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The Senate met on the budget yesterday; an amendment was put up which would have cut at least \$8m plus from Commerce's Closing fund (to fund other activities); mercifully Sen. Leatherman was able to have the amendment tabled:

Senator LEATHERMAN moved to lay the amendment on the table.

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

**Ayes 29; Nays 12; Present 1**

**AYES**

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Campbell	Cleary	Courson
Davis	Fair	Grooms
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Kimpson	Leatherman	Lourie
Malloy	Matthews	McElveen
McGill	Nicholson	O'Dell
Pinckney	Rankin	Reese
Scott	Setzler	Sheheen
Verdin	Williams	

**Total--29**

**NAYS**

Bright	Bryant	Corbin
Gregory	Hayes	Martin, Larry
Martin, Shane	Massey	Peeler
Shealy	Thurmond	Young

**Total--12**

**PRESENT**

Johnson

**Total--1**

The amendment was laid on the table.

The Senate did add the following items to Commerce's budget:

Clarendon Lee Sumter Williamsburg I-95 Mega Park- \$500,000  
Marion County Workforce Development Training facility- \$500,000  
IT-oLogy Coursepower Project- \$200,000

The Senate also adopted the following amendment to Alliance Funding:

Senators BENNETT and CAMPBELL proposes the following amendment (QH REGIONAL ECON DEV FUNDS CF):  
Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 452, proviso 50.13, line 12, by striking /transferred to the Rural Infrastructure Fund at the Department of Commerce/ and inserting */made available to economic development organizations receiving funds in this proviso after they have drawn down the full amount disbursed above. The match requirements stated above shall apply to the distribution of these funds and the funds shall be dispersed on a pro-rata basis if more than one organization applies for the funds/*  
Renummer sections to conform.  
Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

This appears to transfer funding previously allocated to the Rural Infrastructure Fund to the Alliances

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