CALENDAR

Bills on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

S.B. 759, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, upon second reading.

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Senator Craven offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (29-17) and changes the title to read, **S.B. 759**, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND TO MODIFY THE PRIMARY PROCESS THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading, ayes 28, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

Without objection, the bill, as amended, is read a third time and passes its third reading, ayes 28, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

The bill, as amended, is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 68 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN

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EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO CHANGE THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS TO RESIDENCY DISTRICTS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND AUTHORIZE THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO CONVEY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY BY PRIVATE NEGOTIATION AND SALE OR LONG-TERM LEASE; TO AUTHORIZE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR THE TOWNS OF LAUREL PARK AND MILLS RIVER, for adoption upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Moffitt, the Conference Report passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Conference Report remains on the calendar for Wednesday, October 25, for adoption upon third reading.

S.B. 154 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES, for adoption upon second reading.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, the Conference Report passes its second reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 46, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Salvador, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---46.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Conference Report remains on the calendar for Wednesday, October 25, for adoption upon third reading.

S.B. 757 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, upon second reading.

Senator Chaudhuri offers Amendment No. 1.

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Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, ayes 28, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

Without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is read a third time and passes its third reading, ayes 28, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.B. 758 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE DISTRICTS, upon second reading.

Senator Mohammed offers Amendment No. 1.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 1 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Blue offers Amendment No. 2.

Senator Hise moves that Amendment No. 2 do lie upon the table, seconded by Senator Daniel, which motion prevails (28-18).

Senator Blue 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).

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, ayes 28, noes 18, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Salvador, Waddell and Woodard---18.

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Senator Woodard objects to third reading of the measure. Pursuant to Rule 50, the Chair orders the Committee Substitute bill placed on the calendar of Wednesday, October 25, upon third reading.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator McInnis, the Senate adjourns at 1:44 p.m., in honor and in memory of our nation's veterans, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, October 25, at 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

H.B. 898 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS.

Referred to the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**.

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSOR

Senator B. Newton requests to be added as a co-sponsor of previously introduced legislation:

S.J.R. 487, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

Pursuant to Senator Hise'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 9:01 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 10:00 a.m.

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RECESS**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.J.R. 760, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING.

By Senator Rabon:

S.B. 761, 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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

A standing committee report is submitted as follows:

By Senator Daniel for the **Redistricting and Elections Committee**:

H.B. 898 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS, 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 Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Lord, I pray for each member of this body. I pray for their staffs. Lord, I pray for the staff in this building. I just pray for this state. Lord, you have blessed us in so many ways, and we are thankful. I just lift up our state and ask that you, Lord, just draw our eyes and attention towards you and that we just acknowledge you in all the things we do. I want to pray for the whole situation in Israel. Lord, there’s about two hundred and eighteen hostages, folks from six months old to over eighty years old. Lord, we just ask you to protect them, Lord, and free them. We ask all this in your Son, Jesus’, name. Amen.”

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Senator Hise, Deputy President *Pro Tempore*, announces that the Senate Journal of Tuesday, October 24, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for today to Senator Corbin, Senator Rabon, Senator Robinson, Senator Salvador, and Senator Smith.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Perry, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 274** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY THE ARRAY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS IN NORTH CAROLINA WHO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND TO REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S274-PCCS35315-BC-4.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 274** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HOME ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM HOME CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, Vice Chair of the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee**, the Conference Report is placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

MOTION RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 5 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO AND THE CITY OF HIGH POINT; TO REMOVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE, THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES, THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA, AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD; TO PROHIBIT THE CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES AND THE TOWN OF SUMMERFIELD FROM EXERCISING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO ALLOW BURKE

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COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO KEEP THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND GRANVILLE COUNTY AS THE CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED COMMON BOUNDARY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY THE 2020 CENSUS GEOGRAPHY; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE NONPARTISAN PRIMARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO EXTEND MECKLENBURG COUNTY MEALS TAX SUNSET EXTENSION; TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ITS ELECTORAL DISTRICTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ASHEVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY MERGING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the Conference Report is withdrawn from today's calendar and will be placed on the calendar of the next legislative day.

MOTIONS RELATIVE TO THE CALENDAR

H.B. 898 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is placed on today's calendar.

S.J.R. 760, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the Joint Resolution is placed on today's calendar.

S.B. 761, 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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the bill is placed on today's calendar and displaced to the end.

CALENDAR

Bills and resolutions on today's calendar are taken up and disposed of as follows:

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S.B. 68 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO CHANGE THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS TO RESIDENCY DISTRICTS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND AUTHORIZE THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO CONVEY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY BY PRIVATE NEGOTIATION AND SALE OR LONG-TERM LEASE; TO AUTHORIZE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR THE TOWNS OF LAUREL PARK AND MILLS RIVER, for adoption upon third reading.

The Senate adopts the Conference Report on its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

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. 154 (Conference Report), AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES, for adoption upon third reading.

The Senate adopts the Conference Report on its third reading, by roll-call vote, ayes 45, noes 0, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Barnes, Batch, Berger, Blue, Bode, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, McInnis, Meyer, Moffitt, Mohammed, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer, Settle, Waddell and Woodard---45.

Voting in the negative: None.

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.B. 758 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE DISTRICTS, upon third reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its third reading, ayes 28, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hanig, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---28.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Waddell and Woodard---17.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

S.J.R. 760, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING, upon second reading.

The Joint Resolution passes its second reading (45-0).

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, without objection, the Joint Resolution is displaced to the end of today's calendar.

S.B. 761, 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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS, upon second reading.

Senator Hise offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (42-3).

The Chair grants a leave of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Hanig.

The bill, as amended, passes its second reading (27-17) 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.

H.B. 898 (Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS, upon second reading.

The Committee Substitute bill passes its second reading, ayes 27, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Waddell and Woodard---17.

Without objection, the Committee Substitute bill is read a third time and passes its third reading, ayes 27, noes 17, as follows:

Voting in the affirmative: Senators Alexander, Barnes, Berger, Britt, Burgin, Craven, Daniel, Ford, Galey, Hise, Jackson, Jarvis, Johnson, Krawiec, Lazzara, Lee, McInnis, Moffitt, B. Newton, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Proctor, Sanderson, Sawrey, Sawyer and Settle---27.

Voting in the negative: Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Batch, Blue, Bode, Chaudhuri, Garrett, Grafstein, Hunt, Lowe, Marcus, Mayfield, Meyer, Mohammed, Murdock, Waddell and Woodard---17.

The Committee Substitute bill is ordered enrolled.

S.B. 274 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HOME ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM HOME CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Perry, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (44-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 11:49 a.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 12:20 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Ms. Sarah Holland, Senate Principal Clerk.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 12:31 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 1:00 p.m.

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RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Without objection, the Senate recesses at 1:13 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by Senator Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

CONFERENCE REPORT

Senator Britt, for the conferees appointed to consider the differences arising between the Senate and the House of Representatives on **S.B. 409** (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO ALLOW CIVIC YOUTH GROUPS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS DURING CIVIC FOCUS WEEKS; AND TO REQUIRE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS OF ON-PREMISES ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OR UPGRADE OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, submits a Conference Report for adoption.

The Conference Report deletes the entire existing bill and substitutes the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S409-PCCS15396-CI-13.

Upon adoption by both chambers, the Proposed Conference Committee Substitute will change the title to read **S.B. 409** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN

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DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS IN STATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE OBSCENE LITERATURE AND EXHIBITIONS STATUTE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE, AND TO AMEND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS.

Upon motion of Senator Daniel, the Conference Report is placed on today's calendar, for adoption.

CALENDAR *(continued)*

S.B. 409 (Conference Report), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS IN STATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE OBSCENE LITERATURE AND EXHIBITIONS STATUTE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE, AND TO AMEND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS, for adoption.

Upon motion of Senator Britt, the Senate adopts the Conference Report (38-0).

The Chair orders a special message sent to the House of Representatives informing that honorable body of such action.

S.J.R. 760, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING, displaced earlier today, upon third reading.

The Chair grants leaves of absence for the remainder of today's session to Senator Adcock, Senator Applewhite, Senator Garrett, Senator Lazzara, Senator Marcus, and Senator Mohammed. Without objection, the leaves will apply to the vote on S.B. 409.

Senator Daniel offers Amendment No. 1, which is adopted (38-0).

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Without objection, the Joint Resolution, as amended, passes its third reading (38-0) and is ordered engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives by special message.

Upon motion of Senator Hise, seconded by Senator P. Newton, the Senate adjourns at 3:06 p.m., pursuant to S.J.R. 760, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, November 29, at 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 25, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 68** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO CHANGE THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS TO RESIDENCY DISTRICTS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND AUTHORIZE THE

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SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO CONVEY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY BY PRIVATE NEGOTIATION AND SALE OR LONG-TERM LEASE; TO AUTHORIZE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR THE TOWNS OF LAUREL PARK AND MILLS RIVER.

