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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026
(LOCAL SESSION)**

Friday, January 30, 2026
(Local Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 135:5-6: "For I know that the Lord is great; our Lord is above all gods. *Whatever the Lord pleases, He does* in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all their depths!"

Let us pray: O Lord our Father, as high the heavens are above the earth, so great is your love for us, Your created beings. You have loved us with an everlasting love! The Apostle of love reminds us that your divine love is an unmeasurable love. "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God". You have loved us with an everlasting love. Your Word reminds us that we are precious in Your sight and you love us. Help us to comprehend and believe Your Word in our thoughts, actions and attitudes today. Help us to govern and lead this great state as we serve one another. To your praise and glory, we ask these things. Amen.

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

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill and Joint Resolution were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 336 -- Senators Alexander, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO SET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MARCH FOR THE ELECTIONS OF JUDGES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

S. 779 -- Senators Massey, Hutto, Zell, Devine and Adams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL RECEIVE A MONTHLY

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LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS BETWEEN MEMBERS WHOSE SEATS WERE VACATED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO FILL THE VACANCY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHOSE SEATS WERE VACATED DUE TO THE MEMBER BEING CONVICTED OF OR PLEADING GUILT OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO A FELONY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE PAYMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:25 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 3.

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