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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Job 22:21: “Agree with God and be at peace; in this way, good will come to you.”

Let us pray. Lord of all creation, fill our hearts and minds with Your spirit, that what we do here may be pleasing in Your sight and according to Your will for these times. Teach us to trust in Your presence as we go about the duties of the day. Bless each Representative as they work to provide great things for the people of this State. Look in favor upon our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless our defenders of freedom, as they protect us. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, we remember those who sacrificed for our freedom on December 7, 1941. May this event remind us of the freedom we have, and the great cost. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. 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. HAYES moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of William George of Mullins, son of former Representative Wayne George, which was agreed to.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Arrington | Atkinson |
| Atwater | Bales | Ballentine |
| Bamberg | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bennett | Blackwell | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brown | Burns |
| Caskey | Chumley | Clary |
| Clemmons | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cogswell | Cole | Collins |
| Corley | Crawford | Crosby |
| Daning | Davis | Delleney |
| Dillard | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Elliott | Erickson | Felder |
| Forrest | Forrester | Fry |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Gilliard |
| Govan | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hart | Hayes | Henderson |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hosey | Howard | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Jordan |
| King | Kirby | Knight |
| Loftis | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | Mack | Magnuson |
| Martin | McCoy | McCravy |
| McEachern | McKnight | Merrill |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | Murphy |
| Neal | B. Newton | W. Newton |
| Norman | Norrell | Ott |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Ridgeway | M. Rivers |
| S. Rivers | Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Spires | Stavrinakis |
| Stringer | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Thigpen | Toole |
| Weeks | West | Wheeler |
| Whipper | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**Total Present--120**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. V. S. MOSS a leave of absence for the day due to family medical leave.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BERNSTEIN a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

**STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The SPEAKER announced the following Standing Committee Appointments:

**AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

F. Lucas Atkinson Justin T. Bamberg

James Mikell “Mike” Burns William M. “Bill” Chumley

Christopher A. Corley Sylleste H. Davis

Chandra E. Dillard Gregory D. Duckworth

Cally R. “Cal” Forrest Kevin Hardee

Lee Hewitt David R. Hiott

William M. “Bill” Hixon Roger K. Kirby

Richard “Rick Martin V. Stephen “Steve” Moss

Russell L. Ott Robert Q. Williams

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Terry Alexander Merita A. “Rita” Allison

Linda “Lin” Bennett Jeffrey A. “Jeff” Bradley

Robert L. Brown William S. Cogswell, Jr.

Neal A. Collins Joseph S. Daning

Jason Elliott Raye Felder

Jerry N. Govan, Jr. Patsy G. Knight

Harold Mitchell, Jr. Joshua A. Putnam

Tommy M. Stringer Bill Taylor

John T. “Jay” West IV Mark N. Willis

**JUDICIARY**

Bruce W. Bannister Eric M. Bedingfield

Beth E. Bernstein Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey IV

Gary E. Clary F. Gregory “Greg” Delleney, Jr.

Russell W. Fry Laurie Slade Funderburk

Jeffery E. “Jeff” Johnson Wallace H. “Jay” Jordan, Jr.

John Richard C. King Peter M. McCoy, Jr.

John R. McCravy III Joseph A. “Joe” McEachern

Dennis C. Moss Christopher J. “Chris” Murphy

Wm. Weston J. Newton Mandy Powers Norrell

Rick Quinn Samuel Rivers, Jr.

J. Todd Rutherford James E. Smith, Jr.

Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr. J. David Weeks

J. Seth Whipper

**LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

Carl L. Anderson Todd K. Atwater

William K. “Bill” Bowers Heather Ammons Crawford

William E. “Bill” Crosby P. Michael “Mike” Forrester

Craig A. Gagnon Daniel P. “Dan” Hamilton

Phyllis J. Henderson Patricia M. “Pat” Henegan

Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr. David J. Mack III

Ralph W. Norman Mike Ryhal

William E. “Bill” Sandifer III L. Kit Spires

Anne J. Thayer McLain R. “Mac” Toole

**MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

Katherine E. “Katie” Arrington Bart T. Blackwell

MaryGail K. Douglas Wendell G. Gilliard

Christopher R. “Chris” Hart Jonathon D. Hill

Leon Howard Steven W. Long

Josiah Magnuson Cezar E. McKnight

Brandon M. Newton J. Anne Parks

Robert L. Ridgeway III Michael F. Rivers, Sr.

