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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Tuesday, February 3, 2026
(Statewide Session)

Indicates Matter Stricken

Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Job 42:1-3: “Then Job answered the Lord and said, ‘I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore, I have declared that which I did not understand,

Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.’”

Let us pray: O Lord, our Father, may we have the humility of Job when he acknowledges that “You can do all things and absolutely no plan of Yours can be thwarted.” Your eternal counsel and Your eternal decrees are providentially brought to fruition in the affairs of all mankind. In Your orchestration, in all our affairs, we ask that You guide this Body to understand that “man plans his ways, but YAHWEH our God directs his steps” in all the affairs of mankind. What comforts this brings into our daily lives. Your care and provisions strengthen us for the tasks of this day. O Lord, grant wisdom and understanding in all our deliberations. May all we do bring praise and glory to our great God. 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.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. TAYLOR moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Beverly Dozier Clyburn, wife of Representative Clyburn, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Representative Clyburn on the loss of his wife, Beverly Dozier Clyburn.

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STATEMENT BY REP. REESE

Rep. REESE made a statement relative to the contributions of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus in the State House.

**South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus
A Black History Month Tribute**

Mr. Speaker, Members of the House,

Black History Month calls this body not only to remember, but to reckon with responsibility.

The history of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus begins not with ceremony, but with necessity.

In 1970, following the passage and enforcement of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, South Carolina voters elected the first African American members to this House since Reconstruction. Herbert Fielding, James L. Felder, and I. S. Levy Johnson entered a chamber that had not seated Black legislators in nearly seventy years.

Their presence was historic.

Their challenge was structural.

Access to this chamber did not guarantee influence within it. Representation did not automatically translate into participation in decision making. Those early members understood that progress would require more than individual service. It would require organization.

By 1975, thirteen Black members of the House formally organized as the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, the largest number of Black legislators in this body since Reconstruction. The caucus selected as its first chair Ernest A. Finney, Jr., then a young legislator from Sumter, who would later become Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

From its founding, the caucus articulated a clear purpose. It adopted the motto, “Like limbs, we reach toward the sun, but feed from a common root.” That statement was not poetic alone. It was strategic. It affirmed unity, discipline, and shared responsibility in a chamber where those qualities were essential to being heard.

The caucus moved quickly from formation to function.

Its members successfully pressed for appointments to all permanent House committees, ensuring that Black legislators had input across the full scope of legislative business. They worked in coordination with national efforts to support the extension of the Voting Rights Act in 1975. They secured the placement of a portrait

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of Mary McLeod Bethune in the State House, affirming that Black intellectual and civic leadership belonged within these walls.

As the years progressed, the caucus expanded its reach and its impact.

In 1983, the election of Reverend I. DeQuincey Newman to the Senate extended caucus influence across both chambers of the General Assembly. By the mid-1980s, with more than twenty members, the caucus played a central role in advancing legislation to support minority business participation, establish the Governor's Office for Small and Minority Business, and create the State Human Affairs Commission.

These were not symbolic victories. They were institutional ones.

Through the 1990s, the caucus continued to grow in size and influence, reaching twenty-five members by 1994 and thirty-four by 1996. During this period, caucus members navigated shifting political majorities, redistricting battles, and evolving legislative priorities while maintaining a unified presence.

In 1998, Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter became the first African American woman to serve as Democratic Minority Leader in the House, marking another milestone in the caucus's expanding leadership role within this institution.

This history matters because it carries obligation.

The South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus did not emerge to commemorate the past. It emerged to shape outcomes. Its legacy is not found only in anniversaries, but in standards. Not only in presence, but in preparation. Not only in memory, but in stewardship.

Black History Month reminds us that progress in this chamber has never been accidental. It has been cumulative. Each generation of legislators inherited work unfinished and carried it forward under different conditions, but with the same seriousness.

The caucus today stands as both inheritor and guardian of that tradition. It bears responsibility not only to honor those who organized under far more constrained circumstances, but to ensure that representation in this House remains meaningful, effective, and accountable to the people it serves.

Black history in South Carolina is not separate from the history of this body. It is inseparable from it.

The South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus reflects that truth not as a symbol, but as a working institution, built by those who understood that lasting progress requires organization, discipline, and continuity.

