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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
Beth E. Bernstein
Gary E. Clary
Russell W. Fry
Jeffery E. “Jeff” Johnson
John Richard C. King
John R. McCravy III
Dennis C. Moss
Wm. Weston J. Newton
Rick Quinn
J. Todd Rutherford
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr.
J. Seth Whipper

Eric M. Bedingfield
Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey IV
F. Gregory “Greg” Delleney, Jr.
Laurie Slade Funderburk
Wallace H. “Jay” Jordan, Jr.
Peter M. McCoy, Jr.
Joseph A. “Joe” McEachern
Christopher J. “Chris” Murphy
Mandy Powers Norrell
Samuel Rivers, Jr.
James E. Smith, Jr.
J. David Weeks

LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Carl L. Anderson
William K. “Bill” Bowers
William E. “Bill” Crosby
Craig A. Gagnon
Phyllis J. Henderson
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.
Ralph W. Norman
William E. “Bill” Sandifer III
Anne J. Thayer

Todd K. Atwater
Heather Ammons Crawford
P. Michael “Mike” Forrester
Daniel P. “Dan” Hamilton
Patricia M. “Pat” Henegan
David J. Mack III
Mike Ryhal
L. Kit Spires
McLain R. “Mac” Toole

MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Katherine E. “Katie” Arrington
MaryGail K. Douglas
Christopher R. “Chris” Hart
Leon Howard
Josiah Magnuson
Brandon M. Newton
Robert L. Ridgeway III

Bart T. Blackwell
Wendell G. Gilliard
Jonathon D. Hill
Steven W. Long
Cezar E. McKnight
J. Anne Parks
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. 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	

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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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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,

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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 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

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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. 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.