Leola C. Robinson-Simpson Ivory T. Thigpen

William W. “Will” Wheeler III Richard L. “Richie” Yow

**WAYS AND MEANS**

Michael A. “Mike” Anthony Jimmy C. Bales

Nathan Ballentine Alan D. Clemmons

William “Bill” Clyburn Gilda Cobb-Hunter

J. Derham Cole, Jr. Shannon Erickson

Kirkman Finlay III Jackie E. "Coach" Hayes

William G. “Bill” Herbkersman Lonnie Hosey

Chip Huggins Dwight A. Loftis

Phillip D. Lowe James H. Merrill

Joseph H. “Joe” Neal Michael A. Pitts

J. Gary Simrill G. Murrell Smith, Jr.

Garry R. Smith F. Michael “Mike” Sottile

Leonidas E. “Leon” Stavrinakis W. Brian White

William R. “Bill” Whitmire

**RULES**

Michael A. “Mike” Anthony Todd K. Atwater

Alan D. Clemmons Joseph S. Daning

Daniel P. “Dan” Hamilton Kevin Hardee

Jackie E. “Coach” Hayes Wallace H. “Jay” Jordan, Jr.

Roger K. Kirby Dwight A. Loftis

Peter M. McCoy, Jr. Cezar E. McKnight

Joseph H. “Joe” Neal Mike Ryhal

Anne J. Thayer

**INTERSTATE COOPERATION**

Jonathon D. Hill Harold Mitchell, Jr.

V. Stephen “Steve” Moss Michael F. Rivers, Sr.

Mark N. Willis

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Jimmy C. Bales Robert L. Brown

Jason Elliott Steven W. Long

Richard L. “Richie” Yow

**LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT**

Katherine E. “Katie” Arrington William K. “Bill” Bowers

Neal Collins Gary E. Clary

MaryGail K. Douglas Raye Felder

Laurie Slade Funderburk Phyllis Henderson

William M. “Bill” Hixon Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.

Wm. Weston J. Newton Ralph W. Norman

Mandy Powers Norrell Robert L. Ridgeway III

J. Todd Rutherford James E. Smith, Jr.

Tommy M. Stringer Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr.

Bill Taylor Robert Q. Williams

**REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

Terry Alexander Carl L. Anderson

Eric M. Bedingfield Jeffrey A. “Jeff” Bradley

James Mikell “Mike” Burns William M. “Bill” Chumley

Shannon S. Erickson P. Michael “Mike” Forrester

Chip Huggins Brandon M. Newton

Samuel Rivers, Jr. Leola C. Robinson-Simpson

William W. “Will” Wheeler III

**COMMITTEES ELECTED BY**

**THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**ETHICS**

Beth E. Bernstein Heather A. Crawford

F. Gregory “Greg” Delleney Chandra E. Dillard

John Richard C. King Dennis C. Moss

Michael A. Pitts G. Murrell Smith, Jr.

Leonidas E. “Leon” Stavrinakis J. David Weeks

**OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

Bart Blackwell Justin Bamberg

William E. “Bill” Crosby Jerry N. Govan, Jr.

Patsy G. Knight Joshua Putnam

Garry R. Smith J. Seth Whipper

**COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee has organized and elected the following:

Chairman - Rep. David R. Hiott

First Vice-Chairman - Rep. V. Stephen Moss

Second Vice-Chairman - Rep. William “Bill” Hixon

Secretary - Rep. Chandra Dillard

Sincerely,

Rebecca Thompson

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Education and Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, upon adjournment of the House, for the purpose of electing officers.