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The work is not finished.
But it is firmly established.
And it remains essential to the future of this House and this State.
Rep. Robert Reese

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., February 3, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER the invitation was accepted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3551 -- Reps. B. Newton, Gilliam, Pope, Taylor, Weeks, Bowers and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE EARNABLE COMPENSATION DOES NOT INCLUDE CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS OF ELECTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS OF ELECTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3477 -- Reps. Caskey, Bannister, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hewitt, Long, Wooten, C. Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Sessions, Neese, Weeks,

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Bowers, Moss, Hartz, Lawson, Rankin, Guest, Brittain, Lowe, Sanders, M. M. Smith, T. Moore, Ballentine, Martin, Ligon, Oremus, Pedalino, Calhoon, Davis, Taylor, Holman, Erickson, Brewer, Gatch, Yow, Haddon, Hixon, Hiott, Wickensimer, Jordan and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED IN A BENEFIT YEAR, SO AS TO BASE THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ALLOWED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING THE RATES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL PROMULGATE CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-120, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATION FOR BENEFITS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5006 -- Reps. B. Newton, Long, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Gatch, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Hiott, Pope, Erickson, Hixon, Neese, Wooten, Ligon, Chapman, Forrest, Hartz, Guffey, Ford, Willis, Cox, Sanders, Vaughan, Oremus, Duncan, G. M. Smith, Bowers, Sessions, Bannister, Bailey, Brewer, Weeks, Landing, Moss, Bradley, Lawson, Rankin, Guest, Brittain, Lowe, T. Moore, Ballentine, Robbins, Martin, Caskey, Pedalino, Calhoon, Davis, W. Newton, C. Mitchell, Holman, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, Jordan, Haddon and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS TAX CUT OF 2026"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE FIRST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A SMALL BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-900, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER IS NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION IF THE TAXPAYER HAS LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY; BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-980 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL

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BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY REQUIRED TO BE RETURNED FOR TAXATION TO BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-20-50, RELATING TO THE LICENSE TAX ON CORPORATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PORTION OF THE FIRST FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL STOCK AND PAID-IN OR CAPITAL SURPLUS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-44-409, RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT OF A CORPORATE OFFICER, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO REFRAINING FROM COMPETING.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 405 -- Senators Alexander and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 415 -- Senators Young, Elliott, Sutton, Ott, Devine, Reichenbach and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE TERM "LICENSED"; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-1110, RELATING TO ADOPTION BY A STEPPARENT OR RELATIVE, SO AS TO APPLY TO CHILDREN PLACED WITH RELATIVES OR FICTIVE KIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2320, RELATING TO THE KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PROGRAM, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM AGE OF A KINSHIP FOSTER PARENT FROM TWENTY-ONE TO EIGHTEEN AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO USE DIFFERENT STANDARDS WHEN LICENSING RELATIVES AND FICTIVE KIN; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO

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RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2400, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN WHO MAY BE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME, SO AS TO REMOVE THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT LIMITATIONS FROM KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4145 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bannister, Stavrinakis, W. Newton, Kirby, Teeple, Gilliam, Bauer, Wetmore, Gilliard, J. Moore, Bustos, Landing and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE AT RISK OF BEING VICTIMS OF A RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED CRIME.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5076 -- Reps. Pace, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope,

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Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE NORTHWOOD ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5077 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MARCH 2026 AS "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE PREVALENCE OF BRAIN INJURY IN THE STATE AND NATION, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF BRAIN INJURIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5078 -- Reps. Collins, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY ERA OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND SOUTH CAROLINA'S HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5079 -- Reps. Duncan, Whitmire, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon,

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Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SENECA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5080 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Hartz, Hixon, Oremus, Taylor, Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE BEVERLY D. CLYBURN OF AIKEN

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COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE AND LEGACY, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 865 -- Senator Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS HALL OF FAME.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan

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Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HAGER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CLYBURN a leave of absence for the day due to a death in the family.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Coleman Buckhouse of Florence County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

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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 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. 3197
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3477
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 BOWERS, MOSS, HARTZ, LAWSON, RANKIN,
GUEST, BRITTAINE, LOWE, SANDERS,
M. M. SMITH, T. MOORE, BALLENTINE,
MARTIN, LIGON, OREMUS, PEDALINO,
CALHOON, DAVIS, TAYLOR, HOLMAN,
ERICKSON, BREWER, GATCH, YOW, HADDON,
HIXON, WICKENSIMER, JORDAN and HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3551
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 BOWERS and YOW

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3774
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 HART

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4123
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 GILLIAM

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4622
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 BOWERS and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4720
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 REESE and RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4790
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4791
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4792
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4793
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 TAYLOR

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4794
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4795
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5006
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 LANDING, MOSS, BRADLEY, LAWSON,
RANKIN, GUEST, BRITTAINE, LOWE, T. MOORE,
BALLENTINE, ROBBINS, MARTIN, CASKEY,
PEDALINO, CALHOON, DAVIS, W. NEWTON,
C. MITCHELL, HOLMAN, HARDEE, TAYLOR,
YOW, JORDAN, HADDON and WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5058
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 BOWERS, DUNCAN, TEEPLE, SANDERS,
LAWSON and WHITMIRE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5074
Date: ADD:
02/03/26 GILLIAM

