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FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026  
(LOCAL SESSION)

**Friday, May 1, 2026**  
**(Local Session)**

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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 2 Peter 3:9: "The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance."

Let us pray: O Lord, Our Father, how kind and patient You are toward us. You desire all men to repent and come to the knowledge of the truth of Your Beloved Son-Your only "Begotten Son." For You did not send Your Son into the world to condemn the world, but that through Him, we might be saved and delivered from the wrath to come. Help us this day so that we might be good stewards of the administration you have given us for the betterment of this State. May The Lord bless You and keep You; the Lord makes his face shine on you and be gracious to You; the Lord turn his face toward You and give You peace. Amen.

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

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 5573 -- Reps. Long, Chumley, Edgerton, Magnuson, Lawson and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 813 OF 1946, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE SPARTANBURG MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM COMMISSION SO AS TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION.

H. 5122 -- Reps. B. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, Yow, C. Mitchell, Rose, Cobb-Hunter, Lawson, Brewer, Kirby, Ballentine, Rutherford, Hiott, Gagnon, Guest, M. M. Smith, Howard, Pope, Grant, Anderson, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Davis and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 31 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PERMIT CERTAIN ITEMS SOLD TO OR USED BY INTERNET

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ACCESS SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX.

H. 5488 -- Reps. B. Newton and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING  
SECTION 12-65-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE  
SOUTH CAROLINA TEXTILES COMMUNITIES  
REVITALIZATION ACT, SO AS TO SPECIFY QUALIFYING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN REHABILITATION EXPENSES.

**RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS**

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered  
returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 52 -- Senators Davis, Cash, Gambrell, Grooms, Jackson, Devine,  
Climer, Johnson, Adams, Turner, Kimbrell, Sutton, Blackmon,  
Williams, Alexander, Verdin, Garrett, Zell and Walker: A BILL TO  
AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY  
AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2930, RELATING TO OPERATING  
MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF  
ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO AMEND THE PENALTY  
PROVISIONS TO PERMIT SENTENCES OF BOTH FINES AND  
INCARCERATION AND TO REQUIRE CONVICTED PERSONS TO  
ATTEND DUI VICTIM IMPACT PANELS; BY AMENDING  
SECTION 56-5-2933, RELATING TO DRIVING WITH UNLAWFUL  
ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PERMIT SENTENCES  
OF BOTH FINES AND INCARCERATION AND TO REQUIRE  
CONVICTED PERSONS TO ATTEND DUI VICTIM IMPACT  
PANELS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2941, RELATING TO  
IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, SO AS TO DELETE THE  
PROVISION THAT PROVIDES NOTHING IN THE SECTION  
REQUIRES INSTALLATION OF IGNITION INTERLOCK  
DEVICES PRIOR TO CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS; BY  
AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2945, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE  
OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, SO AS TO  
CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE  
INFLUENCE SECOND DEGREE, ESTABLISH PENALTIES, AND  
DEFINE THE TERM "MODERATE BODILY INJURY"; BY  
AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2947, RELATING TO CHILD  
ENDANGERMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSES OF  
RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND RECKLESS DRIVING

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AS VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO A CHARGE OF CHILD ENDANGERMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2950, RELATING TO IMPLIED CONSENT TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED, AND TEST SITES THAT CAN BE USED WHEN PERSONS ARE SUBJECTED TO TESTS FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, TO PROVIDE THAT LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, PHLEBOTOMISTS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS MAY OBTAIN BLOOD OR URINE SAMPLES, TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSIONS OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES THAT MUST BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE IF PERSONS REFUSE TO BE TESTED AND IF PERSONS HAVE CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT ESTABLISHES ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PERSONS INCAPABLE OF REFUSING TO CONSENT TO TESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2951, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF LICENSES FOR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TESTING OR FOR CERTAIN LEVELS OF ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS ISSUED LICENSE SUSPENSIONS MAY INSTALL IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AND OBTAIN TEMPORARY DRIVERS' LICENSES WITH IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WHO REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTS MUST HAVE THEIR DRIVERS' LICENSES SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE INCREASED SUSPENSIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, OR IF PERSONS TAKE THE TESTS AND REGISTER ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS OF OVER FIFTEEN ONE-HUNDREDTH OF ONE PERCENT OR MORE, THAT THEIR LICENSES ARE SUSPENDED FOR TWO MONTHS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2953, RELATING TO INCIDENT SITES AND BREATH TEST SITES FOR VIDEO RECORDING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO COMPEL OR AUTHORIZE A DISMISSAL OF A DUI OFFENSE IF THE OFFICERS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE STATUTE AND THAT MOTIONS FOR SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE UNDER THE STATUTE MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO JEOPARDY ATTACHING; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2920, RELATING TO RECKLESS DRIVING, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF

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FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING WITH GREAT BODILY INJURY AND RECKLESS DRIVING RESULTING IN MODERATE BODILY INJURY AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2960 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS CONVICTED OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CAUSING THE DEATH OR DISABILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT AS RESTITUTION FOR THE DURATION OF ANY PROBATION ORDERED, PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE, OR BOTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-286, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF LICENSES OR PERMITS OR THE DENIAL OF ISSUANCE OF LICENSES OR PERMITS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WHO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES WITH CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS ISSUED NOTICES OF SUSPENSIONS MAY OBTAIN TEMPORARY LICENSES WITH IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-400, RELATING TO THE SURRENDER OF LICENSES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES PERSONS OBTAIN IGNITION INTERLOCKS UNLESS THE OFFENSES ARE ALCOHOL RELATED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:25 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 5.

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