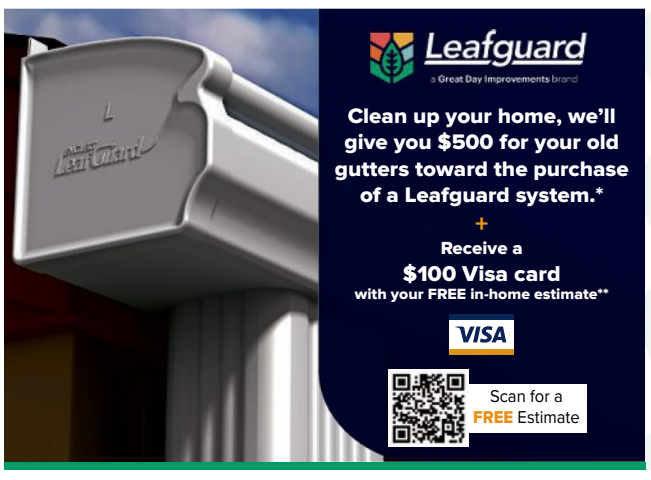

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CONGRESSIONAL MAP

Senator proposes, withdraws amendment

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The South Carolina Senate briefly considered a new version of a map, which would keep a longtime Democratic representative in the 6th Congressional District, but the map will not move forward.

The South Carolina Senate started debates on a redistricting bill on May 21 and discussed a new drafted voting map, however, the chamber adjourned without taking significant steps on the policy. The bill thus far has moved quickly through the legislature, and senators seem ready to meet through Memorial Day weekend if needed.

The South Carolina legislature is taking up redistricting after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Louisiana's congressional maps in a consequential decision for the Voting Rights Act. The South Carolina Freedom Caucus used the ruling to revive its calls for a congressional map that gives Republicans control over the 6th Congressional District, which is currently held by Democratic powerbroker U.S. Rep. James

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The 235th Anniversary Celebration of the Battle of Cowpens was held at the Cowpens National Battlefield on Jan. 16-17, 2016. American forces re-enactors went through drills for visitors. ALEX HICKS JR/SPARTANBURG HERALD-JOURNAL FILE

The success of the American Revolution

Battle of Cowpens viewed by historians as key U.S. victory

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It's a classic underdog story – and one that many historians believe holds a key to the success of the American Revolution.

The Cowpens National Battlefield, located in Cherokee County near Chesnee, is where it took place.

The Battle of Cowpens pitted a somewhat ragtag group of American Patriots against the mighty British army and their Loyalist allies.

Led by Gen. Daniel Morgan, for whom Spartanburg's downtown square is named, the Americans routed Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's force in a battle that is considered a decisive victory for the Patriots in the Southern theater of the war.

The battle took place on the morning of January 17, 1781, in

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Local GOP lawmaker supports Trump map

Montgomery calling Upstate split 'not ideal'

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Rep. Scott Montgomery said the proposed Congressional redistricting plan that would split the Upstate, including his district on the east side of Spartanburg, is "not ideal."

But on May 20 he voted with the majority of other Republicans in the South Carolina House of Representatives to advance the measure to the state Senate. Montgomery said his reason was straightforward: support for President Donald Trump.

Trump pressured South Carolina lawmakers to adopt a new map intended to give Republicans a 7-0 sweep of the state's congressional delegation.

Montgomery said he received numerous calls from constituents asking him to vote against splitting Spartanburg as well as from those who favor redistricting.

Ultimately, he said, "I believe in the Trump agenda. I think Trump still has a lot to do and needs the House of Representatives to be majority Republican so he can get his agenda passed. He felt it was necessary for South Carolina to be 7-0, and we did it for him."

Proposed map splits Upstate, breaks apart Democrat Clyburn's district

In a special session called by Gov.

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