H. 4758--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4758 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bradley, Brewer, Chapman, Crawford,
Davis, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Hartz, Hewitt,
Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Martin, McGinnis,
T. Moore, B. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins,
Schuessler, G. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis,
Wooten and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

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CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER IS TO ENCOURAGE THE LAWFUL CULTIVATION, HARVESTING, AND MANUFACTURING OF HEMP; BY AMENDING SECTION 46-55-10, RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION TERMS AND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF EXISTING TERMS; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 46-55-70, 46-55-80, AND 46-55-90 SO AS TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF CONSUMABLE HEMP, TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, OR TO PROHIBIT THE LAWFUL POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN CBD PRODUCTS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Reps. B. NEWTON, KIRBY, HIOTT, BRITTAINE, MCCRAVY, DUNCAN, MARTIN, POPE, BALLENTINE, MAGNUSON, CASKEY, TAYLOR, OREMUS, M. M. SMITH, HEWITT, COBB-HUNTER, ANDERSON, BERNSTEIN, BAUER, JONES and GILLIAM requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4759--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4759 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bailey, Bradley, Brewer, Chapman, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, T. Moore, B. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten, Yow and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 46-55-10, RELATING TO HEMP FARMING DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCT" AND "INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCT"; BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-70 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF CERTAIN CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS; BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INTERSTATE COMMERCE IS NOT

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BEING LIMITED; AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 14 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS RELATING TO INTOXICATING HEMP BEVERAGES, PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, PROVIDE FOR INTOXICATING HEMP BEVERAGE PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING AND TAXES.

Reps. B. NEWTON, KIRBY, MARTIN, MCCRAVY, CASKEY, POPE, BALLENTINE, MAGNUSON, EDGERTON, HIOTT, ERICKSON and GILLIAM requested debate on the Bill.

S. 477--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 477 -- Senators Davis and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-210, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A "SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE" IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-230, RELATING TO PHARMACISTS PERMITTED TO DISPENSE SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH DISPENSATIONS MAY BE MADE PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-240, RELATING TO WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES WITHOUT PATIENT-SPECIFIC WRITTEN ORDERS, SO AS TO INSTEAD PROVIDE THE DISPENSATIONS MAY BE MADE UNDER STANDING ORDERS OR WITHOUT STANDING ORDERS WHEN DISPENSED OR ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS.

Reps. MCCRAVY, FRANK, BEACH, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, GUFFEY, TERRIBILE and LONG requested debate on the Bill.

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H. 3774--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3774 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Stavrinakis, Jordan, McCravy, C. Mitchell and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-1-560, RELATING TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR FILING A THIRD-PARTY ACTION IN A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM, SO AS TO MAKE THE FILING OF A NOTICE FORM PERMISSIVE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 4720--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4720 -- Reps. Rose, McCravy, C. Mitchell, Yow, Reese and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 17-22-50 AND 17-22-60, BOTH RELATING TO PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON MAY PARTICIPATE IN A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM IF TWENTY YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DATE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM BY THE PERSON, RATHER THAN LIMITING ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION TO ONLY ONCE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yea 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard

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Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCrary	McDaniel	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

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H. 3222--COMMITTED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3222 -- Reps. Bailey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANS FOR DETERMINING THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS THAT A COUNTY MAY APPOINT AND COMMISSION, AND TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT REFERENCE.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to commit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

H. 4756--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4756 -- Reps. Pope, Bailey, Ballentine, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Crawford, Davis, Duncan, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Hardee, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, T. Moore, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, B. Newton, Chumley, Edgerton, Magnuson, Terribile, White, D. Mitchell, Cromer, Gilreath, Huff, Landing, Lastinger, Teeple, Guffey, McCabe, Gibson and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT PHYSICAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE VARIOUS MEASURES TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE PRIVACY AMONG SEXES USING CERTAIN RESTROOMS AND CHANGING FACILITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

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H. 4567--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4567 -- Reps. Chapman and C. Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF THE EAST-WEST PARKWAY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 81 IN THE CITY OF ANDERSON IN ANDERSON COUNTY "RICHARD A. SHIRLEY MEMORIAL PARKWAY" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4569--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4569 -- Rep. Edgerton: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 29 AT SOUTH BLACKSTOCK ROAD IN THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY "BOBBY E. WILDER MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4570--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4570 -- Reps. Oremus, Clyburn, Hixon, Taylor and Hartz: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF PINEY HEIGHTS ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINE HILL ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINE LOG ROAD THE "JAMES ROLAND SMITH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

