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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026  
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**  
**(Statewide Session)**

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The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 33:18-19: "Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope for his lovingkindness, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine."

Let us pray. O Lord our father, Your omniscient eyes are attentive to the righteous. You will never remove Your gaze from Your righteous servants, but You enthrone them with kings and exalt them forever. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are inclined to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise You, for Your faithfulness. Your praise will continually be in my mouth. We are here in this assembly because you have appointed us, as elected officials, to be your administrators of governmental affairs. We do not come in our own strength or wisdom. For we are reminded that we are but dust, fashioned by the Master's hand to accomplish Your will and Your work for the betterment of this State. Help us O Lord this day to be pleasing to You. Now to Him who is able to keep You from stumbling, and to make You stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Your Beloved Son, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. 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. ROBBINS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dylan Carter, which was agreed to.

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**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Dylan Carter.

**REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN**

Document No. 5402

Agency: State Board of Education

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-40-180

Charter Schools

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 13, 2026

Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee

Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

Document No. 5403

Agency: State Board of Education

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-1-445, 59-1-447, 59-5-60, 59-18-310(B), and 59-18-325

Test Security

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 13, 2026

Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee

Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 832 -- Senators Sutton, Graham, Goldfinch and Zell: 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

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ORDINANCES OR LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE SAFETY LAWS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3851 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 812 -- Senators Rankin and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-970, RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL LEGEND, SO AS TO REQUIRE A PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE TO STOP FULLY AT A RED LIGHT BUT TO ALLOW THE PERSON TO PROCEED WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3530 SO AS TO ALLOW A PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE TO YIELD AT STOP SIGNS WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 711 -- Senators Johnson, Walker and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-60, RELATING TO SCHOOL GUARDS REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO DIRECT AND CONTROL TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS NEAR SCHOOLS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1133 -- Senators Hutto, Young, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Blackmon, Campsen, Cash, Chaplin, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Graham, Grooms, Hembree, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Leber, Martin, Massey, Matthews, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams and Zell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 78 FROM THE BAMBERG COUNTY LINE TO THE AIKEN COUNTY LINE THE "LONNIE HOSEY PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. LOWE, from the Florence Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5641 -- Reps. Jordan and Lowe: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 989 OF 1948 RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE FLORENCE MEMORIAL STADIUM COMMISSION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 695 -- Senators Young, Graham, Devine, Walker and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT"; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, SET GUIDELINES AND LIMITS FOR COMPENSATION, MEMORIALIZE TERMS, AND STATE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 868 -- Senators Elliott, Young, Kimbrell, Verdin, Rice, Stubbs and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-335 SO AS TO DESIGNATE JUNE FIRST OF EACH YEAR AS "GOLD SHIELD DAY" TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND THE SACRIFICE OF THEIR SURVIVING FAMILIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 819 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-45 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANTS AND NEW EMPLOYEES AT NURSING HOMES AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 894 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-74, RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND TRANSMISSION OF DEATH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A DEATH CERTIFICATE TO BE FILED ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE WEEKEND OR A HOLIDAY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 453 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO TITLE 40, CHAPTER 15, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEDENTISTRY IN THIS STATE, TO OUTLINE

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UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS RELATED TO TELEDENTISTRY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5642 -- Reps. Howard, 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, 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 CONGRATULATE MARY LONG ANDERSON ON THE MOMENTOUS OCCASION OF HER EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5643 -- Reps. Lastinger, 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,

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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, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REDEDICATE 250: A NATIONAL JUBILEE OF PRAYER, PRAISE, AND THANKSGIVING HAPPENING ON MAY 17, 2026, AT THE NATIONAL MALL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5644 -- Reps. Hart, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, 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, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DOROTHY CHAPMAN SULTON DAVENPORT OF NEWBERRY COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH

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BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5645 -- Reps. Grant, 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, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COLUMBIA NATIVE MATRICK MONDRE "TRICK WILLIAMS" BELTON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING AND FOR HIS ROLE AS A POSITIVE AMBASSADOR FOR HIS HOMETOWN, COMMUNITY, STATE, AND FAMILY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5646 -- Reps. C. Mitchell, 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,

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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, 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 RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOANN DELONG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITED WAY OF GREATER HARTSVILLE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5647 -- Reps. Hayes, 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, 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,

