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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

**Tuesday, May 26, 2026
(Extraordinary Session)**

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~

Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

Acts 2:1-2

For many of us just a couple of days ago in worship I daresay we heard these lines spoken: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting."

Bow in prayer with me, if you will: Dear Lord, as the hours and days continue to fall away, we fervently urge You to enable the power of Your Spirit to roar through this Chamber, as it did long ago on the day of Pentecost. And we pray, O blessed Lord, that by Your grace You touch each Senator here with a renewed awareness of Your presence in this place, and fill them and their aides together with a bold sense of Your gracious wisdom and Your unfailing love. And as a result, O God, may these leaders, working together, discover themselves finally able to determine the best course and the wisest decisions that will genuinely and fairly benefit and bless all of the residents of this State we love. May it be so, dear Lord. In Your loving name we humbly pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT called for Petitions, Memorials, Presentments of Grand Juries and such like papers.

Call of the Senate

Senator PEELER moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Bright
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Hembree

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Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Leber	Massey	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young
Zell		

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

Recorded Presence

Senator KIMBRELL recorded his presence subsequent to the Call of the Senate.

RECESS

At 11:16 A.M., on motion of Senator PEELER, the Senate recessed from business.

At 1:00 P.M., the Senate resumed.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator CHAPLIN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator GRAHAM, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator CHAPLIN, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO H. 5683 – REDISTRICTING OF U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICTS

CONTINUED

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

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WHICH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WERE FORMERLY ELECTED.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the third reading of the Bill.

Senator CASH spoke on the Bill.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator CAMPSEN, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator CASH, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

Senator GROOMS spoke on the Bill.

Motion Under Rule 15B Failed

At 1:28 P.M., Senator GROOMS moved under the provisions of Rule 15B that debate on the entire matter of H. 5683 be brought to a close.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 20; Nays 24

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Blackmon
Bright	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Reichenbach	Rice	Turner
Verdin	Young	

Total--20

NAYS

Allen	Bennett	Campsen
Cash	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Graham	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	Johnson
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Walker	Williams	Zell

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Total--24

Having failed to receive the necessary vote, the motion failed.

Senator DAVIS spoke on the Bill.

Senator DAVIS moved to continue the Bill.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 26; Nays 18

AYES

Adams	Allen	Bennett
Campsen	Cash	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Walker
Williams	Zell	

Total--26

NAYS

Alexander	Blackmon	Bright
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Grooms	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Reichenbach
Rice	Verdin	Young

Total--18

The motion was adopted.

The Bill was continued.

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Motion Adopted

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed that if and when the Senate stands adjourned today, it will adjourn to meet Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 12:00 Noon.

Recorded Vote

Senators BRIGHT, KENNEDY, LEBER, GARRETT, CORBIN and REICHENBACH desired to be recorded as voting against the motion.

Motion Adopted

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

Recorded Vote

Senators BRIGHT, KENNEDY, LEBER, GARRETT, CORBIN and REICHENBACH desired to be recorded as voting against the motion to adjourn.

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator RANKIN, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Jay Holbert of Conway, S.C. Jay was a graduate of Conway High School and as an avid outdoorsman, he was a co-founder of the Conway High School Bassmasters. He was a member of the Conway Bassmasters and the Carolina Anglers Team Trail. Jay was a fourth-generation accountant with his family business, Holbert Company Inc. Jay enjoyed hunting, fishing, running dogs and spending time with his family. Jay was a loving husband and devoted father who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:50 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 12:00 Noon.

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