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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

**Wednesday, September 23, 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 ACTING PRESIDENT, Senator MASSEY. **(This is a Statewide Session day established under the provisions of Senate Rule 1B. Members not having scheduled committee or subcommittee meetings may be in their home districts without effect on their session attendance record.)**

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

Local Appointments

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

S. 1235 -- Senator Graham: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CYNTHIA LARA UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1236 -- Senator Allen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. BYRON L. BATTLE SR. UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND THE GREENVILLE COMMUNITY.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1237 -- Senator Hembree: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HCS SCHOLARS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE 2026 CLASS 1A FAFSA FIRST CHALLENGE AND TO COMMEND THE SCHOOL FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS

Confirmations

Having received a favorable report from the Senate, the following appointments were confirmed in open session:

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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 subject to the call of the PRESIDENT and further, the Senate would meet in perfunctory session each Wednesday for the exclusive purpose of the receipt and confirmation of any magistrate appointments which have the approval of the Senators required in Rule 51 and, in accordance with Rule 22, to authorize the Clerk to endorse any Senate Resolution expressing congratulatory messages or sympathy without a reading finally and unless the extraordinary session is otherwise adjourned at an earlier date, the extraordinary session shall stand adjourned no later than Sunday, November 8, 2026.

Motion Adopted

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

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MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator ZELL, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Richard Lee “Dick” Carpenter of Ellore, S.C. Richard was a graduate of Ellore High School where he developed an interest in music that continued throughout his life. Singing brought Richard great joy and he occasionally performed on a local radio program. His careers included being a farmer, dispatcher for the S.C. Highway Patrol, plant manager for R.C. Cola and owner of Val’s Dry Cleaner and Laundromat. Richard was a lifelong member of Ellore First Baptist Church and was a member of the S.C. National Guard and a former Jaycee. Richard was a loving father and devoted grandfather who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:10 A.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet subject to the call of the PRESIDENT.

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