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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**



**REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016**  
**(STATEWIDE SESSION)**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016**  
**(Statewide Session)**

**Indicates Matter Stricken**

**Indicates New Matter**

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:

Alexander	Allison	Anderson
Anthony	Arrington	Atkinson
Atwater	Bales	Ballentine

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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**

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**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

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Tommy M. Stringer  
John T. “Jay” West IV

Bill Taylor  
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.

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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. Clemons
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. Clemons	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	

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**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

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**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

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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 122<sup>nd</sup> 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,

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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

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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

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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 122<sup>nd</sup> 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

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Dear Mr. Reid:

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

Chairman - Rep. Alan D. Clemons  
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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