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. 68 on Wednesday, October 25, the bill is ordered enrolled.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 25, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 154** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES.

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. 154 on Wednesday, October 25, the bill is ordered enrolled.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
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Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 274** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HOME ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM HOME CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

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. 274 on Wednesday, October 25, the bill is ordered enrolled and sent to Governor by special message.

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following special message is received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives
October 25, 2023

Mr. President:

It is ordered that a message be sent to the Senate informing that Honorable Body that the House of Representatives has adopted the report of the Conferees on **S.B. 409** (Conference Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS IN STATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE OBSCENE LITERATURE AND EXHIBITIONS STATUTE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE, AND TO AMEND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS.

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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. 409 on Wednesday, October 25, 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:

S.B. 508 (House Committee Substitute), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL, CLARIFYING, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS TO THE CURRENT OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2023 AND TO OTHER LEGISLATION, for concurrence in the House Committee Substitute bill.

Referred to the **Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee.**

ENROLLED BILLS AND A RESOLUTION

The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified for presentation to the Governor:

S.B. 274, AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HOME ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM HOME CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

S.B. 409, AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS IN STATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE OBSCENE LITERATURE AND EXHIBITIONS STATUTE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE, AND TO AMEND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS.

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The Enrolling Clerk reports the following bills duly ratified, properly enrolled, and presented to the Office of the Secretary of State:

S.B. 68, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO CHANGE THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS TO RESIDENCY DISTRICTS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND AUTHORIZE THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO CONVEY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY BY PRIVATE NEGOTIATION AND SALE OR LONG-TERM LEASE; TO AUTHORIZE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR THE TOWNS OF LAUREL PARK AND MILLS RIVER.

S.B. 154, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES.

S.B. 757, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

S.B. 758, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE DISTRICTS.

S.B. 759, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND TO MODIFY THE PRIMARY PROCESS THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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S.B. 761, 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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS.

H.B. 898, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS.

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. 760, A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A DATE CERTAIN AND LIMITING THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING. (Res. 2023-11)

ADDITIONAL BILL SPONSORS

Senator Berger, Senator Craven, Senator Lee, and Senator Overcash request to be added as co-sponsors of previously introduced legislation:

S.J.R. 487, A JOINT RESOLUTION APPLYING TO CONGRESS FOR AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF THE STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE TERM LIMITS ON MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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. 68, AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE TO USE PROCEEDS FROM ON-STREET PARKING METERS TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROVIDE THAT REVENUES REALIZED FROM OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES MUST BE USED TO PAY BONDS ISSUED TO FINANCE SUCH FACILITIES OR FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS; TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK, AND THE TOWN OF FLETCHER; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON SATELLITE ANNEXATIONS FOR THE CITY OF ARCHDALE; TO ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTIES TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF ASHEBORO; TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT; TO PROHIBIT HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGULATION OR PROHIBITION OF DISPLAYS OF FLAGS OF BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES OR FLAGS OF FIRST RESPONDERS BY OR WITH THE PERMISSION OF OWNERS ON THEIR PROPERTY IN UNION COUNTY;

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TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF HOOKERTON AND THE TOWN OF WALSTONBURG SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; TO ALLOW BURKE COUNTY TO USE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL LAW; TO CHANGE THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS TO RESIDENCY DISTRICTS; TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND AUTHORIZE THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO CONVEY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE AUTHORITY BY PRIVATE NEGOTIATION AND SALE OR LONG-TERM LEASE; TO AUTHORIZE TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A RURAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND TO CHANGE THE FILING PERIOD FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR THE TOWNS OF LAUREL PARK AND MILLS RIVER. (Became law upon ratification, October 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-143)

S.B. 154, AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS OCCUPANCY TAX CHANGES. (Became law upon ratification, October 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-144)

S.B. 757, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. (Became law upon ratification, October 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-145)

S.B. 758, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA SENATE DISTRICTS. (Became law upon ratification, October 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-146)

S.B. 759, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCY DISTRICTS FOR THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; AND TO MODIFY THE PRIMARY PROCESS THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. (Became law upon ratification, October 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-147)

S.B. 761, 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 AND TO MAKE CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS. (Became law upon ratification, October 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-148)

H.B. 898, AN ACT TO REALIGN THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS. (Became law upon ratification, October 25, 2023 - S.L. 2023-149)

Pursuant to Senator Hise's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, November 29, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

“Father, we thank you for another day you’ve given us. Thank you for this past week of Thanksgiving, and every day is Thanksgiving. We pray that you’ll continue to bless our friends in Israel and help them as they go forward. We pray that you’ll bless our country and bless this great state, Father. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, October 25, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 12:10 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, November 30, at 9:30 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. 274, AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HOME ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM HOME CARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, November 9, 2023 - S.L. 2023-150)

S.B. 409, AN ACT TO AMEND THE OFFENSE OF BREAKING OR ENTERING INTO OR BREAKING OUT OF RAILROAD CARS, MOTOR VEHICLES, TRAILERS, AIRCRAFT, BOATS, OR OTHER WATERCRAFT; TO PROVIDE THAT MULTIPLE ACTS OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL CRIME OFFENSES MAY BE AGGREGATED IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF PUNISHMENT TO BE IMPOSED; TO PROVIDE THAT PROVING IT WAS THE REGULAR PRACTICE OF A BUSINESS ACTIVITY TO MAKE A MEMORANDUM, REPORT, OR DATA COMPILATION MAY BE MADE BY AN UNSWORN DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY; TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO AUTHORIZE AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS IN STATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE OBSCENE

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LITERATURE AND EXHIBITIONS STATUTE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE, AND TO AMEND CERTAIN FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS. (Became law upon approval of the Governor, November 9, 2023 - S.L. 2023-151)

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, November 30, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County, as follows:

"Father, we thank you for another beautiful day you've given us, another day of life. We thank you for your love and grace. Guide and help us today and every day as we praise you and thank you for what you've done. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Senator Ford announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, November 29, has been examined and is found to be correct. Upon his motion, the Senate dispenses with the reading of the Senate Journal and it stands approved as written.

Upon motion of Senator Ford, seconded by Senator Berger, the Senate adjourns at 9:36 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2023-11, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, December 20, at 12:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message is received from the Governor:

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

November 30, 2023

November 2, 2023

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Philip E. Berger
Senate President Pro Tempore
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear Senator Berger:

I regret to inform you Reid Smith has withdrawn his name from consideration for an appointment as the dairy and cattle interest representative on the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 106-2, I am pleased to nominate Dr. Ben Shelton of Iredell County for reappointment to serve as the dairy and cattle interest representative on the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture and hereby submit his name for confirmation by the North Carolina Senate.

I am grateful for his willingness to assume this important responsibility for the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,
S/ Roy Cooper

cc: The Honorable Mark Robinson The Honorable Dan Blue
 Ms. Sarah Holland The Honorable Steve Troxler

Pursuant to Senator Ford's motion to adjourn having prevailed, the Senate stands adjourned.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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. We thank you that you sent your Son to this Earth to die for our sins. We thank you for that this time of year and year-round, and we just praise you for it. Thank you for all that you do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

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Senator Jarvis announces that the Senate Journal of Thursday, November 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 Jarvis, the Senate adjourns at 12:03 p.m., subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Thursday, December 21, at 10:15 a.m.

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINTH DAY

Senate Chamber
Thursday, December 21, 2023

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Carl Ford, Senator from Rowan County.

Prayer is offered by The Honorable Jim Burgin, Senator from Harnett County, as follows:

“Dear Lord, thank you so much for this beautiful day in North Carolina. We just ask that you be with everyone that’s out shopping today and getting ready for Christmas. We just want to thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the opportunity to just worship him, Lord, and to enjoy time with friends and family and just to take a break from our busy everyday lives and enjoy this beautiful time of year. So, thank you for this day. Thank you for everyone that’s here today. Thank you for this state and all the blessings you’ve given us. We ask this in your Son, Jesus,’ name. Amen.”

Senator Burgin announces that the Senate Journal of Wednesday, December 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 Burgin, seconded by Senator Ford, the Senate adjourns at 10:17 a.m., pursuant to Res. 2023-11, subject to the standard stipulations set forth in Senate Rule 24.1, to reconvene Wednesday, January 17, at 12:00 p.m.

MARK K. ROBINSON
President of the Senate

SARAH HOLLAND
Principal Clerk

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EDITOR'S NOTES

The five-digit numbers appearing throughout the Senate Journal indicate the coded draft number of either the proposed committee substitute or proposed conference committee substitute approved by a committee and submitted to the Senate for consideration.

The numerical figures appearing in parentheses throughout the Senate Journal represent the affirmative and negative votes cast and recorded electronically, pursuant to Rule 25.

