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TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

Tuesday, January 26, 2021
(Statewide Session)

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The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

Isaiah 40:31

The prophet Isaiah writes:

“ . . .but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Please join me as we bow in prayer: O Lord, the issues that these Senators face continue to be formidable and challenging. We ask that You will grant them extraordinary wisdom and discernment as they and their staff members labor diligently on behalf of all of South Carolina’s citizens. Some may blithely ignore the reality of the pressures on these leaders, yet we know well that the full measure of the tasks before all of them require the sort of stamina and determination that’s often hard to come by in this day and time. So, indeed, bestow upon these servants Your richest blessings, that they might ultimately succeed in their tasks, all for the betterment of this State and her people. In Your loving and precious name we pray, O Lord. Amen.

The PRESIDENT called for Petitions, Memorials, Presentments of Grand Juries and such like papers.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

Statewide Appointments

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Health and Environmental Control, with the term to commence January 20, 2021, and to expire January 20, 2025

Director:

Edward D. Simmer, 501 Charles Street, #1257, Beaufort, SC 29902

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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Initial Appointment, South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy, with the term to commence September 30, 2020, and to expire September 30, 2023

Lay Member:

Leslie M. Lyerly, 636 Marsh Pond Road, Johnsonville, SC 29555-6617

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Panel for Dietetics, with the term to commence May 30, 2021, and to expire May 30, 2023

Educator on the faculty of a college or university, specializing in the field of dietetics:

Elizabeth Weikle, 2138 Cavendale Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29732-8303

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Board of Nursing, with the term to commence December 31, 2018, and to expire December 31, 2022

At-Large, Licensed Practical Nurse:

Tamara Day, 3439 Calks Ferry Road, Pelion, SC 29123-9389

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Doctor of the Day

Senator McELVEEN introduced Dr. Christopher Yeakel of Elgin, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

Leave of Absence

At 1:34 P.M., Senator SABB requested a leave of absence for Senators JACKSON and KIMPSON for the day.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

S. 133 Sen. Young
S. 141 Sen. Young
S. 271 Sens. Verdin and Setzler
S. 436 Sens. Talley and K. Johnson
S. 479 Sen. Kimpson

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

S. 487 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LIEUTENANT MICHAEL CLAYTOR AND LIEUTENANT THOMAS MILLER FOR RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR AND TO COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

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The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

S. 488 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SERGEANT COREY COOK FOR RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS LEVEL-HEADED AND HEROIC ACTIONS IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

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The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

S. 489 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-10-108 SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN TAX CREDITS AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVES UNDER THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995; BY ADDING SECTION 40-68-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF TAX CREDITS AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVES BASED ON EMPLOYMENT WITH RESPECT TO CLIENT COMPANIES OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-55, RELATING TO THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO REGULATE THE ACCEPTANCE OF AFFIDAVIT OR CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED ASSURANCE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE FUNCTIONS BE PROVIDED BY REGULATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-60, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE ORGANIZATIONS SHALL

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PROVIDE ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES WITH CERTAIN WRITTEN NOTICE OF HOW THE AGREEMENT AFFECTS THEM; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-70, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS AND CLIENT COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-150, RELATING TO CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF INSURANCE OR ACT AS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPONSORING AND MAINTAINING OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE SALE OF INSURANCE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR.

SECOND READING BILL

S. 478 -- Senator K. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ACT 183 OF 2020, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONE AND THREE INTO CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR, TO INCREASE THE INITIAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM SEVEN TO NINE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL BE COMPRISED OF SEVEN MEMBERS BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator K. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER,
AMENDED, DEBATE INTERRUPTED**

S. 1 -- Senators Grooms, Verdin, Kimbrell, Garrett, Martin, Shealy, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Rice, Adams, Hembree, Gambrell and Loftis: A BILL TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA FETAL HEARTBEAT AND PROTECTION FROM ABORTION ACT”; TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 6, TO REQUIRE TESTING FOR A DETECTABLE FETAL HEARTBEAT BEFORE AN ABORTION IS PERFORMED ON A PREGNANT WOMAN, TO PROHIBIT THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION IF A FETAL HEARTBEAT IS DETECTED, TO PROVIDE MEDICAL EMERGENCY EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDKEEPING BY PHYSICIANS PERFORMING ABORTIONS, TO CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN UPON WHOM AN ABORTION IS PERFORMED, TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-460(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED REPORTING OF ABORTION DATA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO ADD REPORTING OF FETAL HEARTBEAT TESTING AND PATIENT MEDICAL CONDITION DATA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-330(A)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A PREGNANT WOMAN’S RIGHT TO KNOW CERTAIN INFORMATION, TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF THE DETECTION OF A FETAL HEARTBEAT.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The question being second reading of the Bill.