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Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LATTA HIGH SCHOOL STRENGTH AND WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL STRENGTH COACHES ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5648 -- Reps. Jordan, G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, 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, 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, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND KIARA RICHARDSON, FORMER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ETHICS AND RULES COMMITTEES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5649 -- Reprs. G. M. Smith, 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, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, 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 SALUTE TREY WALKER, FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF FOR GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT DEPARTURE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT AS HE TAKES UP NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5650 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2026, FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S JAMES OTIS LECTURE SERIES, PROVIDED THAT THE HOUSE IS NOT IN SESSION AND THE CHAMBER IS

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NOT OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE HOUSE CHAMBER ON ALTERNATE DATES AND TIMES AS MAY BE SELECTED BY THE SPEAKER.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates be allowed the use of the chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives on September 18, 2026, for the organization's James Otis Lecture Series, provided that the House is not in session and the chamber is not otherwise unavailable, and that the Speaker provide for the use of the House chamber on alternate dates and times as he may select.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5651 -- Reps. Cromer, 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, 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, Laster, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE INDUSTRIAL MOTOR SERVICE INC. OF ANDERSON COUNTY FOR BEING NAMED THE 2026 BLUE-COLLAR SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR BY THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

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The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5652 -- Reps. T. Moore, 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, 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 EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ROBERT AUBREY "ROB" BAGGETT JR. OF ROEBUCK AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5654 -- Reps. Hewitt, 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,

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Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GRACIE HICKS, OF MURRELLS INLET, FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND IMPACT TO COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

#### **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1157 -- Senator Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF CATES BAY HIGHWAY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY 134 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY 804 IN HORRY COUNTY "BOBBY LONG MARTIN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5653 -- Rep. Scott: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 843 OF 1952, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE METHOD BY WHICH PERSONS FILE TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD, THE MANNER IN WHICH BOARD ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH VACANCIES

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ON THE BOARD ARE FILLED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Referred to Lee Delegation

S. 717 -- Senators Garrett, Sabb, Verdin and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "MOTHERS AND PREBORNS ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 44-37-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTHY NEWBORN OMBUDSMAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE OMBUDSMAN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-340, RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF MATERIALS REGARDING AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE CONCERNING PREGNANCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BROCHURE OR OTHER WRITTEN MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 44-37-80 ARE INCLUDED IN THE MATERIALS PROVIDED TO A PREGNANT WOMAN PRIOR TO AN ABORTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 822 -- Senators Corbin, Garrett, Young, Turner and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-7-80 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATING TO REAL ESTATE FRAUD AND CREATE THE FELONY OF DEED THEFT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 936 -- Senators Davis, Young, Garrett, Stubbs, Martin, Johnson, Hembree, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Bennett, Blackmon, Climer, Grooms, Campsen, Cromer, Turner, Sutton, Kennedy, Walker, Tedder, Williams, Rankin, Hutto, Cash, Graham and Alexander: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SECURING SOUTH CAROLINA'S ROLE AS THE NATION'S PREMIER HOST FOR A NUCLEAR LIFECYCLE INNOVATION CAMPUS; TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S UNMATCHED LEADERSHIP IN NUCLEAR ENERGY, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING; AND TO DIRECT A UNIFIED, COMPETITIVE STATE RESPONSE TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

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S. 1062 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF RATES OF TUITION AND FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5443, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, the Joint Resolution was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
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
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J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinnakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total Present--119**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. Bobby Ridgeway of Manning was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**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

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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. 4260  
Date: ADD:  
05/05/26 ERICKSON and BRADLEY

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MCCABE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House recede until 2:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

**THE HOUSE RESUMES**

At 2:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

**POINT OF QUORUM**

The question of a quorum was raised.  
A quorum was later present.

**S. 851--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 851 -- Senators Alexander, Young and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-900 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS PERTAINING TO THE FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF AN ELIGIBLE ADULT AND TO OUTLINE A PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR AN ELIGIBLE ADULT TO PROTECT THE ELIGIBLE ADULT FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION.

Rep. FRANK proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 851 (LC-851.SA0002H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately

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numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FRANK explained the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. GAGNON raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 1 to S. 851 was not germane.

Rep. FRANK argued contra.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. GAGNON explained the Bill.

Reps. EDGERTON, GILREATH, CROMER, WHITE, KILMARTIN, BEACH, MORGAN and TERRIBLE requested debate on the Bill.