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H. 4572--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4572 -- Rep. Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE ON SOUTH HARPER EXTENSION THAT CROSSES OVER THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 127 BYPASS IN LAURENS COUNTY "REVEREND DR. JEFFERSON N. McDOWELL MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4571--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4571 -- Reps. Pope and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF BLACK STREET AND DAVE LYLE BOULEVARD IN YORK COUNTY "LT. LARRY 'LV' VAUGHAN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4916--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4916 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF MR. ROY C. HENDERSON AND TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH LIBERTY STREET IN THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY FROM THE C.C. WOODSON COMMUNITY CENTER TO CAULDER AVENUE "ROY C. HENDERSON MEMORIAL

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STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4920--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4920 -- Rep. Caskey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF PLATT SPRINGS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH RAINBOW DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WATTING ROAD "MAYOR PAT G. SMITH MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4923--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4923 -- Rep. Caskey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF 12TH STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH KNOX ABBOTT DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH JARVIS Klapman BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA IN LEXINGTON COUNTY "GUS MANOS MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4957--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4957 -- Rep. Ligon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE TEN-MILE STRETCH OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 77 FROM SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 97 (EXIT 55) TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 (EXIT 65) IN CHESTER COUNTY

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"REPRESENTATIVE F.G. 'GREG' DELLENEY JR. HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4919--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4919 -- Rep. Hosey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAYS 278 AND 301 IN THE TOWN OF ALLENDALE IN ALLENDALE COUNTY "PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS JOHNNIE DOCTOR JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4981--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4981 -- Rep. Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 301 AND BLACK BRANCH ROAD IN THE TOWN OF DILLON IN DILLON COUNTY "JOSEPH B. 'BENNY' COOPER INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4574--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4574 -- Rep. Robbins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE EDISTO RIVER ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 61 AT THE DORCHESTER/COLLETON COUNTY LINE THE "ERNEST GROVER EWERS SR. MEMORIAL

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BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

Rep. TAYLOR moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5080 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Hartz, Hixon, Oremus, Taylor, Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE BEVERLY D. CLYBURN OF AIKEN COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE AND LEGACY, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

H. 4916 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF MR. ROY C. HENDERSON AND TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH LIBERTY STREET IN THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG IN SPARTANBURG

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COUNTY FROM THE C.C. WOODSON COMMUNITY CENTER TO CAULDER AVENUE "ROY C. HENDERSON MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4962 -- Reps. Cox, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Hart, King, Garvin, Luck, Williams, Hosey, Govan, Grant, Weeks, Scott, Jones, Waters, Dillard, Cobb-Hunter, Reese, Rivers, Anderson, M. M. Smith, Holman, Chapman, Caskey, Brewer, Robbins, Lawson, Ford, Gatch, Guest, Bauer, Wickensimer, Collins, T. Moore, Montgomery, Stavrinakis, Kilmartin, Gilliard, Bamberg, Bernstein, Rose, Erickson, J. Moore, Oremus, Guffey, Neese, Teeple, McGinnis, Haddon, Bradley, W. Newton, Forrest, Rutherford, Clyburn, Gagnon, Schuessler, Martin, B. Newton, Bowers and Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED DESIGN AND LOCATION FOR THE ROBERT SMALLS MONUMENT, AS REQUIRED BY ACT 183 OF 2024, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE STATE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on February 3, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 98, S. 336) -- Senators Alexander, Massey and Rankin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO JUDICIAL ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO SET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MARCH FOR THE ELECTIONS OF JUDGES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE TIME FRAME FOR THE RELEASE OF THE COMMISSION'S FORMAL REPORT AS TO QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS NOMINEES.

(R. 99, 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 LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF

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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 GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO A FELONY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE PAYMENT PURSUANT TO THIS JOINT RESOLUTION.

(R. 100, H. 3431) -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Martin, Pedalino, McCravy, Bernstein, Guffey, Govan, T. Moore, Erickson, Bradley, Robbins, Calhoon, M.M. Smith and Crawford: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED ONLINE SERVICE SHALL EXERCISE REASONABLE CARE IN THE USE OF MINORS' PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED ONLINE SERVICES, TO RESTRICT THE AMOUNT OF PERSONAL DATA OF A MINOR THAT MAY BE COLLECTED, TO PROVIDE FOR PARENTAL CONTROLS, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:57 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. TAYLOR, adjourned in memory of Beverly Dozier Clyburn, wife of Representative Clyburn, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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