Upon a motion offered, the phrase "without objection" reflects a determination by the Chair that there is no objection from a member present, which constitutes unanimous consent, for the order of the Chair.

Sarah Holland
Principal Clerk

APPENDIX
SENATE JOURNAL
2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2023-2024 SESSION
SENATORIAL DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES¹**

1	Carteret, Chowan, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Washington	28	Guilford (Part)
2	Beaufort, Craven, Lenoir	29	Anson, Montgomery, Randolph (Part), Richmond, Union (Part)
3	Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Tyrrell, Warren	30	Davidson, Davie
4	Greene, Wayne, Wilson	31	Forsyth (Part), Stokes
5	Edgecombe, Pitt	32	Forsyth (Part)
6	Onslow	33	Rowan, Stanly
7	New Hanover (Part)	34	Cabarrus (Part)
8	Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover (Part)	35	Cabarrus (Part), Union (Part)
9	Bladen, Duplin, Jones, Pender, Sampson (Part)	36	Alexander, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin
10	Johnston	37	Iredell, Mecklenburg (Part)
11	Franklin, Nash, Vance	38	Mecklenburg (Part)
12	Harnett, Lee, Sampson (Part)	39	Mecklenburg (Part)
13	Wake (Part)	40	Mecklenburg (Part)
14	Wake (Part)	41	Mecklenburg (Part)
15	Wake (Part)	42	Mecklenburg (Part)
16	Wake (Part)	43	Gaston (Part)
17	Wake (Part)	44	Cleveland, Gaston (Part), Lincoln
18	Granville, Wake (Part)	45	Caldwell (Part), Catawba
19	Cumberland (Part)	46	Buncombe (Part), Burke, McDowell
20	Chatham, Durham (Part)	47	Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell (Part), Haywood (Part), Madison, Mitchell, Watauga, Yancey
21	Cumberland (Part), Moore	48	Henderson, Polk, Rutherford
22	Durham (Part)	49	Buncombe (Part)
23	Caswell, Orange, Person	50	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood (Part), Jackson, Macon, Swain, Transylvania
24	Hoke, Robeson, Scotland		
25	Alamance, Randolph (Part)		
26	Guilford (Part), Rockingham		
27	Guilford (Part)		

¹The North Carolina Senate district plan used for the 2022 election cycle was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly on February 17, 2022, as S.B. 744, becoming S.L. 2022-2 upon its ratification.

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS
of the
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

In compliance with G.S. 147-16.1, the Office of the Governor of the State of North Carolina has filed with the Senate Principal Clerk a copy of all Executive Orders issued in 2023. The full text of Executive Orders 275 through 299 issued by Governor Roy Cooper can be found in the printed Session Laws of the 2023 General Assembly.

Executive Order	Title	Date of Issuance
275	Notice of Termination of Executive Order No. 274	January 5, 2023
276	Prohibiting the Use of Certain Applications or Websites on State Information Technology	January 12, 2023
277	Amending the North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council	January 18, 2023
278	Recognizing the Value of Experience in State Government Hiring	March 13, 2023
279	Establishing the North Carolina Office of Violence Prevention	March 14, 2023
280	North Carolina's Commitment to Building an Age-Friendly State	May 2, 2023
281	Disaster Declaration for the Town of Elkin in Surry County	May 26, 2023
282	Disaster Declaration for the City of Cherryville in Gaston County	June 22, 2023
283	Disaster Declaration for the Town of Dortches, Nash County North Carolina	August 1, 2023
284	Declaration of a Statewide State of Emergency and Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	August 28, 2023
285	Disaster Declaration for the City of Rocky Mount in Nash and Edgecombe Counties	September 1, 2023
286	Disaster Declaration for the City of Newton in Catawba County	September 1, 2023

287	Notice of Termination of Executive Order No. 284	September 18, 2023
288	Declaration of a State of Emergency and Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations	September 22, 2023
289	Notice of Termination of Executive Order No. 288	October 2, 2023
290	Disaster Declaration for the Town of Landis in Rowan County, North Carolina	October 2, 2023
291	Disaster Declaration for the Village of Cedar Rock in Caldwell County, North Carolina	October 18, 2023
292	Advancing Environmental Justice for North Carolina	October 24, 2023
293	Declaration of State of Emergency Due to Existing and Potential Wildfires	November 8, 2023
294	Amendment to Executive Order No. 293 Expanding the Emergency Area to Additional Counties	November 20, 2023
295	Notice of Termination of Executive Order Nos. 293 and 294	November 28, 2023
296	Declaration of State of Emergency for the Purpose of a Temporary Suspension of Enforcement of Transportation Regulations for Agriculture Vehicles in Duplin and Sampson Counties	December 19, 2023
297	Extending the Andrea Harris Equity Task Force	December 21, 2023
298	Continuity of Operations Planning	December 21, 2023
299	Extending the State Emergency Response Commission	December 21, 2023

SENATE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2023**STANDING COMMITTEES****AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT****Tues at 10:00 a.m./Wed at 9:00 a.m. (1124 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Barnes
Co-Chair Senator Jackson
Co-Chair Senator Sanderson
Members Senators Burgin, Craven, Garrett, Grafstein, Hanig, Hunt,
Jarvis, McInnis, Murdock, B. Newton, P. Newton, Proctor,
Rabon, Salvador, Settle, Smith, Woodard

APPROPRIATIONS/BASE BUDGET**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Hise
Co-Chair Senator Jackson
Co-Chair Senator Lee
Members Senators Alexander, Barnes, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri,
Daniel, Ford, Galey, Johnson, Krawiec, Lowe, Marcus,
McInnis, Mohammed, Rabon, Robinson, Salvador,
Sanderson, Sawyer, Waddell, Woodard

**APPROPRIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL, AND
ECONOMIC RESOURCES****Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (Leg. Aud.)**

Co-Chair Senator Craven
Co-Chair Senator Johnson
Co-Chair Senator Sanderson
Members Senators Applewhite, Barnes, Lowe, McInnis, Moffitt,
Salvador, Smith

APPROPRIATIONS ON EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (423 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Barnes
Co-Chair Senator Galey
Co-Chair Senator Proctor
Members Senators Chaudhuri, Hanig, Mayfield, Overcash, Waddell

**APPROPRIATIONS ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY****Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (421 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Alexander
Co-Chair Senator Ford
Co-Chair Senator Jarvis
Members Senators Bode, Hunt, Meyer, Proctor

APPROPRIATIONS ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (643 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Burgin
Co-Chair Senator Corbin
Co-Chair Senator Krawiec
Members Adcock, Batch, Blue, Robinson, Sawrey, Settle

APPROPRIATIONS ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (422 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Britt
Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Members Senators Grafstein, Marcus, Mohammed, B. Newton,
Sanderson

APPROPRIATIONS ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Tues/Wed/Thurs at 8:30 a.m. (1228/1327 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Lazzara
Co-Chair Senator McInnis
Co-Chair Senator Sawyer
Members Senators Garrett, Murdock, Rabon, Woodard

COMMERCE AND INSURANCE**Tues at 1:00 p.m./Thurs at 11:00 a.m. (1027 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Craven
Co-Chair Senator Johnson
Co-Chair Senator Proctor
Members Senators Adcock, Alexander, Applewhite, Batch, Britt,
Corbin, Garrett, Jackson, Jarvis, Lowe, Marcus, McInnis,
Moffitt, P. Newton, Overcash, Perry, Robinson, Salvador,
Sawyer

EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION**Wed at 11:00 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Galey
Co-Chair Senator Lee
Members Senators Barnes, Chaudhuri, Corbin, Craven, Garrett, Hanig,
Lazzara, Marcus, McInnis, Murdock, B. Newton,
Overcash, Robinson, Sanderson, Sawrey, Smith, Waddell

FINANCE**Tues at 2:00 p.m./Wed at 1:00 p.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator P. Newton
Co-Chair Senator Perry
Co-Chair Senator Rabon
Members Senators Alexander, Batch, Blue, Britt, Burgin, Chaudhuri,
Craven, Daniel, Ford, Hise, Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec,
Lazzara, Lee, Lowe, Murdock, Robinson, Salvador,
Sawyer, Waddell, Woodard

HEALTH CARE**Wed/Thurs at 10:00 a.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Burgin
Co-Chair Senator Corbin
Co-Chair Senator Krawiec
Members Senators Adcock, Barnes, Batch, Britt, Galey, Hise, Jarvis,
 Mayfield, Mohammed, Perry, Robinson, Sawrey, Woodard

JUDICIARY**Tues at 11:00 a.m./Wed at 2:00 p.m. (544 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Britt
Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Co-Chair Senator B. Newton
Members Senators Batch, Blue, Galey, Grafstein, Hunt, Lazzara, Lee,
 Marcus, Mohammed, P. Newton, Overcash, Sanderson,
 Sawrey

PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT AND AGING**Wed at 2:00 p.m. (1124 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Ford
Co-Chair Senator Krawiec
Members Senators Alexander, Applewhite, Bode, Burgin, Chaudhuri,
 Corbin, Hanig, Hise, Hunt, Meyer, Moffitt, Overcash,
 Proctor, Settle, Waddell

REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS**Upon Call of the Chair**

Co-Chair Senator Daniel
Co-Chair Senator Hise
Co-Chair Senator P. Newton
Members Senators Blue, Ford, Galey, Garrett, Jackson, Krawiec, Lowe,
 Marcus, Mayfield, Mohammed, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson

RULES AND OPERATIONS OF THE SENATE**Tues/Thurs at 9:00 a.m. (1027 LB)**

Chair Senator Rabon
Vice-Chair Senator Daniel
Members Senators Barnes, Blue, Britt, Chaudhuri, Hise, Jackson,
 Johnson, Krawiec, Lee, Lowe, Mayfield, McInnis,
 Mohammed, P. Newton, Perry, Sanderson, Sawyer,
 Waddell, Woodard

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**Tues at 12:00 p.m. (423 LOB)**

Co-Chair Senator Alexander
Co-Chair Senator Ford
Co-Chair Senator Jarvis

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (cont.)

