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Proverbs

Proverbs 29
 29 He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.

4 The king by judgment establisheth the land: but he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare: but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare: but wise men turn away wrath.

9 If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man, whether he rage or laugh, there is no rest.

10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright: but the just seek his soul.

11 A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

12 If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together: the Lord lighteneth both their eyes.

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever.

15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: but the righteous shall see their fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer.

20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child shall have him become his son at the length.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favour; but every man's judgment cometh from the Lord.

27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

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protecting individuals and businesses from discrimination.

In addition, the Citizens-Only Voting Constitutional Amendment (S.582) advanced in the House Judiciary Committee. This measure makes it clear that only U.S. citizens can vote in South Carolina elections, protecting the integrity of our system as other states like California, Maryland, and Vermont move to allow non-citizens to participate in certain local elections. This is another priority highlighted by President Donald J. Trump, and here in South Carolina, we're taking action to ensure our elections remain secure and our laws are clearly enforced.

School Safety & Stronger Classrooms
 We took important steps to support teachers and make our schools safer for students across South Carolina. We also unanimously passed the Safe Schools Act (H.5201), a major step forward in strengthening school safety. While many schools already have plans in place, not all are consistent or fully implemented. This bill ensures every school in South Carolina has a real, actionable safety plan, backed by coordination, training, and accountability, moving us from reactive responses to a proactive, statewide system designed to better protect students and



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educators.

The Educator Safety & Classroom Authority Act (H.5483) advanced out of the House Education & Public Works Committee and is now headed to the House floor. This legislation restores clear authority for teachers to manage behavior and maintain discipline in the classroom, something educators across our state have been asking for. By addressing rising classroom disruptions, it helps create safer, more focused learning environments and supports teacher retention. Additionally, the House debated the Foreign Influence Operations Out of American Education Act (H.5504), which addresses growing concerns about foreign adversaries influencing our education system. This legislation strengthens transparency and oversight around foreign funding and partnerships in schools, helping ensure decisions are made in the best interest of South Carolina students, not outside governments.

Protecting Families & Preparing Our Future
 We also worked on legislation focused on protecting children and preparing the next generation for success. The House debated the Workforce Readiness Act (H.3197), which focuses on

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Week Fifteen: Legislative Update

School Safety, Child Protection, and Putting South Carolinians First

Last week at the State House, we focused on strengthening school safety, protecting children, and advancing policies that put South Carolina families first. From restoring order in our classrooms to protecting our land, elections, and access to essential services, we're continuing to deliver real, commonsense results that impact your day-to-day life.

Putting South Carolina First

We also continued advancing legislation that protects our state, our rights, and our way of life. The House unanimously passed the Foreign Ownership of Land Act (H.3408), which prevents foreign adversaries like China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea from owning or controlling land in South Carolina. This is a commonsense step to protect our farmland, critical infrastructure, and national security.

We also unanimously passed the



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Guarantee Banking Act (H.5538)

to ensure fair and equal access to banking services. This legislation follows action at the federal level, including a Presidential directive from President Donald J. Trump to guarantee fair banking for all Americans after growing concerns and documented cases of financial institutions denying services based on political or ideological beliefs. Here in South Carolina, we took that directive seriously, examined the issue, and acted. This bill ensures banks make decisions based on financial risk, not personal viewpoints,