**S. 196--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 196 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 91 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS, AND TYPES OF LICENSES, REQUIRE AN EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE, PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FOR EXAMINATION, REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION, ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RENEWAL, SET STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR ADJUSTERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DENIAL, NONRENEWAL, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE AND PENALTIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING CHAPTER 92 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TYPES OF LICENSES, REQUIRE AN EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE AND PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS TO EXAMINATION, PROVIDE FOR THE DENIAL, NONRENEWAL, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE, REQUIRE A BOND OR LETTER OF CREDIT, REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION, ALLOW FOR FEES, AND SET STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC ADJUSTERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO

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DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTERS 47 AND 48 OF TITLE 38.

Rep. GAGNON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCrary	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
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Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

**Total--108**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliam

**Total--1**

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

**S. 697--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 697 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO TRANSFER THE SOUTH CAROLINA 211 NETWORK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-6-515 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA 211 NETWORK WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-770, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA 211 NETWORK, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

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Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCrary	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	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Wooten	Yow

**Total--108**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 325--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 325 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Walker and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

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AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-103, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ADMINISTRATOR," SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 37-6-104(6), 37-6-117(I), 37-6-501 THROUGH 510, 37-6-602, AND 37-6-604(B), ALL RELATING TO FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO BE REPLACED WITH AN ADMINISTRATOR AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Reps. WILLIAMS, HERBKERSMAN, REESE, M. M. SMITH, KIRBY, BREWER, GUEST, GARVIN, GOVAN, KING, HOSEY, HENDERSON-MYERS, MCDANIEL, ANDERSON, GILLIARD and VAUGHAN requested debate on the Bill.

**S. 163--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 163 -- Senators Verdin and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 47 TO TITLE 34 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNING AUTHORITY FROM ACCEPTING OR REQUIRING PAYMENT USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATING IN A TEST OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY; TO PERMIT INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES USING DIGITAL CURRENCY FOR TRANSACTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL ASSETS MAY NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR DISPARATE TAX TREATMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION MAY BE TAXED IF THE TAXATION IS THE SAME AS IF THE TRANSACTION USED UNITED STATES LEGAL TENDER; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL CURRENCY OPERATIONS MAY BE NOT BE SUBJECTED TO DISPARATE ZONING TREATMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL ASSET

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MINING BUSINESS OPERATIONS SHALL NOT PLACE ANY ADDITIONAL STRESS ON THE ELECTRICAL GRID FOR WHICH THEY ARE CONNECTED AND TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL MINING BUSINESSES MUST PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UPON REQUEST; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE ENGAGED IN DIGITAL MINING OPERATIONS DO NOT HAVE TO OBTAIN CERTAIN LICENSES AND THAT THOSE WHO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES RELATED TO DIGITAL MINING OR STAKING ARE NOT OFFERING A SECURITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CAN PROSECUTE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OR BUSINESS THAT FRAUDULENTLY CLAIM TO BE OFFERING DIGITAL ASSET MINING AS SERVICE OR STAKING AS A SERVICE; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

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Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
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	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--110**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliam

**Total--1**

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

**S. 853--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 853 -- Senators Davis, Hutto, Sutton, Graham, Turner, Stubbs, Matthews, Zell, Campsen, Kimbrell and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-120, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE EXISTENCE OF AN INCOME-PRODUCING USE PRIOR TO THE PERIOD OF ABANDONMENT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-130, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CREDIT, SO AS TO

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CLARIFY CERTAIN TIMING CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REHABILITATE AN ABANDONED BUILDING AND TO CLARIFY THAT ABANDONED BUILDING TAX CREDITS MAY NOT SERVE AS COLLATERAL FOR ANY DEBT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-160, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF ABANDONED BUILDING SITES, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS OF STATE-OWNED ABANDONED BUILDING SITES.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Bill.

Reps. CROMER, GILREATH, HARRIS, WHITE, BEACH, TERRIBLE, MORGAN and CHUMLEY requested debate on the Bill.

**S. 439--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 439 -- Senators Peeler, Turner, Davis, Bennett, Verdin, Alexander, Grooms, Kimbrell, Johnson, Jackson, Sutton, Cromer, Climer, Adams, Zell and Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT FOR THE EXEMPTION ON CERTAIN MANUFACTURING PROPERTY.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

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Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--104**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 863--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 863 -- Senators Grooms, Cromer, Martin, Bennett, Rankin, Tedder, Sutton and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-103-15, RELATING

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TO THE STATE'S MISSION AND GOALS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPLIED BACCALAUREATE IN CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT DEGREE FROM INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE STATE TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-103-15, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CERTAIN DEGREES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPLIED BACCALAUREATE IN CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAMS ARE ONLY ALLOWED IF STATE FUNDS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE PROGRAMS.