Senator GROOMS spoke on the Bill.

Point of Order

The Committee on Medical Affairs proposed the following amendment (1R008.SP.DBV), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, on page 4, by striking lines 39-40 and inserting:

/heartbeat.

(B) No abortion may be performed or induced pursuant to this article until the requirements contained in Article 3 of this chapter, the Woman’s Right to Know Act, have been satisfied.

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(C) A person who violates subsection (A) is guilty of a felony /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, on page 8, line 34, by adding appropriately numbered new SECTIONS to read:

/SECTION __. Section 44-41-330(A)(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) The woman must be presented by the physician who is to perform the abortion or by an allied health professional working in conjunction with the physician a written form containing the following statement: ‘You have the right to review printed materials prepared by the State of South Carolina which describe fetal development, list agencies which offer alternatives to abortion, including adoption and foster care, and describe medical assistance benefits which may be available for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care. You have the right to view your ultrasound image.’ This form must be signed and dated by both the physician who is to perform the procedure and the pregnant woman upon whom the procedure is to be performed.”

SECTION __. Chapter 7, Title 43 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“ARTICLE 2

Prenatal Care, Delivery, Neonatal, and Post-Natal Care
for Uninsured Women

Section 43-7-100. For the purposes of this article:

(1) ‘Department’ means the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

(2) ‘Medicaid’ means the medical assistance program authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and administered by the department.

(3) ‘Practitioner’ means a physician or other health care professional licensed under state law to practice his profession.

(4) ‘Private insurer’ means:

(a) a commercial insurance company offering health or casualty insurance to an individual or group, including an experienced-rated contract or indemnity contract;

(b) a profit or nonprofit prepaid plan offering either a medical service or full or partial payment for the diagnosis or treatment of an injury, disease, or disability;

(c) an organization administering a health or casualty insurance plan for a professional association, union, fraternal group, employer-employee benefit plan, or a similar organization offering these plans or services, including a self-insured or self-funded plan; or

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(d) a group health plan, as defined in Section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; a service benefit plan; or a health maintenance organization.

(5) 'Uninsured' means a woman who does not have health insurance through a private insurer, is not enrolled in a government-provided health insurance program, or is not a Medicaid program recipient.

Section 43-7-110. A practitioner who provides prenatal care; delivery, neonatal, or post-natal care; or any other medically necessary services related to a pregnancy that are covered by Medicaid to an uninsured woman shall be reimbursed by the department for the costs of the care at the same rate that the practitioner would be reimbursed by Medicaid.

Section 43-7-115. The provisions of this article are applicable and available to persons legally in the United States currently residing in South Carolina.

Section 43-7-120. The department shall promulgate regulations concerning the reimbursement process pursuant to Section 43-7-110 and shall provide practitioners with reimbursement rates for reimbursable procedures pursuant to this article." /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator DAVIS explained the committee amendment.

Point of Order

Senator VERDIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 24A that the amendment was out of order inasmuch as it was not germane to the Bill.

The President sustained the Point of Order.

The Committee Amendment was ruled out of order.

Senator SENN proposed the following amendment (1R005.SP.SS), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, on page 4, by striking line 23 and inserting:

/ Section 44-41-640. If a pregnancy has completed the first trimester after /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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Senator SENN explained the amendment.

Senator CASH spoke on the amendment.

Senator CASH moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Senator SENN proposed the following amendment (1R010.SP.SS), which was carried over:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, on page 5, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting:

/ Section 44-41-660. (A) Section 44-41-650 does not apply to a physician who performs or induces an abortion if:

(1) the pregnancy was the result of rape;

(2) the pregnancy was the result of incest;

(3) the physician determines that a fetal anomaly, as defined in Section 44-41-430(5), exists; or

(4) the physician determines according to standard medical practice that a medical emergency exists that prevents compliance with the section. /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator SENN explained the amendment.

Senator CASH spoke on the amendment.

Senator DAVIS spoke on the amendment.

