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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

of the

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

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

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
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

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
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. 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
Roger K. Kirby  Dwight A. Loftis
Peter M. McCoy, Jr.  Cezar E. McKnight
Joseph H. “Joe” Neal  Mike Ryhal
Anne J. Thayer

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

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
Neal Collins
MaryGail K. Douglas
Laurie Slade Funderburk
William M. “Bill” Hixon
Wm. Weston J. Newton
Mandy Powers Norrell
J. Todd Rutherford
Tommy M. Stringer
Bill Taylor
William K. “Bill” Bowers
Gary E. Clary
Raye Felder
Phyllis Henderson
Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.
Ralph W. Norman
Robert L. Ridgeway III
James E. Smith, Jr.
Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon, Sr.
Robert Q. Williams

REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Terry Alexander
Eric M. Bedingfield
James Mikell “Mike” Burns
Shannon S. Erickson
Chip Huggins
Samuel Rivers, Jr.
William W. “Will” Wheeler III
Carl L. Anderson
Jeffrey A. “Jeff” Bradley
William M. “Bill” Chumley
P. Michael “Mike” Forrester
Brandon M. Newton
Leola C. Robinson-Simpson

COMMITTEES ELECTED BY
THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ETHICS

Beth E. Bernstein
F. Gregory “Greg” Delleney
John Richard C. King
Michael A. Pitts
Leonidas E. “Leon” Stavrinakis
Heather A. Crawford
Chandra E. Dillard
Dennis C. Moss
G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
J. David Weeks

OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Bart Blackwell
William E. “Bill” Crosby
Patsy G. Knight
Garry R. Smith
Justin Bamberg
Jerry N. Govan, Jr.
Joshua Putnam
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,

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

Chairman - Rep. Mark N. Willis  
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
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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