Rep. HEWITT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**S. 582--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 582 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Rice and Garrett: A BILL TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 6

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson

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Ford	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCravy	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--106**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Dillard	Gilliard	Jones
McDaniel	Reese	Waters

**Total--6**

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

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

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**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**S. 357--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 357 -- Senators Rankin, Alexander, Young, Hembree, Reichenbach, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-13-190, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MAIL THEFT AND PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

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Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCravy	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	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--110**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 508--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 508 -- Senators Verdin, Goldfinch, Martin, Peeler, Bennett, Young, Blackmon, Kimbrell, Zell, Nutt, Fernandez, Alexander, Turner, Adams, Leber, Corbin, Grooms, Hembree, Rice, Massey, Garrett, Chaplin, Cromer, Johnson, Gambrell, Kennedy, Davis, Climer, Campsen, Reichenbach, Bright and Cash: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 10-1-165, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE TYPE OF MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS THAT MAY NOT BE RELOCATED, REMOVED, OR DISTURBED, TO WITHHOLD DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND FOR ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE AND PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS BY CERTAIN PEOPLE OR

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ORGANIZATIONS, TO PROVIDE STANDING TO CERTAIN PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION IN RESPONSE TO A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OR TO PREVENT SUCH VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY UNDERNEATH A MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL OR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN, ACCESS, OR VIEW A MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**S. 238--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 238 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-1-180, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATE FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DOES NOT GIVE THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON OR BEFORE MARCH TENTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES INTO SESSION AFTER THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE TO FINISH ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION, TO PROVIDE THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE CALLED BACK TO COMPLETE THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY PERIOD THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TO REVIEW STATE REGULATIONS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

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**S. 769--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 769 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Kimbrell, Verdin, Hembree, Turner and Bennett: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 HAVING BEEN ENACTED, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

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Magnuson	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Waters	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--111**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 893--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 893 -- Senators Verdin and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE STATE UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE BANK ACT OF 1988, SO AS TO DEFINE A PIPELINE FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 601; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-40, RELATING TO THE SUPERB ACCOUNT AND SUPERB FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FUND, SO AS TO ADJUST THE ALLOWABLE COSTS FOR SITE REHABILITATION BY THE FUND AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-60, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FEE, SO AS TO SET CERTAIN YEARS FOR THE RENEWAL FEE TO BE

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ADJUSTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-130, RELATING TO COMPENSATION FROM THE SUPERB ACCOUNT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-150, RELATING TO THE SUPERB ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUPERB ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

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Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teepie
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--110**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 866--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 866 -- Senators Elliott and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MUNICIPAL TAX RELIEF ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 41 TO TITLE 5 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPOSE UP TO A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO OWNER-OCCUPIED HOMES AND TO FINANCE CERTAIN PROJECTS, TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TAX MUST BE IMPOSED AND ADMINISTERED AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT IS CALCULATED.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Bill.

Reps. CROMER, GILREATH, HARRIS, WHITE, EDGERTON and BEACH requested debate on the Bill.

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**S. 857--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 857 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LAW DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "CONTINGENT DEFERRED ANNUITY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-69-220, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM OPERATION OF THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES, SO AS TO ADD AN EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR NONFORFEITURE BENEFITS FOR CONTINGENT DEFERRED ANNUITIES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-44-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE MANAGING GENERAL AGENTS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**S. 619--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 619 -- Senators Gambrell and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-27-610, RELATING TO PRIORITY OF DISTRIBUTION FOR CLAIMS, SO AS TO ADD FUNDING AGREEMENTS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**S. 780--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 780 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 37-23-20, RELATING TO HIGH-COST AND CONSUMER HOME LOANS

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DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGE RATE MEANS THE AVERAGE PRIME OFFER RATE.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**S. 787--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 787 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-3-110 SO AS TO DEFINE BRIDGE LOANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 37-3-402, RELATING TO BALLOON PAYMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO BRIDGE LOANS.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**S. 830--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 830 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-122, RELATING TO INSURERS AND AGENTS PROHIBITED FROM REFUSING TO ISSUE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES DUE TO CERTAIN FACTORS AND PROHIBITED FACTORS FOR PREMIUM RATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS CAN LIMIT THE ISSUANCE OF INSURANCE TO MEMBERS OF PARTICULAR NON-PROFIT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**H. 5638--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5638 -- Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS

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OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF RATES OF TUITION AND FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5443, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**S. 851--REQUEST FOR DEBATE WITHDRAWN**

Reps. EDGERTON withdrew her request for debate on S. 851; however, other requests for debate remained on the Bill.

