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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**  
**(Statewide Session)**

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Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 11:45 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

Isaiah 12:5

Isaiah the prophet reminds us that we should: “Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.”

Pray with me: How good it is to sing Your praises boldly, dear Lord. And it is right that we do so here in South Carolina, for You, O God, have truly granted us boundless gifts and blessings. Among some of the greatest of those blessings are certainly the children and the youth of our State, those to whom this Senate commits its very best efforts toward preparing them for the world that will be theirs. Thus, the clear importance of this task underlines the need for our State to celebrate having the absolute best teachers, administrators and programs imaginable. Indeed, Lord, may these Senators and their aides unfailingly continue doing all they can to enhance educational opportunities for everyone. In Your loving name we pray, dear Lord. Amen.

The PRESIDENT called for Petitions, Memorials, Presentments of Grand Juries and such like papers.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed that the Senate would reconvene upon the conclusion of the Joint Assembly.

**RECESS**

At 11:55 A.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate recessed from business for the purpose of attending the Joint Assembly.

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**JOINT ASSEMBLY**

**Elections**

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

S. 237 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb and Garrett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT CERTAIN JUDGES TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY COURT, AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT.

**Election of a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, Jason P. Luther and the Honorable Courtney Pope had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, the names of Jason P. Luther and the Honorable Courtney Pope were withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Kristi F. Curtis in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Kristi F. Curtis was elected to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 2 for the term to expire July 30, 2029.

**Election of a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 3.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable John D. Geathers had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable John D. Geathers in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

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Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable John D. Geathers was elected to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 3 for the term to expire July 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 4.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Paula H. Thomas had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Paula H. Thomas in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Paula H. Thomas was elected to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 4 for the term to expire July 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Eugene P. Warr, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Eugene P. Warr, Jr. in nomination, moved that the nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Eugene P. Warr, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2030.

### **Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Ashley A. McMahan, Christopher Dolan Taylor and William K. Witherspoon had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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On motion of Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, the name of Ashley A. McMahan was withdrawn from consideration.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Christopher Dolan Taylor:

|             |           |           |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Adams       | Alexander | Allen     |
| Bennett     | Campsen   | Chaplin   |
| Cromer      | Davis     | Elliott   |
| Gambrell    | Garrett   | Goldfinch |
| Graham      | Grooms    | Jackson   |
| Johnson     | Kennedy   | Leber     |
| Ott         | Peeler    | Rankin    |
| Reichenbach | Sabb      | Stubbs    |
| Sutton      | Tedder    | Turner    |
| Verdin      | Williams  | Young     |
| Zell        |           |           |

**Total--31**

The following named Senators voted for William K. Witherspoon:

|        |         |          |
|--------|---------|----------|
| Cash   | Climer  | Corbin   |
| Devine | Hembree | Kimbrell |
| Massey | Nutt    | Rice     |

**Total--9**

The following named Senators voted present:

Martin

**Total--1**

The following named Senators abstained:

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| Fernandez | Walker |
|-----------|--------|

**Total--2**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

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The following named Representatives voted for Christopher Dolan

Taylor:

|               |             |               |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| Alexander     | Anderson    | Atkinson      |
| Bailey        | Ballentine  | Bamberg       |
| Bannister     | Bauer       | Bernstein     |
| Bowers        | Bradley     | Brewer        |
| Brittain      | Calhoon     | Caskey        |
| Chapman       | Collins     | B. J. Cox     |
| B. L. Cox     | Crawford    | Davis         |
| Dillard       | Duncan      | Erickson      |
| Gagnon        | Gatch       | Gibson        |
| Gilliam       | Guest       | Haddon        |
| Hager         | Hardee      | Hart          |
| Hartnett      | Hartz       | Herbkersman   |
| Hewitt        | Hiott       | Hixon         |
| Holman        | Howard      | J. E. Johnson |
| J. L. Johnson | Jones       | Jordan        |
| Kirby         | Landing     | Lawson        |
| Ligon         | Long        | Lowe          |
| Luck          | Martin      | May           |
| McCabe        | McGinnis    | Mitchell      |
| Montgomery    | T. Moore    | Murphy        |
| W. Newton     | Oremus      | Pedalino      |
| Reese         | Robbins     | Rose          |
| Rutherford    | Sanders     | Schuessler    |
| Sessions      | M. M. Smith | Stavrinakis   |
| Taylor        | Teeple      | Vaughan       |
| Weeks         | Whitmire    | Wickensimer   |
| Williams      | Willis      | Wooten        |

**Total--81**

The following named Representatives voted for William K.

