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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

(ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION)

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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 1 Thessalonian 1:2: “We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers.”

 Let us pray. Dear God, use our gifts, our faith, our hope in You as we do the labor of love for the people of South Carolina and the world. When You do awesome deeds that we do not expect, make us grateful. We ask Your blessings on those who protect us and those first responders who give themselves to keep us safe. Bless our President, Nation, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all who give of their time and effort to this great cause. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. 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. MAGNUSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of his father, Reverend Roy G. Magnuson III, 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 |
| Atkinson | Bailey | Ballentine |
| Bamberg | Bannister | Bennett |
| Bernstein | Blackwell | Brawley |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Carter | Caskey |
| Chumley | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cogswell | Collins | B. Cox |
| Crawford | Dabney | Daning |
| Davis | Dillard | Elliott |
| Erickson | Felder | Finlay |
| Forrest | Fry | Gagnon |
| Garvin | Gatch | Gilliam |
| Govan | Haddon | Hardee |
| Hart | Hayes | Henderson-Myers |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hosey | Howard | Huggins |
| Jefferson | J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson |
| K. O. Johnson | Jones | Jordan |
| Kimmons | King | Kirby |
| Ligon | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | Magnuson | Martin |
| Matthews | May | McCravy |
| McDaniel | McGinnis | McKnight |
| J. Moore | Morgan | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Murphy | Murray |
| B. Newton | W. Newton | Nutt |
| Oremus | Ott | Parks |
| Pendarvis | Pope | Rivers |
| Robinson | Rose | Rutherford |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | M. M. Smith | Stavrinakis |
| Taylor | Tedder | Thayer |
| Thigpen | Trantham | Weeks |
| West | Wheeler | White |
| Whitmire | R. Williams | S. Williams |
| Willis | Wooten | Yow |

**Total Present--114**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MCGARRY a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. HYDE a leave of absence for the day.

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 The SPEAKER granted Rep. W. COX a leave of absence for the day

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. McCABE a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. T. MOORE a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRYANT a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GILLIARD a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WETMORE a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. STRINGER a leave of absence for the day.

**STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

 The SPEAKER announced the following Standing Committee Appointments:

**AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Atkinson, Lucas

Burns, James Mikell “Mike”

Chumley, William M. “Bill”

Forrest, Cally R. “Cal”

Garvin, Kambrell H.

Gilliam, Leon D. “Doug”

Haddon, Patrick B.

Hiott, David R.

Hixon, William M. “Bill”

Ligon, Thomas R. “Randy”

Magnuson, Josiah

Martin, Richard “Rick”

May, Robert “RJ” III

Moore, JA

Moss, V. Stephen “Steve”

Nutt, Roger A.

Pendarvis, Marvin R.

Williams, Shedron D.

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Alexander, Terry

Allison, Merita A. “Rita”

Bennett, Linda “Lin”

Brittain, Thomas “Case”, Jr.

Calhoon, Paula Rawl

Felder, Raye

Gatch, Gil

Govan, Jerry N., Jr.

Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.

McDaniel, Annie E.

McGinnis, Timothy A. “Tim”

Moore, Travis A.

Morgan, Adam M.

Oremus, Melissa Lackey

Rivers, Michael F., Sr.

Smith, Mark

Stringer, Tommy M.

Trantham, Ashley B.

**INTERSTATE COOPERATION**

Bailey, William H.

Bryant, Bruce M.

Murray, Chardale

Robinson, Leola C.

Willis, Mark N.

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Dabney, Vic

Moss, Dennis C.

Tedder Deon T.

Williams, Robert Q.

Yow, Richard L. “Richie”

**JUDICIARY**

Bailey, William H.

Bamberg, Justin T.

Bernstein, Beth E.

Bryant, Bruce M.

Caskey, Micajah P. “Micah” IV

Collins, Neal A.

Cox, Westley P. “West”

Davis, Sylleste H.

Elliott, Jason

Fry, Russell W.

Henegan, Patricia Moore “Pat”

Hyde, Max T. Jr.