Members Senators Adcock, Applewhite, Bode, Corbin, Grafstein,
Hanig, Lazzara, Meyer, Moffitt, Proctor, Robinson,
Sawrey, Settle

TRANSPORTATION**Wed at 12:00 p.m. (1027 LB)**

Co-Chair Senator Lazzara

Co-Chair Senator McInnis

Co-Chair Senator Sawyer

Members Senators Bode, Craven, Daniel, Garrett, Jarvis, Johnson,
Mayfield, Meyer, Moffitt, Murdock, B. Newton, Proctor,
Rabon, Settle, Smith, Woodard

SELECT COMMITTEE**SELECT COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS****Upon Call of the Chair**

Chair Senator Rabon

Members Senators Blue, Chaudhuri, Daniel, Hise, Jackson, Krawiec, P.
Newton, Robinson, Sanderson, Woodard

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Leigh Ann Biddix	Senator Perry

SENATE LEGISLATIVE STAFF (continued)

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Julie Bradburn	Senator Rabon
Phyllis Cameron	Senator Robinson
Samuel Ward	Senator Galey
Suzanne Castleberry	Senator Craven
Lydia Daniel	Senator Daniel
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Candace Bowden	Senator Lee
David Buzzard	Senator Lazzara
Ben King	Senator Jackson
Debbie Lown	Senator Krawiec
John Moncrieff	Senator Jackson
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Shelly Carver Smyk	Senator Rabon
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SENATE LEGISLATIVE STAFF (continued)

Wesley Davis	Senator Hunt
Daphne Quinn	Senator Meyer
Dina Moffitt	Senator Moffitt
Wes Householder	Senator B. Newton
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SENATE INTERNS

Jazmin Vaca Bermudez	Senator Lowe
Franklin McMahan	Senator Johnson
Andrew Stiffel	Senator P. Newton
Alexis Brewer	Senator McInnis
Koen Rodabaugh	Senator Hanig
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Morgan Sampson	Senator Britt
Briahna Koegel	Senator Chaudhuri
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Pearl Teiko	Senator Chaudhuri
Jobe Chorro	Senator Murdock
Pranav Athimuthu	Senator Salvador
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Connor Wilson	Senator Perry
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Sofia Chodri	Senator Mohammed
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Grayson Johnson	Senator Johnson
Mark Killmeyer	Senator Hanig
Adrienne Stacy	Senator Mayfield
Trinity Murray	Senator Smith
Nina Kudlak	Senator Burgin
Faith Daniel	Senator Lee
Kevin Jones	Senator Alexander
Bliss Pointer	Senator P. Newton
Tristan Beal	Senator Ford
Seth Hughes	Senator Blue
Nada Elraddaf	Senator Waddell
Zane Reep	Senator Smith
Justin Pittman	Senator Britt
Adachi Amaram	Senator Robinson
David Roten	Senator Jackson
Summer Wheeler	Senator Lazzara

SENATE INTERNS (continued)

Moira Euker	Senator Craven
Destry Ryser	Senator Berger
Logan Stewart	Senator Moffitt
Ivy Young	Senator Craven
Kasey Fountain	Senator Hunt
Raemon Suber	Senator Mayfield
Katya Triana	Senator Lowe
Benjamin Harmon	Senator Lee
Savannah Hicks	Senator Burgin
Ryan Stoddard	Senator Lowe
Riley Moore	Senator Perry
Uriel Warr	Senator Blue
Jailah Bass	Senator Blue
Hannah Wilkerson	Senator Rabon
Andrew Dranttel	Senator Ford
Charles Rogers	Senator Hanig
Kayla Grogan	Senator Jarvis
Kennedy Smith	Senator Waddell
Sydney Jones	Senator Sawrey
Haley White	Senator Galey
Emily Prusia	Senator Sawyer
Emily Mason	Senator Salvador
Matteo Santoianni	Senator Salvador
Nathaniel McCraw	Senator Settle
Matthew Trott	Senator Alexander
Brodie Smith	Senator Murdock
Adam Bussian	Senator Berger
Bailey (Fei) Pershing	Senator Batch
Christopher (Tom) Soden	Senator B. Newton
Adam McKell	Senator Overcash
Katelyn Sheets	Senator Batch
Lily McLamb	Senator McInnis
Paige Segall	Senator Chaudhuri
Emma Hoyle	Senator Corbin
Asha Coltrane	Senator Chaudhuri
Mary Swayze	Senator P. Newton
Chase Freeman	Senator Salvador
Melvina Nimely	Senator Lowe
Issac Carreno	Senator Murdock
Lawson Godwin	Senator Ford
Samantha Rodas	Senator Marcus
Cole Tew	Senator Sawrey
Jameson Boyd	Senator Settle
Tristan Beal	Senator Johnson
Adam McKell	Senator Berger

STATEMENTS OF DISSENT

Written statements of dissent submitted to the clerk (see pg. 459) are entered on the Journal as follows:



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate Democratic Leader

SENATOR GALE ADCOCK
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COMMITTEES:

APPROPRIATIONS ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
HEALTH CARE
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

May 4th, 2023

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because we should trust that medical professionals are educated and trained to care for their patients. This bill requires physicians to act in violation of their medical ethics and their duty to serve the interests of their patients. It is dangerous for politicians to dictate medical care.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gale Adcock".

Senator Gale Adcock
NC Senate District 16



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR VAL APPLEWHITE
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COMMITTEES:

APPROPRIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE
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NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES
PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT AND AGING
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

May 4, 2023

President Pro Tempore Phil Berger
North Carolina General Assembly
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear President Pro Tempore Berger:

"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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because North Carolinians do not want an abortion ban in our state. This disproportionately affects women that are serving on active duty as well as the spouses of men that are serving. Disproportionately women on active duty are victims of rape and are in a position where they cannot or will not report it. More than 74% of rapes go unreported in the military. Senate Bill 20 makes it even more difficult for women that are serving their country to obtain safe abortions. Unlike their civilian counterparts, they are not free to be absent from duty without approval and often must provide details. They must request leave to be absent from duty. It is extremely difficult for any member on active duty to request to have multiple requests approved to attend to personal matters without disclosing them to their 1st sergeants or their commanders.

In summary Senate Bill 20 has a disproportionately impact on women serving in our armed forces. This impacts their ability to perform their duties and impacts their readiness, the readiness of their units, the readiness of the service and their ability to defend the United States.

Respectfully,


Senator Val Applewhite



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR SYDNEY BATCH
17TH DISTRICT

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COMMITTEES:

APPROPRIATIONS ON EDUCATION/
HIGHER EDUCATION
COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS
PENSIONS & RETIREMENT & AGING

Pursuant to Article II, Section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution: "Any member may dissent from and protest against any act or resolve which he may think injurious to the public or to any individual and have reasons of her dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered in the Journal because I object to the criminalization of doctors, and as a proud daughter of an OB-GYN, I stand with doctors who dedicate their lives to care for the women in this state.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Batch".

Senator Sydney Batch
North Carolina Senate District 17



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate Democratic Leader

SENATOR DANIEL T. BLUE, JR.
14TH DISTRICT

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DISTRICT: WAKE COUNTY

COMMITTEES:

APPROPRIATIONS/BASE BUDGET
APPROPRIATIONS ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
FINANCE
JUDICIARY
REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS
RULES AND OPERATIONS OF THE SENATE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

TO: Presiding Officer
FROM: Senator Daniel T. Blue, Jr.
DATE: May 4, 2023

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this bill is injurious to the public and to many individuals.