Witherspoon:

|                 |         |             |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| Beach           | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Forrest         | Garvin  | Gilliard    |
| Gilreath        | Govan   | Grant       |
| Guffey          | Harris  | Hayes       |
| Henderson-Myers | Hosey   | Huff        |
| Kilmartin       | King    | Magnuson    |
| McDaniel        | Morgan  | Moss        |

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|        |              |       |
|--------|--------------|-------|
| Neese  | B. Newton    | Pope  |
| Rivers | Spann-Wilder | White |

**Total--27**

**RECAPITULATION**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....            | 40         |
| Total number of Representatives voting.....      | <u>108</u> |
| Grand Total.....                                 | 148        |
| Necessary to a choice .....                      | 75         |
| Of which Christopher Dolan Taylor received ..... | 112        |
| Of which William K. Witherspoon received .....   | 36         |

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Christopher Dolan Taylor was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable J. Derham Cole, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable J. Derham Cole, Jr. in nomination, moved that the nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable J. Derham Cole, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of Deadra L. Jefferson in nomination, moved that the nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Bryan A. Alfaro, Thomas J. Rode and R. Bruce Wallace had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator Luke A. Rankin, the names of Bryan A. Alfaro and R. Bruce Wallace were withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, placed the name of the Thomas J. Rode in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Representative Magnuson objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted in the affirmative:

|             |           |           |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Adams       | Alexander | Allen     |
| Bennett     | Campsen   | Chaplin   |
| Cromer      | Davis     | Devine    |
| Elliott     | Gambrell  | Goldfinch |
| Graham      | Grooms    | Hembree   |
| Jackson     | Johnson   | Kennedy   |
| Kimbrell    | Leber     | Massey    |
| Ott         | Peeler    | Rankin    |
| Reichenbach | Sabb      | Stubbs    |
| Sutton      | Tedder    | Turner    |
| Verdin      | Walker    | Williams  |
| Young       | Zell      |           |

**Total--35**



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The following named Senators voted present:

|         |        |        |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Cash    | Climer | Corbin |
| Garrett | Martin | Nutt   |
| Rice    |        |        |

**Total--7**

The following named Senators abstained:

Fernandez

**Total--1**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted in the affirmative:

|               |               |                 |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Alexander     | Anderson      | Atkinson        |
| Bailey        | Ballentine    | Bamberg         |
| Bannister     | Bauer         | Bernstein       |
| Bradley       | Brewer        | Brittain        |
| Bustos        | Calhoon       | Caskey          |
| Chapman       | Clyburn       | Cobb-Hunter     |
| Collins       | B. J. Cox     | B. L. Cox       |
| Crawford      | Davis         | Dillard         |
| Erickson      | Forrest       | Gagnon          |
| Garvin        | Gatch         | Gilliam         |
| Gilliard      | Govan         | Grant           |
| Guest         | Guffey        | Hager           |
| Hardee        | Hart          | Hartnett        |
| Hartz         | Hayes         | Henderson-Myers |
| Herbkersman   | Hewitt        | Hixon           |
| Holman        | Hosey         | Howard          |
| J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson | Jones           |
| Jordan        | King          | Kirby           |
| Lawson        | Ligon         | Long            |
| Lowe          | Luck          | Martin          |
| McDaniel      | McGinnis      | Mitchell        |
| Montgomery    | T. Moore      | Moss            |
| Murphy        | Neese         | B. Newton       |
| W. Newton     | Pedalino      | Pope            |
| Reese         | Rivers        | Rose            |

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|              |             |             |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Rutherford   | Sanders     | Schuessler  |
| Sessions     | G. M. Smith | M. M. Smith |
| Spann-Wilder | Stavrinakis | Taylor      |
| Teeple       | Weeks       | Whitmire    |
| Wickensimer  | Williams    | Wooten      |