**S. 958--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

On motion of Rep. SESSIONS, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs:

S. 958 -- Senators Verdin and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-400 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT PATIENT BEDS MAY BE USED IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND OTHER MEANS OF EGRESS DURING A JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY UPON THE DISCRETION OF THE ON-SITE EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN; TO REQUIRE THAT HOSPITALS REMOVE ALL PATIENT BEDS IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND MEANS OF EGRESS WHEN THERE IS NO JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT HOSPITALS MUST MAINTAIN A CLEAR PATHWAY IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND MEANS OF EGRESS IN A JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER PATIENT BEDS ARE PRESENT.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. BAMBERG asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4112 from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

Rep. HIXON objected.

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**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. REESE asked unanimous consent to recall S. 768 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. HEWITT objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. BEACH asked unanimous consent to recall H. 5398 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. HEWITT objected.

**H. 3768--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

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

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Wednesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

**H. 5126--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

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

H. 5126 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

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**S. 585--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND  
BILL ENROLLED**

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

S. 585 -- Senators Tedder, Adams, Devine, Zell and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN FAMILIES EVERYWHERE (SAFE) ACT" AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS MUST INCLUDE LANGUAGE ALLOWING APPLICANTS TO VOLUNTARILY INDICATE THEY OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES OR DISORDERS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO INCLUDE THE DESIGNATION "SAFE" IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S RECORDS.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
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Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--106**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

**S. 1125--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1125 -- Senator Sabb: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SANTEE ROAD IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY FROM JUNE BRANCH CREEK TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CHARLESTON ROAD "TYRONE A. BURROUGHS ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

**H. 4042--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4042 -- Reps. Kilmartin, White, Gilreath, Cromer, Guffey, Harris, Hager, McCravy, Edgerton, Terrible, Magnuson, Lastinger, D. Mitchell, Sessions, Chapman, Brewer, Lawson, Oremus, Hartz, Vaughan, Pedalino, Teeple, Landing, Rankin, Schuessler, Ligon, Long, Sanders, Ford, T. Moore, Forrest, Chumley, Bowers, Taylor, Hixon, M. M. Smith, Gibson and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-150 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF IVERMECTIN TABLETS.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4042 (LC-4042.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-53-150 and inserting:

Section 44-53-150. (A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ivermectin tablets may be made available to the public for over-the-counter purchase in this State [to any person who is at least eighteen years of age](#). No prescription order or consultation with a pharmacist or other healthcare professional shall be required for such purchase.

(B) The Board of Pharmacy shall adopt rules to establish standard procedures for the dispensing of ivermectin including the following:

(1) Providing the patient with a screening risk assessment tool.

(2) Providing the patient with information on the indications and contraindications for the use of ivermectin, the appropriate method for using ivermectin, the importance of medical follow-up, and any other information considered appropriate by the department.

(3) Prohibitions on dispensing ivermectin that contains any ingredients determined by the department to be harmful or in conflict with any current medications.

(C) A pharmacist acting in good faith and with reasonable care pursuant to this section is immune from disciplinary or adverse administrative actions from the Board of Pharmacy and is immune from civil liability in the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct.

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(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a health insurance issuer to provide coverage for the cost of ivermectin dispensed pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.  
Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the amendment.  
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:  
Yeas 100; Nays 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliard	Gilreath
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCravy	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus

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Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--100**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Grant	Jones	King
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Spann-Wilder	Waters

**Total--9**

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

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

Rep. POPE 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. 4128 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ESTES LANE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-20-60 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH LANDIS ROAD "MARY LUCILLE KENNEDY MCDANIEL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 5500 -- Reps. Teeple, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

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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, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE, HISTORY, AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAMBODIAN AMERICANS AND TO DECLARE APRIL 2026 CAMBODIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:34 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ROBBINS, adjourned in memory of Dylan Carter, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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H. 5652 .....	13	S. 866 .....	36
H. 5653 .....	14	S. 868 .....	5
H. 5654 .....	13	S. 893 .....	34
		S. 894 .....	5
S. 163 .....	23	S. 936 .....	15
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