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR MARY WILLS BODE
GRANVILLE & WAKE COUNTIES - 18th DISTRICT

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COMMITTEES:

APPROPRIATIONS ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND IT
PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT AND AGING
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
TRANSPORTATION

May 4, 2023

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because there are 20 counties without a hospital in our state, which will mean than access to emergency abortion care is an illusion for many.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Wills Bode".

Senator Mary Wills Bode



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR JAY J. CHAUDHURI
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COMMITTEES:

APPROPRIATIONS—BASE BUDGET
EDUCATION—HIGHER EDUCATION
PENSIONS & RETIREMENT AND AGING
RULES AND OPERATIONS

TO: The Presiding Officer
FROM: Senator Jay J. Chaudhuri 
DATE: May 4, 2023
RE: Dissent under North Carolina Constitutional Article II, Section 18

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because this legislation ignores the will of the people, which have shown overwhelming opposition to abortion bans.



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR MICHAEL GARRETT
27TH DISTRICT

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COMMITTEES:

APPROPRIATIONS - DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION
REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS
TRANSPORTATION

May 4, 2023

To the Presiding Officer,

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent and protest be entered on the Journal because our shared human history bends towards progress and the expansion of human rights, today, this body betrays the public trust by stripping rights away from over half of North Carolinians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Garrett".

Senator Michael K. Garrett
District 27



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR LISA GRAFSTEIN
13TH DISTRICT

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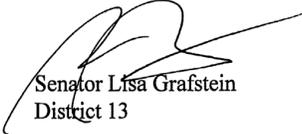
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COMMITTEES:
AGRICULTURE, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
JUDICIARY
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMISSION
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

May 4, 2023

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because members of the LGBTQ community may need abortion care and are more likely to rely on medication abortion, which is arbitrarily limited by this bill.


Senator Lisa Grafstein
District 13



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR RACHEL HUNT
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JUDICIARY
PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

I ask that my dissent and protest be entered on the Journal because our shared human history bends towards progress and the expansion of human rights, today, this body betrays the public trust by stripping rights away from over half of North Carolinians.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Hunt".

Senator Rachel Hunt
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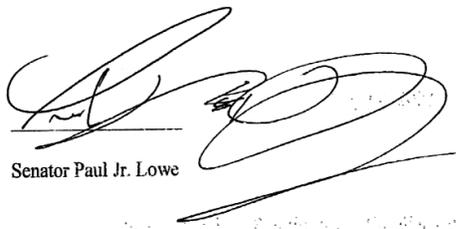
COMMITTEES:
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COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
REDISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS
RULES AND OPERATIONS OF THE SENATE

May 04, 2023

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because it is not the product of a thoughtful and deliberative process.



Senator Paul Jr. Lowe



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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 she may think injurious to the public or to any individual, and have reasons of her dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because I oppose rendering women second class citizens.

For those reasons, I protest consideration of the conference report for Senate Bill 20 under Article II, Section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Natasha R. Marcus".

Senator Natasha R. Marcus
North Carolina District 41



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HEALTH CARE
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RULES AND OPERATION OF THE SENATE
TRANSPORTATION

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because women should have the right to make deeply personal decisions about their own bodies for themselves.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie Mayfield".

Senator Julie Mayfield



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SERVING CASWELL, ORANGE AND PERSON COUNTIES

SENATOR GRAIG MEYER
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May 4, 2023

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal."

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because members of the LGBTQ community may need abortion care and are more likely to rely on medication abortion, which is arbitrarily limited by this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graig Meyer".

Senator Graig Meyer
District 23



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR MUJTABA A. MOHAMMED
38TH DISTRICT

**PROTEST STATEMENT
REGARDING SB 20**

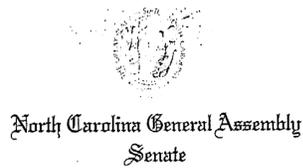
Pursuant to Article II, Section 18 of the North Carolina Constitution:

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because SB20 is an affront to the individual rights of self-determination, that each and every citizen should enjoy, no matter who they are. This bill does not respect the rights of victims of sexual crimes, it does address not the needs of working families, and it is an affront to a democratic process.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 4th day of May, 2023


Submitted by Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed



SENATOR NATALIE S. MURDOCK
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FINANCE

TRANSPORTATION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRISON SAFETY

JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE/HEALTH

JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE/GEN. GOVERNMENT

May 4th, 2023

Dear Presiding Officer,

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal. I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because the maternal mortality rate for poor and Black women is at crisis level, and cutting off access to abortion will only harm those at the most risk.

Sincerely,



Senator Natalie S. Murdock
NC Senate District 20



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR GLADYS A. ROBINSON
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COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION
HEALTHCARE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

TO: Presiding Officer
FROM: Senator Gladys A. Robinson
DATE: May 4, 2023

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because women should have the right to make deeply personal decisions about their own bodies for themselves.

Gladys A. Robinson



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR DEANDRA SALVADOR
39TH DISTRICT

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 she may think injurious to the public or to any individual and have reasons of her dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on to the Journal because it drives a wedge between doctors and patients. Medical abortion is a safe procedure and does not require a labyrinth of regulations to trip up doctors and patients.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DeAndrea Salvador".

DeAndrea Salvador - Senate District 39
North Carolina General Assembly



North Carolina General Assembly
Senate

SENATOR KANDIE D. SMITH
5TH DISTRICT

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because women should not have to plead for the right to be treated as full human beings.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kandie Smith".

Senator Kandie D. Smith
NC Senate District 5



North Carolina General Assembly
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SENATOR JOYCE WADDELL
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TO: Presiding Officer
FROM: Senator Joyce Waddell
Joyce Waddell
DATE: May 4, 2023

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 reasons of his dissent entered on the journal.

I ask that my dissent be entered on the Journal because what you are doing here today is wrong and I stand against this assertion of control over the lives of our citizens.



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May 4, 2023

Regarding S20 considered by the Senate today, I ask that my dissent be entered in the Journal because rushing through this complex bill will harm the people of the 22nd District and the state.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Woodard".

Senator Mike Woodard

SENATORIAL STATEMENTS

Senatorial Statements are spread upon the Journal as follows:

HONORING NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2022 CELEBRATION BOWL

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2022, the No. 21 North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Eagles defeated the No. 5 Jackson State University Tigers 41-34, in overtime, during the Cricket Celebration Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Celebration Bowl was held at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia, to a sold-out crowd of 49,670 fans; and

WHEREAS, the Celebration Bowl determines the football national champion among the historically Black colleges and universities (HBCU); and

WHEREAS, NCCU previously won the HBCU national championship title in 1954, 2005, and 2006; and

WHEREAS, individual members from the team received special recognition, including Davius Richard, a junior quarterback, named the Celebration Bowl Offensive MVP and Khalil Baker, a junior safety, named the Celebration Bowl Defensive MVP; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their national championship, Davius Richard, Khalil Baker, and Robert Mitchell were named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, and Offensive Lineman of the Year, respectively, and NCCU Head Coach Trei Oliver was named Coach of the Year, which is a distinction that only one other team in the conference has achieved; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles finished the season ranked No. 17 in the American Football Coaches Association poll, NCCU's highest ever NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Top 25 national ranking, an accomplishment that brought great pride to the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to congratulate the members of the North Carolina Central University football team and the coaching staff on winning the 2022 Cricket Celebration Bowl and for having an outstanding season.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 16th day of February, 2023.

Submitted by:

S/ Senator Mike Woodard

S/ Senator Natalie S. Murdock

S/ Sarah Holland

Senate Principal Clerk

HONORING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO THE EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, earthquakes registering magnitudes of 7.8 and 7.6 struck southeast Turkey and northwest Syria, resulting in over 50,000 deaths, countless injuries, and the destruction of or damage to thousands of buildings in the region; and

WHEREAS, the earthquakes destroyed businesses and infrastructure and left millions of people temporarily homeless; and

WHEREAS, during the following weeks, more than 1,000 aftershocks have hit the region. Earthquakes registering 6.3 on February 20 and 5.2 on February 27 struck Turkey, causing additional devastation, injuries, and the loss of life; and

WHEREAS, immediately after the earthquakes, the American Turkish Association of North Carolina began raising funds and collecting donations for supplies to send to Turkey; and

WHEREAS, many North Carolinians were directly affected by the earthquakes, including those who lost several family members as a result of the earthquakes;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to honor those who lost their lives as a result of the deadly earthquakes that hit Turkey and Syria and to encourage North Carolinians to join the efforts to support the victims of these earthquakes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate and placed upon the Journal on the 15th day of March, 2023.