**Total--90**

The following named Representatives voted in the negative:

|          |        |           |
|----------|--------|-----------|
| Beach    | Cromer | Duncan    |
| Edgerton | Frank  | Gilreath  |
| Harris   | Huff   | Kilmartin |
| Magnuson | Morgan | Pace      |
| Terrible |        |           |

**Total--13**

The following named Representatives abstained:

Robbins

**Total--1**

**RECAPITULATION**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....       | 35         |
| Total number of Representatives voting..... | <u>103</u> |
| Grand Total.....                            | 138        |
| Necessary to a choice .....                 | 0          |
| Ayes .....                                  | 125        |
| Nays .....                                  | 13         |

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Thomas J. Rode was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2030.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Lawton McIntosh had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of Lawton McIntosh in nomination, moved that the nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Lawton McIntosh was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable David Shawn Graham, Derrick E. Mobley and Christian Giresi Spradley had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, the names of Derrick E. Mobley and Christian Giresi Spradley were withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of David Shawn Graham in nomination, moved that the nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable David Shawn Graham was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2030.

### **Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Melissa A. Inzerillo had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Melissa A. Inzerillo in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Representative Sessions objected.

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The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted in the affirmative:

|         |        |          |
|---------|--------|----------|
| Allen   | Devine | Graham   |
| Jackson | Ott    | Peeler   |
| Rankin  | Sabb   | Sutton   |
| Tedder  | Walker | Williams |

**Total--12**

The following named Senators voted in the negative:

|           |             |          |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Adams     | Alexander   | Bennett  |
| Campsen   | Cash        | Chaplin  |
| Climer    | Corbin      | Cromer   |
| Davis     | Elliott     | Gambrell |
| Goldfinch | Grooms      | Hembree  |
| Johnson   | Kennedy     | Kimbrell |
| Leber     | Martin      | Massey   |
| Nutt      | Reichenbach | Rice     |
| Stubbs    | Turner      | Verdin   |
| Young     | Zell        |          |

**Total--29**

The following named Senators abstained:

Fernandez

**Total--1**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted in the affirmative:

|           |                 |             |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Alexander | Anderson        | Bamberg     |
| Bannister | Bauer           | Bernstein   |
| Caskey    | Clyburn         | Cobb-Hunter |
| Collins   | Dillard         | Garvin      |
| Gibson    | Gilliard        | Govan       |
| Grant     | Guest           | Hart        |
| Hayes     | Henderson-Myers | Hosey       |

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|             |               |              |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Howard      | J. L. Johnson | Jones        |
| Jordan      | King          | Kirby        |
| Lawson      | Luck          | Martin       |
| McCrary     | McDaniel      | T. Moore     |
| Moss        | Reese         | Rivers       |
| Rose        | Rutherford    | Spann-Wilder |
| Stavrinakis | Weeks         | Williams     |

**Total--42**

The following named Representatives voted in the negative:

|             |             |            |
|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Atkinson    | Bailey      | Ballentine |
| Beach       | Bowers      | Bradley    |
| Brewer      | Burns       | Chapman    |
| B. J. Cox   | Crawford    | Cromer     |
| Davis       | Duncan      | Edgerton   |
| Erickson    | Forrest     | Frank      |
| Gagnon      | Gilliam     | Gilreath   |
| Guffey      | Haddon      | Hager      |
| Hardee      | Harris      | Hartnett   |
| Hartz       | Herbkersman | Hewitt     |
| Hiott       | Hixon       | Huff       |
| Kilmartin   | Landing     | Ligon      |
| Long        | Lowe        | Magnuson   |
| May         | McCabe      | Mitchell   |
| Montgomery  | Morgan      | Murphy     |
| B. Newton   | W. Newton   | Oremus     |
| Pace        | Pope        | Rankin     |
| Sanders     | Schuessler  | Sessions   |
| G. M. Smith | M. M. Smith | Taylor     |
| Teeple      | Terrible    | White      |
| Whitmire    | Wickensimer | Willis     |
| Wooten      |             |            |