Senator CASH moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 20; Nays 23; Abstain 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Campsen
Cash	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Garrett	Goldfinch
Grooms	Gustafson	Kimbrell
Loftis	Martin	Massey
Rice	Shealy	Talley
Verdin	Young	

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Total--20

NAYS

Allen	Bennett	Davis
Fanning	Gambrell	Hembree
Hutto	<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>
Leatherman	Malloy	Matthews
McElveen	McLeod	Peeler
Rankin	Sabb	Scott
Senn	Setzler	Stephens
Turner	Williams	

Total--23

ABSTAIN

Harpootlian

Total--1

The Senate refused to table the amendment.

Statement by Senator CAMPSEN

I voted against Senator SENN's amendment that would add rape and incest exceptions to S.1 because I preferred and voted for Senator MASSEY's subsequent amendment that would add rape and incest exceptions. I preferred Senator MASSEY's amendment because it required medical professionals to report the crime to law enforcement.

Senator GROOMS move to carry over the amendment.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 25; Nays 17

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Campsen	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Grooms	Gustafson
Hembree	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell
Loftis	Martin	Massey
Peeler	Rice	Shealy
Talley	Turner	Verdin

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Young

Total--25

NAYS

Allen	Davis	Harpootlian
Hutto	<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	Leatherman
Malloy	Matthews	McElveen
McLeod	Rankin	Sabb
Scott	Senn	Setzler
Stephens	Williams	

Total--17

The amendment was carried over.

Senator CASH proposed the following amendment (1R012.KMM.RJC), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, on page 4, by striking lines 11 through 21 and inserting:

/ Section 44-41-630. (A) A physician, certified technician, or agent of the physician who is competent in ultrasonography and who is not employed by or affiliated with the abortion physician or abortion clinic that is to perform or induce an abortion shall:

(1) perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman, using whichever method the physician and pregnant woman agree is best under the circumstances;

(2) during the performance of the ultrasound, display the ultrasound images so that the pregnant woman may view the images; and

(3) record in the pregnant woman's medical record the estimated gestational age of the fetus, the ultrasound method used to test for a fetal heartbeat, the date and time of the test, and the results of the test, including the presence or absence of a fetal heartbeat.

(B) Following the ultrasound, and upon the authorization of the pregnant woman, the written medical description referenced in item (A)(3) shall be provided to the abortion provider who is to perform or induce the abortion. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, on page 4, by striking lines 24 through 25 and inserting:

/fertilization, then the person performing the ultrasound shall tell the /

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Amend the bill further, as and if amended, on page 5, by striking lines 17 through 20 and inserting:

/ Section 44-41-670. A physician who performs an abortion is not in violation of Section 44-41-650 if an ultrasound was performed in accordance with Section 44-41-630(A), the physician receives the report required pursuant to Section 44-41-630(B), the physician reviews the report, the report reflects that the ultrasound did not reveal a fetal heartbeat, and the physician performs the abortion within seventy-two hours of the date and time of the ultrasound test. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, on page 6, by striking lines 13 through 16 and inserting:

/ Section 44-41-700. A physician who performs an abortion is not in violation of Section 44-41-680 if an ultrasound was performed in accordance with Section 44-41-630(A), the physician receives the report required pursuant to Section 44-41-630(B), the physician reviews the report, the report reflects that the ultrasound did not reveal a fetal heartbeat, and the physician performs the abortion within seventy-two hours of the date and time of the ultrasound test. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, on page 8, by striking line 10 and inserting:

/ be performed. ~~If an ultrasound is performed~~ After an ultrasound is performed pursuant to Section 44-41-630, an abortion may not be /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator CASH explained the amendment.

Senator GROOMS spoke on the amendment.

Senator HUTTO spoke on the amendment.

Senator GROOMS moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Senators MASSEY and DAVIS proposed the following amendment (1R011.KMM.ASM), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, on page 5, by striking lines 1 through 15 and inserting:

/ Section 44-41-660. (A) Section 44-41-650 does not apply to a physician who performs or induces an abortion if:

- (1) the pregnancy is the result of rape;
- (2) the pregnancy is the result of incest; or

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(3) the physician determines according to standard medical practice that a medical emergency exists that prevents compliance with the section.

