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MAGISTRATES, YORK COUNTY (with terms to expire):

January 14, 1979:

Hugh F. Comer, Route 1, Hickory Grove, S. C., reappointment,
Bullocks Creek—Broad River Townships.

Marvin M. Smith, Springdale Drive, York, S. C., reappointment,
York Bethesda Townships.

January 1, 1979:

Murray B. White, Fort Mill, S. C., reappointment, Fort Mill
Township.

L. B. Earle, Clover, S. C., reappointment, Bethel—Kings Mountain
Townships.

COMMUNICATION FROM OFFICE OF
THE STATE AUDITOR

February 15, 1977

The Honorable W. Brantley Harvey
President of the Senate
The Statehouse
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with the provisions of Act 237, Acts of 1975, the Budget and Control Board herewith respectfully submits its recommendations for approval of capital projects which will require the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds prior to June 30, 1978.

In recommending the Capital Improvement projects, the Budget and Control Board has, with the exception of planning money, confined itself to projects which can be started within one year and which have a degree of urgency. Because of this, the Board may find it desirable to ask special authorization from the General Assembly to submit a second recommendation during the legislative session of 1978.

It seems appropriate to call attention to two omissions from the recommended list, and to furnish an explanation of the absence of the projects in question.

a. The request of the Department of Mental Health contained funding for "Village B" and "Village C." One can be financed through the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds to be repaid from patient fees. The other can be partially financed in this manner. Budget and Control Board members are sympathetic

with these projects but took note of the fact that planning funds had been previously provided for both. Planning is still incomplete and it is felt that further funding should await more complete details from the studies for which monies have been provided.

b. Although a substantial request was submitted by the Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education, no recommendation for funding has been made by the Budget and Control Board. Members of the Board feel strongly that the original concept of local funding for capital projects for technical education centers should be continued. If this procedure proves to be inadequate, a plan similar to those now in effect in most State colleges and universities should be developed to fund construction projects from student fees.

The issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds as recommended herein, along with all other outstanding and proposed general obligations of the State which are included in the proposed Constitutional limit, will require a debt service of approximately 6.5 percent of General Fund revenues during the fiscal year 1978-79. As the debt limitation will presumably be 7 percent, further approvals must be severely restricted.

Yours very truly,
William T. Putnam, Secretary
Budget and Control Board

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Attachment

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Release of Prior Funding

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| 1. Adjutant General | |
| a. Replace Armory Heating Systems | 90,000 |
| 2. Parks, Recreation and Tourism | |
| a. Upgrading of sewage facilities | 225,000 |
- Provided, That of the amounts remaining and available to the Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism under the provisions of Act 1377, Acts of 1968, as amended, the amount of \$225,000 may be expended for the upgrading of sewage facilities in any of the various State Parks.*

3. Dept. of Mental Retardation	
a. Whitten Village—Steam Plant Expansion	83,000
4. College of Charleston	
a. Educational Equipment	836,400
<i>Provided, That of the amounts remaining and available to the College of Charleston under the provisions of Act 1377, Acts of 1968, as amended, the amount of \$836,400 may be expended for Educational Equipment.</i>	
Total Release of Prior Funding	1,234,400
B. New Projects	
1. Adjutant General	
a. Armory Construction—Winnsboro	157,300
b. Armory Construction—Lyman	156,100
c. Armory Construction—Marion	158,200
d. Armory Construction—Kingstree	161,200
e. Maintenance Shop—Hemingway	2,000
f. Roof Replacement and Armory Repair	290,000
g. Architectural & Engineering Studies	41,122
2. South Carolina State	
a. Boiler Replacement	300,000
3. Medical University	
a. Hospital Renovations	1,000,000
4. Archives and History	
a. Heating/Cooling System	45,000
5. Mental Retardation	
a. Whitten Village—Improvements and Renovations	1,587,000
b. Midlands Center—Improvements	200,000
c. Pee Dee Center—New Dormitory and Improvements	2,500,000
<i>Provided, That the amounts shown above shall be provided through the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds under the authority of Act 1377, Acts of 1968, to the extent possible under the provisions of Act 1087, Acts of 1970</i>	
6. The Citadel	
a. Capers Hall Renovation and Additions	2,600,000

7. Clemson University—PSA	
a. Pee Dee Experiment Station—Planning	250,000
8. Francis Marion College	
a. Fine Arts Building—Planning	125,000
9. Lander College	
a. Learning Center—Planning	125,000
10. Dept. of Education—Vocational Education	
a. Equipment for Vocational Schools under construction	600,000
11. State Law Enforcement Division	
a. Building for Criminal Justice Information and Communication System	300,000
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Total New Projects	<u>\$10,597,922</u>

February 15, 1977

Received as Information

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Mr. DRUMMOND introduced Dr. William Brockington of Greenwood, Doctor of the Day.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Columbia, S. C., February 23, 1977

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the Senate to

H. 2253.—Rep. Venters: A Bill to amend Act 626 of 1976, relating to game zones and open and closed seasons for the hunting of game in Game Zone No. 10, so as to change such seasons for turkeys, raccoons, opossums and rabbits, to provide no closed season for the hunting of fox, to set bag limits for turkeys, deer and raccoons, to provide for the use of gill nets for catching nongame fish from November first to March first and to provide for the use of gill nets for catching herring on the main stream of the Big Pee Dee River from February fifteenth to April fifteenth from Wednesday through Saturday.

and has ordered the Bill Enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully

REX L. CARTER

Speaker