**Total--64**

**RECAPITULATION**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....       | 41         |
| Total number of Representatives voting..... | <u>106</u> |
| Grand Total.....                            | 147        |
| Necessary to a choice .....                 | 0          |

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Ayes ..... 54  
Nays ..... 93

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that having failed to receive the necessary vote, the Honorable Melissa A. Inzerillo was not elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 7**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat 7.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that De Grant Gibbons, William Vickery “Vick” Meetze and Jane H. Merrill had been screened and found qualified to serve.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for De Grant Gibbons:

|        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| Martin | Massey | Tedder |
| Young  |        |        |

**Total--4**

The following named Senators voted for William Vickery Meetze:

|          |             |           |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Adams    | Bennett     | Campsen   |
| Chaplin  | Davis       | Goldfinch |
| Graham   | Grooms      | Hembree   |
| Jackson  | Johnson     | Ott       |
| Rankin   | Reichenbach | Sabb      |
| Stubbs   | Sutton      | Walker    |
| Williams |             |           |

**Total--19**

The following named Senators voted for Jane H. Merrill:

|           |         |          |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| Alexander | Allen   | Cash     |
| Climer    | Corbin  | Cromer   |
| Devine    | Elliott | Gambrell |
| Garrett   | Kennedy | Kimbrell |
| Leber     | Nutt    | Peeler   |
| Rice      | Turner  | Verdin   |

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Zell

**Total--19**

The following named Senators abstained:  
Fernandez

**Total--1**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for De Grant Gibbons:

|             |          |         |
|-------------|----------|---------|
| Bamberg     | Burns    | Clyburn |
| Forrest     | Guffey   | Hager   |
| Harris      | Hartz    | Hixon   |
| Kilmartin   | Landing  | May     |
| McCabe      | Neese    | Oremus  |
| Rivers      | Sessions | Taylor  |
| Wickensimer | Wooten   |         |

**Total--20**

The following named Representatives voted for William Vickery

Meetze:

|             |               |             |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Alexander   | Anderson      | Atkinson    |
| Bailey      | Ballentine    | Bauer       |
| Bernstein   | Bradley       | Brewer      |
| Brittain    | Calhoon       | Caskey      |
| B. L. Cox   | Crawford      | Davis       |
| Gatch       | Govan         | Grant       |
| Guest       | Hardee        | Hartnett    |
| Hayes       | Herbkersman   | Hewitt      |
| Hiott       | Holman        | Hosey       |
| Howard      | J. E. Johnson | Jordan      |
| Kirby       | Ligon         | Lowe        |
| Luck        | Martin        | McGinnis    |
| Mitchell    | Moss          | Murphy      |
| B. Newton   | W. Newton     | Reese       |
| Robbins     | Rutherford    | Schuessler  |
| G. M. Smith | M. M. Smith   | Stavrinakis |

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Teeple                      Weeks                      Williams

**Total--51**

The following named Representatives voted for Jane H. Merrill:

|               |                 |             |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bannister     | Beach           | Bowers      |
| Bustos        | Chapman         | Cobb-Hunter |
| Collins       | B. J. Cox       | Cromer      |
| Dillard       | Duncan          | Edgerton    |
| Erickson      | Frank           | Gagnon      |
| Garvin        | Gibson          | Gilliam     |
| Gilliard      | Gilreath        | Haddon      |
| Hart          | Henderson-Myers | Huff        |
| J. L. Johnson | Jones           | King        |
| Lawson        | Long            | Magnuson    |
| McCravy       | McDaniel        | Montgomery  |
| T. Moore      | Morgan          | Pace        |
| Pope          | Rankin          | Rose        |
| Sanders       | Spann-Wilder    | Terrible    |
| Vaughan       | White           | Whitmire    |
| Willis        |                 |             |

**Total--46**

**RECAPITULATION**

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....          | 42         |
| Total number of Representatives voting.....    | <u>117</u> |
| Grand Total.....                               | 159        |
| Necessary to a choice .....                    | 80         |
| Of which De Grant Gibbons received .....       | 24         |
| Of which William Vickery Meetze received ..... | 70         |
| Of which Jane H. Merrill received .....        | 65         |

On motion of Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, the name of DeGrant Gibbons was withdrawn from consideration.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that none of the candidates having received the necessary vote, the Joint Assembly would proceed to the next ballot.



