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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:30 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rep. LASTINGER as follows:

Our thought for today is from Matthew Chapter 12, Verse 25: "Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand'".

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for this opportunity to serve. Thank for Your strength and thank You God for unity. We pray God that You will be exalted in this place and that we might see Your kingdom done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus name. 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 yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. GUFFEY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Loyd Ardrey, which was agreed to.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

May 19, 2026
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R-259, H. 5164, which seeks to authorize hospitals to place beds in hallways, corridors, and other means of egress during justified emergencies. I have signed

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into law today R. 241, S. 958, which authorizes hospitals to place beds in such places during such emergencies. R. 259, H. 5164 is therefore unnecessary.

For that reason, I am respectfully vetoing R. 259, H. 5164 and returning the same without my signature.

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster

Ordered printed on the Calendar.

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
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
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
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore

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Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--112

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WEEKS a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. BREWER a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. LIGON a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. SANDERS a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. HARTZ a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRITAIN a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. COX a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. M. M. SMITH a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. TAYLOR a leave of absence for the day.

H. 5683--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5683 -- Reps. Rankin, Pace, C. Mitchell, Cromer, Gilreath, Bustos, Magnuson, Edgerton, Burns, Oremus, Bailey, Guest, Brittain, Chumley, J. E. Johnson, Haddon, Jordan, Lawson, Lowe, McGinnis, B. Newton, W. Newton, G. M. Smith, White, Willis and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-19-35 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 7-19-45 RELATING TO ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WERE FORMERLY ELECTED.

Rep. GOVAN demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 74; Nays 37

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Herbkersman	Hewitt

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Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCray
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Moss
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Scott	Sessions
Stavrinakis	Waters	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--37

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

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House adjourn to the call of the Chair, which was agreed to.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 12:40 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. GUFFEY, adjourned in memory of Loyd Ardrey, to meet at the call of the Chair.

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