Submitted by:
S/ Senator Lisa Grafstein

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CONEN TREVELL MORGAN

WHEREAS, Conen Trevell Morgan was a Garner native and an alum of North Carolina State University; and

WHEREAS, Morgan led with kindness, compassion, and love in every aspect of his day-to-day life; and

WHEREAS, Morgan was the 67th president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina and the 3rd Black man to head the organization; and

WHEREAS, Morgan was a founding member of Advance Carolina and his company, Longleaf Agency, as well as a renowned political consultant; and

WHEREAS, Morgan’s dedication and work throughout North Carolina allowed him to touch the lives of many and forge strong bonds with his community; and

WHEREAS, Morgan was a strong supporter of the North Carolina Science Olympiad and believed greatly in the importance of STEM programs; and

WHEREAS, Morgan is remembered as a rising star, a brilliant mind, a distinguished community leader, and a beloved friend; and

WHEREAS, Morgan died on May 28, 2023, and is survived by his beloved wife Reyna, his mother and father, sister, nephew, and all his chosen family and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to honor the life of Conen Trevell Morgan and to express deep condolences to the Morgan family and all those who held Conen dear. There are no words that can quantify the pain that is felt in response to his sudden departure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 6th day of June, 2023.

Submitted by:
S/ Senator Natalie S. Murdock

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

HONORING DR. NICOLAS F. ROBERTS, SR.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2023, a ceremony will be held in the Town of Seaboard to dedicate a State historical marker commemorating the life of Dr. Nicholas F. Roberts, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts was born on October 13, 1849, in the Town of Seaboard and grew up on a farm. In 1878, he was a member of the first graduating class of Shaw Collegiate Institute (Shaw University). Later, he earned his Doctor of Divinity from Shaw University and completed postgraduate work at the Divinity School at the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Shaw University, Dr. Roberts served for a short time as the principal of the Peabody School in Warrenton before accepting a position as a mathematics professor and head of the Department of Mathematics at Shaw University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts would remain at Shaw University for 50 years, serving in a number of positions, including Dean of Faculty, Dean of the School of Theology, vice president, and acting president following the death of founder Henry Martin Tupper, making him the first African-American to serve as a president of a Historically Black College and University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberts' accomplishments include helping to organize the Colored Baptist Sunday School Convention in 1873; serving as pastor of the Blount Street Baptist Church in Raleigh from 1882-1891, co-editor of *The African Expositor*, president and co-founder of the North Carolina Negro Teachers Association; being elected as an alderman for the City of Raleigh; and becoming the only African-American to serve on the Wake County School Board in the 19th century;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to honor the life and memory of Dr. Nicholas F. Roberts, Sr., a distinguished citizen of this State, and to express appreciation to historian, Rodney Pierce, for his efforts in getting a State historical marker to commemorate Dr. Roberts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 13th day of September 2023.

Submitted by:
S/ Senator Bobby Hanig

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

CELEBRATING BENNETT COLLEGE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, in 1873, Bennett College began in the basement of the Warnersville Methodist Episcopal Church (now known as St. Matthews United Methodist Church) as a coeducational secondary school for formerly enslaved people. In 1926, The Women's Home Missionary Society joined with the Board of Education of the church to make Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., a college for Black women. Bennett College is one of only two Colleges for women of color in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the 1930's, in white gloves and hats, Bennett women did the first sit-in at the Carolina Theatre. In 1958, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., first speech in NC was in Bennett's Chapel. Two years later, Bennett Belles played a significant role in the NC A&T Sit-Ins in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Bennett's first woman college president was Willa B. Player, and notable other presidents as Johnetta Cole, and now, Suzanne Walsh. Bennett has successfully achieved accreditation with TRACS, and after major deficits, Bennett has achieved financial stability for the past 3 years. Some Notable Bennett graduates: Dr. Dorothy Brown, the first Black female physician; Carolyn Patton, Director of the Peace Corps; Yvonne Johnson, Greensboro's first African American Mayor; and your own Senator Gladys Robinson; and

WHEREAS, since 1930, more than 5,000 women have graduated from Bennett College. Known as Bennett Belles, they continue to be among contributing women of achievement in all walks of life. The College offers twenty-four areas of study in Education, the Social Sciences, the Humanities, and in Natural and Behavioral Sciences and Mathematics. Bennett College is one of only 19 HBCUs honored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for demonstrating noteworthy engagement with the Fulbright Program; it is also rated by U.S. News and World Report No.1 in Social Mobility;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting and proper to congratulate Bennett College on celebrating its Sesquicentennial on October 6-8, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 21st day of September, 2023.

Submitted by:
S/ Senator Gladys A. Robinson

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

CELEBRATING CHOWAN UNIVERSITY'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Chowan University is a Christian educational institution that was founded in 1848, making this year the University's 175th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Chowan means "people of the south" and honors the Native American Algonquin Chowanoke tribe; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1848, a group of fathers met at the home of Dr. Godwin Cotton Moore, moderator of the Chowan Baptist Association, to support the establishment of an institution that would give their daughters a well-rounded education. The Association approved a resolution establishing the school and appointed the first trustees for the "female high school" to be called Chowan Female Institute. Dr. Archibald McDowell of South Carolina was elected the first principal and the Institution opened on October 11, 1848, with 11 students; and

WHEREAS, today, Chowan has over 15,000 alumni who live around the world. Chowan alumni, friends, students, families, faculty, and staff are held in high regard. These alumni are transforming the world by solving problems, sharing talents, and spreading Chowan's rich history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting and proper to honor Chowan University on its demisemiseptcentennial and to commemorate the institution, honor its heritage, and applaud the people who had the vision to establish the University.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 10th day of October, 2023.

Submitted by:
S/ Senator Bobby Hanig

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF EDWIN WOODHOUSE

WHEREAS, Edwin "Ed" Woodhouse was born on February 1, 1936, in Mt. Airy, North Carolina, to Wilbur and Eunice Woodhouse. He grew up in Currituck County and received his education from Louisburg College and Pfeiffer College; and

WHEREAS, Ed Woodhouse became one of the State's most effective lobbyists, working for the North Carolina Bottlers Association and the North Carolina Poultry Federation, of which he served as the body's first executive director; and

WHEREAS, Ed Woodhouse successfully ran the campaign to elect Dan K. Moore as Governor of the State and later became Executive Director of the North Carolina Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Ed Woodhouse gave freely of his time to many organizations, including Keep North Carolina Clean and Beautiful, North Carolina Agribusiness Council, North Carolina Business and Industry, and North Carolina FreeEnterprise Foundation, all of which he served in leadership roles. He was appointed by the General Assembly to be a Board Member of First In Flight; and

WHEREAS, Ed Woodhouse was a man of great faith, who helped those in need, and was a Board Member of Carolina Bible Camp, Christians in Action, and a leader at Raleigh's Brooks Ave Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Ed Woodhouse was a fan of the North Carolina State University Wolfpack and regularly attended basketball and football games; and

WHEREAS, Ed Woodhouse died on August 2, 2023, at the age of 87;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting and proper to honor the life and memory of Edwin "Ed" Woodhouse, one of the State most distinguished citizens, and to extend sympathy to his family for the loss of a beloved family member.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 10th day of October, 2023.

Submitted by:
S/ Senator Bobby Hanig

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

ON ISRAEL AND THE TERRORIST ACTIONS OF HAMAS

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists launched a horrific and unprecedented terrorist attack on Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing thousands of rockets; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of innocent civilians were murdered and hundreds taken hostage by Hamas militants; and

WHEREAS, these terrorists acts specifically and unconscionably targeted innocent children and adults, including elderly residents of Israel; and

WHEREAS, these attacks were launched against Israel on the Sabbath and during the holy day of Simchat Torah, which celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mt. Sinai, a sacred moment in the history of the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists have killed over 900 Israelis and injured more than 2,600 others; and

WHEREAS, at least 11 U.S. citizens have been confirmed killed in these attacks; and

WHEREAS, we mourn the lives of those lost through these horrendous actions by Hamas; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty, and the duty of all civilized people, to condemn the cowardly act of targeting civilians, including children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, we stand with Israel and against those who seek to destroy it; and

WHEREAS, we affirm the right of Israel to defend itself against attack; and

WHEREAS, we urge the U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators representing North Carolina to reaffirm that America stands with Israel against all who seek its destruction;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to honor those whose lives have been lost to barbaric and ongoing acts of violence by Hamas, to advocate and pray for the freedom and safety of those held hostage, to condemn the heinous acts of terror perpetrated by Hamas, and to stand with the people of Israel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the Senate on the 10th day of October, 2023.