The following officers have been elected for the 2017-2018 Legislative Session:

Chairwoman - Rep. Merita A. “Rita” Allison

First Vice Chairman - Rep. Raye Felder

Second Vice Chairman - Rep. Robert L. Brown

Sincerely,

Rita Allison, Chairwoman

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Legislative Ethics Committee met on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, and elected the following officers listed below:

Chairman - Rep. Michael A. Pitts

Vice-Chairman - Rep. J. David Weeks

Secretary - Rep. Chandra E. Dillard

Sincerely,

Lynne Short

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Legislative Oversight Committee met on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, and elected the following officers for the 122nd South Carolina General Assembly:

Chairman - Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton

Vice-Chairman - Rep. Laurie Slade Funderburk

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Dobson

December 7, 2016

Mr. Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P. O. Box 11867

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid,

The following officers were elected during the organizational meeting of the House Interstate Cooperation Committee:

Chairman - Rep. Mark N. Willis

First Vice-Chairman - Rep. Harold Mitchell, Jr.

Second Vice-Chairman - Rep. Jonathon D. Hill

Sincerely,

Adam Anderson

December 7, 2016

Mr. Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P. O. Box 11867

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Below are the elected officials for the House Invitations Committee for the 2017-2018 Session:

Chairman - Rep. Jimmy C. Bales

First Vice-Chairman - Rep. Robert L. Brown

Second Vice - Chairman - Rep. Richard “Richie” Yow

Sincerely,

Doris Taylor

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Below are the elected officials for the House Judiciary Committee for the 2017-2018 Session:

Chairman - Rep. F. Gregory “Greg” Delleney

First Vice-Chairman - Rep. James E. Smith, Jr.

Second Vice-Chairman - Rep. Dennis C. Moss

Sincerely,

Linda Anderson

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee met on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, and elected the following officers:

Chairman - Rep. William E. “Bill” Sandifer

Co-First Vice-Chairmen - Reps. P. Michael Forrest and Mike Ryhal

Second Vice-Chairman - Rep. William K. Bowers

Sincerely,

Jamey Goldin

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The 3M Committee elected the following officers for the 2017 - 2018 Legislative Session during the organizational session:

Chairman - Rep. Leon Howard

First Vice Chairman - Rep. J. Anne Parks

Second Vice Chairman - Rep. Jonathon D. Hill

Third Vice Chairman - Rep. Wendell G. Gilliard

Secretary - Rep. MaryGail Douglas

Sincerely,

Sherri Gibson Fears

December 6, 2016

Mr. Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P. O. Box 11867

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid,

The House Operations and Management Committee met on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, and elected the following officers:

Chairman - Rep. Garry R. Smith

First Vice-Chairman - Rep. Jerry N. Govan, Jr.

Second Vice-Chairman - Rep. William E. “Bill” Crosby

Secretary/Treasurer - Rep. Bart T. Blackwell

Sincerely,

Adam Anderson

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, the House Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee met and elected the following officers for the 122nd South Carolina General Assembly:

Chairman - Rep. Eric M. Bedingfield

Vice-Chairman - Rep. Carl Anderson

Sincerely,

Kami Thordahl

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Rules Committee met on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, and elected the following officers listed below:

Chairman - Rep. Alan D. Clemmons

Vice-Chairman - Rep. Dwight A. Loftis

Sincerely,

Lynne Short

December 7, 2016

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Please allow this letter to serve as notice of the officers that were elected during a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee this morning.

Chairman - Rep. W. Brian White

First Vice-Chairman - Rep. Gary Simrill

Second Vice-Chairman - Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter

Sincerely,

W. Brian White

Rep. FORREST moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:36 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HAYES, adjourned in memory of William George of Mullins, son of former Representative Wayne George, to meet at 12:00 noon Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

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