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(STATEWIDE PERFUNCTORY SESSION)

Tuesday, January 27, 2026
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m. in Statewide Perfunctory Session, pursuant to Rule 6.1.B.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Jeff Lingerfelt as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 2:1-3: Why are the nations in an uproar, and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers take counsel against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!”

Let us pray. O LORD our Father, thank You for sustaining grace that has preserved us from the inclement weather this past weekend and has allowed us say with thankful hearts, “this is the day that the LORD has made.” And we will rejoice in it. You are kind and gracious, exhibiting your common grace on all mankind and as we gather to perform the duties before us today, help us to focus on others and seek the best interest of this great state above all else. In Your pre-eminent name we humbly ask these things. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

“5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the

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House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4709
Date: ADD:
01/27/26 WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5006
Date: ADD:
01/27/26 G. M. SMITH

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5013 -- Reps. Teeple, M. M. Smith, Cromer, Kilmartin, Hartz, Oremus, Martin, Reese, Gilreath, Rankin, Luck, Williams, Hartnett, Bustos, C. Mitchell, Ford, Garvin, Brewer, Neese, Yow, Wickensimer, W. Newton, Robbins, Gatch, Davis, Gilliard, Terribile, Duncan, Caskey and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-320 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A STATEWIDE FIREFIGHTER OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO TEST FOR CERTAIN CARCINOGENIC SUBSTANCES AND TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND CANCER SCREENINGS, ALL AT NO CHARGE, TO FIREFIGHTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 5014 -- Reps. Chapman, Neese, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, T. Moore, Huff, Duncan, Caskey, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Bowers, Forrest and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING

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TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR ONE PERSONAL MOTOR VEHICLE FOR INDIVIDUALS OVER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5015 -- Reps. Hartnett, Brewer and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-1-20, RELATING TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES EXEMPT FROM THE PROHIBITION ON SUNDAY PUBLIC SPORTS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS PERTAINING TO CAMPUS EVENTS AND LAND USE APPROVAL, TO PROVIDE THAT NO COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY PROHIBIT, RESTRICT, CONDITION, DELAY, OR REQUIRE LAND USE APPROVAL FOR EVENTS HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING BASED ON ZONING ORDINANCES OR LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE SAFETY LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5016 -- Reps. Chapman, Neese, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Gibson, T. Moore, Huff, Duncan, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Bowers, Forrest and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS OVER THE AGE OF SEVENTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5017 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Stavrinakis, Sessions, M. M. Smith and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1140, RELATING TO TASTINGS AND RETAIL SALES ON LICENSED PREMISES, SO AS TO MODIFY THE TIME DURING WHICH TASTINGS AND RETAIL SALES CAN OCCUR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5018 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-1-1210, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARIES OF CERTAIN STATE

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OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MUST BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-160, RELATING TO THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION AND SALARY INCREASES FOR AGENCY HEADS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MUST BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE A STUDY EVERY FOUR YEARS TO RECOMMEND SALARY RANGES FOR THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-165, RELATING TO THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5019 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-17-410, RELATING TO EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS OF INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS WHO POSE A DANGER TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS, SO AS TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ADMISSION AND COMMITMENT PROCESS, TO ENSURE THAT THE TREATING FACILITY HAS A COMPLETE MEDICAL HISTORY OF THESE PATIENTS, INCLUDING PRIOR HOSPITALIZATIONS, TO SPECIFY INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN REPORTS OF DESIGNATED EXAMINERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-17-580, RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE COURT-ORDERED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT, SO AS TO ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS OF SUPPLEMENTAL OR RULE TO SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS TO ADDRESS NONCOMPLIANCE; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-12-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO MAINTAIN AN INTEGRATED DATABASE WITH COMPLETE MEDICAL RECORDS OF PATIENTS SERVED AT DEPARTMENT FACILITIES, A REGISTRY OF ORDERS OF TREATMENT, AND

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AN INVENTORY OF AVAILABLE FACILITY BEDS AND
WAITLISTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 a.m. the House, accordance with Rule 6.1.B., adjourned to
meet at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 28.

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