Submitted by:
S/ Senator Lisa Grafstein
S/ Senator Val Applewhite
S/ Senator Sydney Batch
S/ Senator Dan Blue

Submitted by:
S/ Senator W. Ted Alexander
S/ Senator Lisa S. Barnes
S/ Senator Phil Berger
S/ Senator Mary Wills Bode

S/ Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr.
S/ Senator Jay J. Chaudhuri
S/ Senator David W. Craven, Jr.
S/ Senator Carl Ford
S/ Senator Michael Garrett
S/ Senator Bobby Hanig
S/ Senator Rachel Hunt
S/ Senator Steve Jarvis
S/ Senator Joyce Krawiec
S/ Senator Michael V. Lee
S/ Senator Natasha R. Marcus
S/ Senator Timothy D. Moffitt
S/ Senator Buck Newton
S/ Senator Brad Overcash
S/ Senator Dean Proctor
S/ Senator Gladys A. Robinson
S/ Senator Norman W. Sanderson
S/ Senator Vickie Sawyer
S/ Senator Kandie D. Smith

S/ Senator Jim Burgin
S/ Senator Kevin Corbin
S/ Senator Warren Daniel
S/ Senator Amy S. Galey
S/ Senator Gale Adcock
S/ Senator Ralph Hise
S/ Senator Brent Jackson
S/ Senator Todd Johnson
S/ Senator Michael A. Lazzara
S/ Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.
S/ Senator Tom McInnis
S/ Senator Paul Newton
S/ Senator Jim Perry
S/ Senator Bill Rabon
S/ Senator DeAndrea Salvador
S/ Senator Benton G. Sawrey
S/ Senator Eddie D. Settle
S/ Senator Joyce Waddell

S/ Sarah Holland
Senate Principal Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments and recommendations to Boards and Commissions were made during 2023 by The Honorable Mark Robinson, President of the Senate.

President of the Senate Appointments	Appointed	Expires
BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA		
Bylaws 10/17/2000		
Ms. Kelly Fuller (RA)	06/30/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Michelle Grainger (RA)	06/30/2023	06/30/2025
Mr. John C. Rabby (RA)	06/30/2023	06/30/2025
CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW BOARD		
G.S. 115C-218(b)(2)		
Mr. Stephen Gay	01/01/2023	12/31/2024
SENTENCING AND POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION		
G.S. 164-37		
Mr. Joseph Houchin (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Elizabeth Watson	07/01/2023	06/30/2025

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- (C) Chairman
 (CC) Co-Chair
 (RA) Re-appointment
 (VC) Vice Chair

SENATE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments and recommendations to Boards and Commissions were made during 2023 by The Honorable Phil Berger, President *Pro Tempore*.

President <i>Pro Tempore</i> Appointments	Appointed	Expires
911 BOARD		
G.S. 143B-1401		
Mr. Christopher W. Hummel	11/02/2023	12/31/2026
ACUPUNCTURE LICENSING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90-453(a)		
Ms. Cindi Fox Kemp	04/03/2023	06/30/2025

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Warren T. Daniel	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Amy S. Galey (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Julie Mayfield	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Timothy D. Moffitt	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Natalie S. Murdock	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Norman W. Sanderson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION		
G.S. 143B-135		
Rev. Dr. Pierre Crawford	10/01/2023	09/30/2026
AGING, GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON		
G.S. 143B-181		
Ms. Cynthia D. Banks	12/20/2023	06/30/2027
Ms. Mary M. Bethel (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2027
Ms. Cyndy Hayworth	03/10/2023	06/30/2023
Ms. Cyndy Hayworth (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2027
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AWARENESS STUDY COMMISSION		
G.S. 120-150(a)(2)		
Mr. Danny McConnell (RA)	10/01/2023	09/30/2025
Ms. Faylene W. Whitaker (RA)	10/01/2023	09/30/2025
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Lisa S. Barnes (VC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Paul Newton	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator DeAndrea Salvador	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Norman W. Sanderson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Eddie D. Settle	12/06/2023	end of biennium
ALARM SYSTEMS LICENSING BOARD		
G.S. 74D-4(b)		
Ms. Caroline H. Brown (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2026
Mr. Jamieson L. Brown	08/18/2023	06/30/2026
APPRAISAL BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 93E-1-5(a)		
Ms. Sarah J. Burnham	08/18/2023	06/30/2026
ATHLETIC TRAINER EXAMINERS, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF		
G.S. 90-524(b)(1)		
Dr. Michael M. Marushack (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2026

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
B-3 INTERAGENCY COUNCIL		
G.S. 115C-64.25(a)(6)		
Ms. Aurora Swain (RA)	11/01/2023	10/31/2027
Ms. JoAnne M. Whaley	11/17/2023	10/31/2027
BANKING COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
G.S. 53C-2-1(a)		
Ms. Mary W. Willis	04/03/2023	03/31/2024
BARBER AND ELECTROLYSIS EXAMINERS, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF		
G.S. 86B		
Ms. Stacy M. Miller	04/03/2023	03/31/2024
Ms. James B. Norton	04/03/2023	03/31/2024
BIOTECHNOLOGY CENTER, NORTH CAROLINA		
Bylaws 3/25/2008		
Mr. Art Pappas (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
The Honorable Steve Troxler (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
Dr. Bhaskar Venepalli (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
BLIND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GOVERNOR MOREHEAD SCHOOL FOR THE		
S.L. 2023-10		
Dr. Alan A. Chase	08/22/2023	06/30/2028
Dr. Sean R. Tikkun	08/22/2023	06/30/2026
BLIND, NORTH CAROLINA CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE		
G.S.143B-164(a)(1)		
Senator David W. Craven, Jr. (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
BRAIN INJURY ADVISORY COUNCIL, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-216.66(a)(1)		
Ms. Christine Fernandini (RA)	10/01/2023	09/30/2027
Ms. Rose Randall (RA)	10/01/2023	09/30/2027
Ms. Laurie T. Stickney (RA)	10/01/2023	09/30/2027
CANCER COORDINATION AND CONTROL, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 130A-33.50(b)		
Ms. Coleen Crespo (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2027
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Jay J. Chaudhuri	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Kevin Corbin	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Krawiec	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael A. Lazzara	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Tom McInnis	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Kandie D. Smith	12/06/2023	end of biennium

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
CEMETERY COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 65-50(a) Mr. W. Brian Hill	11/02/2023	09/30/2025
CENTENNIAL AUTHORITY		
G.S. 160A-480.3(b)(2) Mr. Philip Isley (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
Ms. Patricia Long (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
Mr. Wendell Murphy, Sr. (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
Mr. Randall Ramsey (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
Mr. Cassius Williams (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
CHILD CARE COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-168.4(a) Ms. Alicia R. Fink	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Lauren B. Henderson	04/03/2023	06/30/2023
Ms. Ashley B. Snyder	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
CHILDREN INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA PARTNERSHIP FOR		
G.S. 143B-168.12(a)(1)(l) Ms. Sherry Heuser	08/22/2023	12/31/2026
CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 7B-1402(b) Ms. Jill Cox (RA)	07/01/2023	01/31/2025
Senator Jim Burgin (RA)	07/01/2023	01/31/2025
Senator Todd Johnson (RA)	07/01/2023	01/31/2025
Ms. Trishanna Jones (RA)	07/01/2023	01/31/2025
Chief C. Thomas Jordan	07/01/2023	01/31/2025
Ms. Sarah M. Kirkman (RA)	07/01/2023	01/31/2025
Senator Jim Perry (RA)	07/01/2023	01/31/2025
Senator Vickie Sawyer (RA)	07/01/2023	01/31/2025
COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S.113A-14(b1) Mr. Steve A. Shuttleworth	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
CODE OFFICIALS QUALIFICATION BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S.143-151.9(a) Mr. Michael D. Crotts	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, STATE		
G.S.122C-171(b)(2)(c) Ms. Ashley Snyder Miller	07/01/2023	06/30/2026
Ms. Lilly A. Parker	07/01/2023	06/30/2024
COURTS COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 7A-506(e) Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr. (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2027
Senator Warren T. Daniel (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2027
Senator Carl Ford (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2027
Mr. P. Scott Groce (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2027

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
CRIME COMMISSION, GOVERNORS		
G.S. 143B-1100(b)(4)		
Mr. Benjamin Curtis (RA)	08/18/2023	02/28/2025
Ms. Pamela Thompson (RA)	08/18/2023	02/28/2025
CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION		
G.S. 17C-3(a)		
Mr. Jamie L. Bullard (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Mr. Richard A. Epley (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Mr. Ronald L. Parrish (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Mr. Michael D. Slagle (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION NETWORK GOVERNING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-1204		
Ms. Ellen N. Thomas	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
DEAF, BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE		
S.L. 2023-10		
Dr. David M. Dolman	08/22/2023	06/30/2028
Mr. Robert S. Boyette	08/22/2023	06/30/2026
DEAF, BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE		
S.L. 2023-10		
Mr. Wallace M. Saunders	08/22/2023	06/30/2028
Ms. Yvonne M. White	08/22/2023	06/30/2026
DIETETICS/NUTRITION, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF		
G.S. 90-353(a1)(1)		
Ms. Patricia E. Pitts	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR		
G.S. 84-28.1		
Mr. Hampton M. Billips	04/03/2023	06/30/2024
DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 7A-38.2(c)		
Mr. Zachary C. Bolen (RA)	10/01/2023	09/30/2026
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-394.15(c)(2)		
Ms. Cathy Cloninger (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2025
Ms. Carianne E. Fisher (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2025
Ms. Kathleen A. Lockwood (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2025
Ms. TeAndra M. Miller (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2025
Ms. Avis Watkins-Smith	09/01/2023	08/31/2025