(B) A physician who performs or induces an abortion on a pregnant woman based on the exception in either subsection (A)(1) or (2) must report the allegation of rape or incest to the sheriff in the county in which the abortion was performed. The report must be made within twenty-four hours of performing or inducing the abortion, may be made orally or otherwise, and shall include the name and contact information for the pregnant woman making the allegation. Prior to performing or inducing the abortion, the physician who performs or induces the abortion based upon an allegation of rape or incest must notify the pregnant woman that the physician will report the allegation of rape or incest to the sheriff. The physician shall make written notations in the pregnant woman's medical records that the abortion was performed pursuant to the applicable exception, that the doctor timely notified the sheriff of the allegation of rape or incest, and that the woman was notified prior to the abortion that the physician would notify the sheriff of the allegation of rape or incest.

(C) A physician who performs or induces an abortion on a pregnant woman based on the exception in subsection (A)(3) shall make written notations in the pregnant woman's medical records of the following:

(1) the physician's belief that a medical emergency necessitating the abortion existed; and

(2) the medical condition of the pregnant woman that assertedly prevented compliance with Section 44-41-650.

(D) For at least seven years from the date that notations are made pursuant to subsection (B) or (C), the relevant physician shall maintain in his own records a copy of the notations. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, on page 8, line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered new SECTION to read:

/SECTION __. Section 44-41-60 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 44-41-60. Any abortion performed in this State must be reported by the performing physician on the standard form for reporting abortions to the state registrar, Department of Health and Environmental Control, within seven days after the abortion is performed. The names of the patient and physician may not be reported on the form or otherwise disclosed to the state registrar. The form must indicate from whom consent was obtained, ~~or~~ circumstances waiving consent, and, if an

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exception was exercised pursuant to Section 44-41-660, which exception the physician relied upon in performing or inducing the abortion.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator MASSEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Recorded Vote

Senators MARTIN, CASH, GOLDFINCH, VERDIN, CORBIN and RICE desired to be recorded as voting against the adoption of the amendment.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (1CBH1), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 9, by striking SECTION 8 and inserting the following: /

SECTION 8. This act takes effect six months after approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

Senator GROOMS moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (1CBH2), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 4, by striking Section 44-41-650 (A) as contained in SECTION 3 and inserting the following:

/ Section 44-41-650(A). No person shall perform, induce, or attempt to perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

Senator GROOMS moved to lay the amendment on the table.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 34; Nays 6

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Campsen	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Hembree
Hutto	<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>
Kimbrell	Leatherman	Loftis
Martin	Massey	Peeler
Rankin	Rice	Scott
Senn	Setzler	Shealy
Talley	Turner	Williams
Young		

Total--34

NAYS

Allen	Fanning	Matthews
McLeod	Sabb	Stephens

Total--6

The amendment was laid on the table.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (1CBH4), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 3, by striking Section 44-41-610 (8) as contained in SECTION 3 and inserting the following:

/ (8) 'Medical emergency' means a condition that, by any reasonable medical judgment, so complicates the medical condition of a pregnant woman that it necessitates the abortion of her pregnancy to avert her death without first determining whether there is a detectable fetal heartbeat or for which the delay necessary to determine whether there is a detectable fetal heartbeat will create serious risk of a substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function, not including psychological or emotional conditions. A condition must not be considered a medical emergency if based on a claim or diagnosis that a woman will engage in conduct that she intends to result in her death or

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in a substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function. /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

Senator GROOMS moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (1CBH3):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 4, by striking Section 44-41-650 (B) as contained in SECTION 3 and inserting the following:

/ Section 44-41-650 (B). A person who violates subsection is guilty of a civil fine and, upon conviction, must be fined up to ten thousand dollars. /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator K. JOHNSON spoke on the amendment.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator MATTHEWS, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator K. JOHNSON, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

Senator McLEOD spoke on the amendment.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator MATTHEWS, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator McLEOD, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

Motion to Ratify Adopted

At 2:54 P.M., Senator ALEXANDER made a motion to invite the House of Representatives to attend the Senate Chamber for the purpose of ratifying Acts at a mutually convenient time.

The motion was adopted and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

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Expression of Personal Interest

Senator HUTTO rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Debate was interrupted by adjournment.

Motion Adopted

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator McELVEEN, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. John D. Prince, Jr. of Sumter, S.C. John was a graduate of Clemson University. He worked for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for 21 years and then began a career with the Sumter County Sheriff's Department where he retired as a Sergeant. John loved the outdoors, fishing and Clemson football. John was a loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:59 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 1:00 P.M.

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