Johnson, Jeffrey E. “Jeff”

Jordan, Wallace H. “Jay”, Jr.

Kimmons, Mandy W.

King, John Richard C.

McCravy, John R. III

McKnight, Cezar E.

Murphy, Chris

Newton, Brandon M.

Newton, William Weston J.

Rose, Seth

Thigpen, Ivory Torrey

Wetmore, Elizabeth “Spencer”

Wheeler, William W. “Will” III

**LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

Anderson, Carl L.

Blackwell, Bart T.

Bradley, Jeffrey A. “Jeff”

Cogswell, William Scott, Jr.

Cox, Bobby J.

Hardee, Kevin

Jefferson, Joseph H., Jr.

Kirby, Roger K.

Long, Steven Wayne

Ott, Russell L.

Sandifer, William E. “Bill” III

Taylor, Bill

Thayer, Anne J.

West, John Taliaferro “Jay” IV

White, W. Brian

Williams, Robert Q.

Wooten, Chris

Yow, Richard L. “Richie”

**LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT**

Garvin, Kambrell H.

Gatch, Gil

Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.

Hixon, William M. “Bill”

Jefferson, Joseph H., Jr.

Johnson, Kimberly O.

Magnuson, Josiah

McCravy, John R. III

McGinnis, Timothy A. “Tim”

Morgan, Adam M.

Moore, Travis A.

Newton, William Weston J.

Oremus, Melissa Lackey

Ott, Russell L.

Pendarvis, Marvin R.

Rivers, Michael F. Sr.

Stringer, Tommy M.

Taylor, Bill

West, John Taliaferro “Jay” IV

Wooten, Chris

**MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND**

**MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

Brawley, Wendy C.

Bustos, Joseph M. “Joe”

Carter, Jerry T.

Dabney, Vic

Gilliard, Wendell G.

Hart, Christopher R. “Chris”

Hill, Jonathon D.

Howard, Leon

Johnson, Jermaine L., Sr.

Johnson, Kimberly O.

Jones, Stewart O.

Matthews, Krystle N.

McCabe, D. Ryan

McGarry, Sandy N.

Murray, Chardale

Parks, J. Anne

Robinson, Leola C.

Tedder, Deon T.

**REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

Alexander, Terry

Anderson, Carl L.

Bradley, Jeffrey A. “Jeff”

Burns, James Mikell “Mike”

Erickson, Shannon S.

Gilliard, Wendell G.

Huggins, Chip

Hyde Jr., Max T.

McGarry, Sandy M.

Nutt, Roger

Rose, Seth C.

Smith, Mark

Trantham, Ashley B.

**RULES**

 Atkinson, Lucas

Brittain, Thomas “Case”, Jr.

Carter, Jerry

Cogswell, William Scott, Jr.

Davis, Sylleste H.

Forrest, Cally R. “Cal”

Gilliam, Leon D. “Doug”

Hardee, Kevin

Henegan, Patricia M. “Pat”

Johnson, Jermaine L., Sr.

Ligon, Thomas R. “Randy”

McCabe, D. Ryan

Newton, Brandon Michael

Thayer, Anne J.

Wheeler, William W. “Will” III

**WAYS AND MEANS**

Ballentine, Nathan

Bannister, Bruce W.

Clyburn, William “Bill”

Cobb-Hunter, Gilda

Crawford, Heather Ammons

Daning, Joseph S.

Dillard, Chandra E.

Erickson, Shannon S.

Finlay, Kirkman III

Gagnon, Craig A.

Hayes, Jackie E. “Coach”

Herbkersman, William G. “Bill”

Hewitt, Lee

Hosey, Lonnie

Huggins, Chip

Lowe, Phillip D.

Moss, Dennis C.

Rutherford, J. Todd

Simrill, J. Gary

Smith, Garry R.

Smith, G. Murrell, Jr.

Stavrinakis, Leonidas E. “Leon”

Weeks, J. David

Whitmire, William R. “Bill”

Willis, Mark N.

**COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

December 1, 2020

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Operations and Management Committee met today and elected the following officers listed below:

 Chairman Rep. Garry R. Smith

 First Vice-Chair Rep. Cezar E. McKnight

 Second Vice-Chair Rep. Richard A. Martin

 Secretary/Treasurer Rep. Krystal N. Matthews

Sincerely,

Garry R. Smith

Chairman, O & M Committee

December 2, 2020

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Legislative Ethics Committee met on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 and elected the following officers listed below:

 Chairman Rep. Wallace H. “Jay” Jordan, Jr.

 Vice-Chairman Rep. J. David Weeks

 Secretary Rep. Beth E. Bernstein

Sincerely,

Julia Foster

Assitant Legal Counsel

December 2, 2020

Mr. Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

Post Office Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

 The House Agriculture Committee, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 and elected the following officers:

 Chairman Rep. David R. Hiott

 First Vice-Chair Rep. V. Stephen Moss

 Second Vice-Chair Rep. William M. “Bill” Hixon

 Secretary Rep. James Mikell “Mike” Burns

Sincerely,

Ellie Hayes

December 2, 2020

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 2, 2020, upon adjournment of the House, for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers have been elected for the 2020-2021 Legislative Session:

 Chairwoman Rep. Merita A. “Rita” Allison

 First Vice-Chairman Rep. Lin Bennett

 Second Vice-Chairman Rep. Terry Alexander

Sincerely,

Rita Allison

Chairwoman

House Education & Public Works Committee

December 2, 2020

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Interstate Cooperation Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 and elected the following officers:

 Chairman Rep. Mark N. Willis

 First Vice-Chair Rep. Leola C. Robinson

 Second Vice-Chair Rep. William H. Bailey

Sincerely,

Mark N. Willis, Chairman

Interstate Cooperation Committee

December 2, 2020

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Below are the elected officials for the House Invitations Committee for the 2021-2022 Session:

 Chairman Rep. Dennis C. Moss

 First Vice-Chairman Rep. Robert Williams

 Second Vice-Chairman Rep. Richie Yow

 Secretary Rep. Vic Dabney

Sincerely,

Doris Taylor

Executive Assistant

House Invitations Committee

December 2, 2020

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid,

Below are the elected officials for the House Judiciary Committee for the 2020-2021 session:

 Chairman Rep. Chris Murphy

 First Vice-Chair Rep. John Richard C. King

 Second Vice-Chair Rep. Neal Collins

Sincerely,

Emma Dean

December 2, 2020

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, and elected the following officers:

 Chairman Rep. William E. Sandifer

 First Vice-Chairman Rep. John Taliaferro “Jay” West IV

 Second Vice-Chairman Rep. Joseph H. Jefferson

Sincerely,

Jaynie Jordan

Executive Assistant

House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee

December 2, 2020

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 2021-2022 Legislative Session during 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 Gilliard

 Secretary Rep. Krystle N. Matthews

Sincerely,

Sherri Gibson Fears

Executive Assistant

3M Committee

December 2, 2020

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 2, 2020 and elected the following officers for the 124th South Carolina General Assembly:

 Chairman Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton

 Vice-Chairman Rep. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Dobson

Director of Research

December 2, 2020

The Honorable Charles Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Charles:

The House Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee met on December 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing the following officers:

 Chairman Rep. Chip Huggins

 First Vice-Chairman Rep. Carl Anderson

Sincerely,

Meagan Diedolf

Research Director

Regulations & Administrative Procedures Committee

December 2, 2020

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Rules Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 and elected the following officers listed below:

 Chairman Rep. Anne J. Thayer

 Vice-Chairman Rep. Cally R. “Cal” Forrest

Sincerely,

Julia Foster

Assistant Legal Counsel

December 2, 2020

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO 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. G. Murrell Smith

 First Vice-Chairman Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter

 Second Vice-Chairman Rep. J. Gary Simrill

Sincerely,

G. Murrell Smith, Chairman

Ways and Means Committee

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:45 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MAGNUSON, adjourned in memory of his father, Reverend Roy G. Magnuson III, to meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

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