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator W. Ted Alexander	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Jay J. Chaudhuri	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator David W. Craven, Jr. (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Todd Johnson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Timothy D. Moffitt	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Natalie S. Murdock	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Brad Overcash.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Bill Rabon	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Vickie Sawyer	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Waddell	12/06/2023	end of biennium
ECONOMIC INVESTMENT COMMITTEE		
G.S. 143B-437.54(a)(5)		
Mr. D. Anthony Blackman (RA)	12/01/2023	11/30/2025
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN, COUNCIL ON		
G.S. 115C-112.1(b)		
Senator Ted Alexander (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Linda Peacock	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Lisa S. Barnes (VC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Amy S. Galey	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael Garrett	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Tom McInnis	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Brad Overcash	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Gladys A. Robinson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Benton G. Sawrey	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Vickie Sawyer	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Waddell	12/06/2023	end of biennium
EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL		
G.S. 115C-268.1(c)(1)		
Ms. Alexandra B. Hoskins	09/01/2023	08/31/2025
Mr. Randall Penfield (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2025
Ms. Ida M. Weisner	09/01/2023	08/31/2025
ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Dan Blue	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Warren T. Daniel (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Amy S. Galey	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael Garrett	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Natasha R. Marcus	12/06/2023	end of biennium

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ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE (continued)		
Senator Paul Newton	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Jim Perry	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Bill Rabon	12/06/2023	end of biennium
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, JOINT LEGISLATIVE		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Val Applewhite	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Bobby Hanig	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Todd Johnson (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Buck Newton	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Jim Perry	12/06/2023	end of biennium
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143-510(a)(3)		
Mr. James Gussler, Jr. (RA)	01/01/2024	12/31/2027
ENERGY POLICY COUNCIL, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 113B-3(c)		
Mr. Venu G. Ghanta	07/07/2023	06/30/2026
Mr. Christopher W. Millis	07/01/2023	06/30/2024
ENERGY POLICY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Jim Burgin	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator David W. Craven, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Krawiec	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Paul Newton (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143B-283(a1)		
Mr. Timothy M. Baumgartner	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
Mr. Michael S. Ellison	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION		
G.S. 120-70.42		
Senator Val Applewhite	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Lisa S. Barnes	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator David W. Craven, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Bobby Hanig	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Brent Jackson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Todd Johnson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Norman W. Sanderson (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
ETHICS COMMITTEE, LEGISLATIVE		
G.S. 120-99		
Senator Amy S. Galey	02/02/2023	01/08/2027
Senator Lisa Grafstein	02/08/2023	01/08/2027
Senator Buck Newton	02/02/2023	01/08/2027

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
GLOBAL TRANSPARK AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 63A-3(b)(3)		
Mr. Troy E. Gilleland (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
Mr. William R. Roach	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
GOVERNMENT, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON GENERAL		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator W. Ted Alexander (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Mary Wills Bode	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Carl Ford	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Rachel Hunt	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Steve Jarvis	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Dean Proctor (VC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
GOVERNMENT, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Mary Wills Bode	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Jim Burgin	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Kevin Corbin	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Carl Ford (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Steve Jarvis	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Graig Meyer	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Eddie D. Settle	12/06/2023	end of biennium
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Gale Adcock	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Lisa S. Barnes	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Sydney Batch	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Jim Burgin	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Kevin Corbin (VC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Amy S. Galey	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Steve Jarvis	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Krawiec (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Benton G. Sawrey	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Mike Woodard	12/06/2023	end of biennium
HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE ADVISORY BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90-414.8(a)(1)		
Dr. John J. Meier	10/30/2023	09/30/2025
Mr. Ryan Wilkins	10/30/2023	09/30/2025

President Pro Tempore Appointments	Appointed	Expires
HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE		
G.S. 135-48.20(h)		
Mr. W. Lentz Brewer (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
The Honorable Wilton R. Duke (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2024
Dr. Kerry A. Willis	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
HEART DISEASE AND STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE, JUSTUS-WARREN		
G.S. 143B-216.60(b)(1)		
Senator Jim Burgin (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Adrienne G. Calhoun (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Dr. David Y. Huang (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Senator Steve Jarvis (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Leatrice Martin (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Dr. Lindsey H. Maslow (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Senator Benton G. Sawrey	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Dr. Douglas A. Schiller (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
HOLOCAUST, NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON THE		
G.S. 143A-48.1(b)		
Ms. Lauren Piner (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
Mr. Richard Schwartz (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Marianne Wason (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2025
HOME INSPECTOR LICENSURE BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 143-151.46(a)(2)		
Mr. David Dye (RA)	08/18/2023	07/01/2027
HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 122A-4(c)		
Ms. Leigh T. Brown (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Lavonda R. Daniels (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 122E-4		
Mr. Robert J. Kellogg (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2026
Mr. James Pressly (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2026
Mr. Tim Smith (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2026
Ms. Sallie Surface (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2026
Mr. Owen J. Thomas (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2026
HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMISSION		
G.S. 7A-354(b)(1)		
Ms. Caitlin Brooks (RA)	10/01/2023	06/30/2025
Mr. W. Marc Nichols (RA)	10/01/2023	06/30/2025
Sgt. Jordan W. Reese	11/02/2023	06/30/2025
Ms. Caitlin Ryland, Esq. (RA)	10/01/2023	06/30/2025

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INDIAN AFFAIRS, NORTH CAROLINA STATE COMMISSION OF		
G.S. 143B-407(a)		
Mr. Gerald Goolsby (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator W. Ted Alexander	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Jay J. Chaudhuri	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator David W. Craven, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Steve Jarvis (VC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Todd Johnson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator DeAndrea Salvador	12/06/2023	end of biennium
INTERPRETER AND TRANSLITERATOR LICENSING BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90D-5(b)(4)		
Ms. Ashley R. Gordon	08/18/2023	06/30/2026
JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION		
G.S. 7A-375(a)		
Mr. John M. Check (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2029
JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Danny Earl Britt, Jr. (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Warren T. Daniel	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Lisa Grafstein	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Bobby Hanig	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael A. Lazzara	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Natasha R. Marcus	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Mujtaba A. Mohammed	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Buck Newton (VC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Dean Proctor	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Norman W. Sanderson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION		
G.S. 120-30.10		
Senator Phil Berger (ex-officio)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Dan Blue	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Warren T. Daniel	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Bill Rabon (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Waddell	12/06/2023	end of biennium
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION		
G.S. 120-31		
Senator Phil Berger (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Warren T. Daniel	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	12/06/2023	end of biennium

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LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMISSION (continued)		
Senator Paul A. Lowe, Jr.	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Bill Rabon	12/06/2023	end of biennium
LICENSE TO GIVE TRUST FUND COMMISSION		
G.S. 20-7.5(a)(1)		
Ms. Kelly Cobb (RA)	01/01/2024	12/31/2025
Mr. Charles C. Heald (RA)	01/01/2024	12/31/2025
Ms. Amanda A. Mixon (RA)	01/01/2024	12/31/2025
LOTTERY, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Brent Jackson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael A. Lazzara	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Michael V. Lee (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Tom McInnis	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Brad Overcash	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Dean Proctor	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Kandie D. Smith	12/06/2023	end of biennium
LOTTERY COMMISSION, NORTH CAROLINA STATE		
G.S. 18C-111(a)		
Mr. Jason B. Roth (RA)	09/01/2023	08/31/2028
MARINE INDUSTRIAL PARK AUTHORITY, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 113-315.25(d)		
Mr. Mark G. Vrablic (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2025
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION		
G.S. 143B-426.34B		
Ms. Lauren G. Jones	05/04/2023	06/30/2027
Ms. Verlina P. Lomick (RA)	07/01/2023	06/30/2027
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF		
G.S. 90-625(a)(1)		
Ms. Valory K. Hicks (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2026
Ms. Amy Y. Swink	08/18/2023	06/30/2026
MEDIA, BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC		
G.S. 116-37.1		
Ms. Catherine K. Watts (RA)	08/18/2023	06/30/2027
MEDICAID, JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON		
G.S. 120-19.7		
Senator Gale Adcock	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Jim Burgin (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Kevin Corbin	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Ralph Hise	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Joyce Krawiec	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Gladys A. Robinson	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Benton G. Sawrey	12/06/2023	end of biennium

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MEDICAL BOARD, NORTH CAROLINA		
G.S. 90-2(a)(3)		
Mr. David P. Sousa	04/03/2023	10/31/2024
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Senator Tom McInnis (CC)	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Buck Newton	12/06/2023	end of biennium
Senator Dean Proctor	12/06/2023	end of biennium
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