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The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for William Vickery Meetze:

|         |          |             |
|---------|----------|-------------|
| Adams   | Bennett  | Campsen     |
| Chaplin | Davis    | Goldfinch   |
| Graham  | Grooms   | Hembree     |
| Jackson | Johnson  | Martin      |
| Ott     | Rankin   | Reichenbach |
| Sabb    | Stubbs   | Sutton      |
| Walker  | Williams |             |

**Total--20**

The following named Senators voted for Jane H. Merrill:

|           |         |          |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| Alexander | Allen   | Cash     |
| Climer    | Corbin  | Cromer   |
| Devine    | Elliott | Gambrell |
| Garrett   | Kennedy | Kimbrell |
| Leber     | Massey  | Nutt     |
| Peeler    | Rice    | Tedder   |
| Turner    | Verdin  | Young    |
| Zell      |         |          |

**Total--22**

The following named Senators abstained:

Fernandez

**Total--1**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for William Vickery Meetze:

|           |            |          |
|-----------|------------|----------|
| Alexander | Anderson   | Atkinson |
| Bailey    | Ballentine | Bauer    |
| Bernstein | Bradley    | Brewer   |
| Brittain  | Caskey     | Clyburn  |
| B. L. Cox | Crawford   | Davis    |

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|             |                 |               |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Gatch       | Govan           | Guest         |
| Hager       | Hardee          | Hartnett      |
| Hayes       | Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman   |
| Hewitt      | Hiott           | Holman        |
| Hosey       | Howard          | J. E. Johnson |
| Jordan      | Kirby           | Ligon         |
| Lowe        | Luck            | Martin        |
| McGinnis    | Mitchell        | Moss          |
| Murphy      | Neese           | B. Newton     |
| W. Newton   | Reese           | Rivers        |
| Robbins     | Rutherford      | Schuessler    |
| G. M. Smith | M. M. Smith     | Stavrinakis   |
| Teeple      | Weeks           | Williams      |

**Total--54**

The following named Representatives voted for Jane H. Merrill:

|               |             |              |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Bamberg       | Bannister   | Beach        |
| Bowers        | Bustos      | Calhoon      |
| Chapman       | Cobb-Hunter | Collins      |
| B. J. Cox     | Cromer      | Dillard      |
| Duncan        | Edgerton    | Erickson     |
| Frank         | Gagnon      | Garvin       |
| Gibson        | Gilliam     | Gilliard     |
| Gilreath      | Grant       | Guffey       |
| Haddon        | Harris      | Hart         |
| Hartz         | Hixon       | Huff         |
| J. L. Johnson | Jones       | Kilmartin    |
| King          | Landing     | Lawson       |
| Long          | Magnuson    | May          |
| McCabe        | McCravy     | McDaniel     |
| Montgomery    | T. Moore    | Morgan       |
| Oremus        | Pace        | Pedalino     |
| Pope          | Rankin      | Rose         |
| Sanders       | Sessions    | Spann-Wilder |
| Taylor        | Terribile   | Vaughan      |
| White         | Whitmire    | Wickensimer  |
| Willis        | Wooten      |              |

**Total--62**

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RECAPITULATION

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....          | 42         |
| Total number of Representatives voting.....    | <u>116</u> |
| Grand Total.....                               | 158        |
| Necessary to a choice .....                    | 80         |
| Of which William Vickery Meetze received ..... | 74         |
| Of which Jane H. Merrill received .....        | 84         |

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Jane H. Merrill was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat 7 for the term to expire June 30, 2027.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 14**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat 14.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable R. Keith Kelly had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of Honorable R. Keith Kelly in nomination, moved that the nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Honorable R. Keith Kelly was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat 14 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 15**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat 15.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Maite D. Murphy had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, placed the name of the Honorable Maite D. Murphy in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Representative Cromer objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

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The following named Senators voted in the affirmative:

|           |           |             |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Adams     | Alexander | Allen       |
| Bennett   | Campsen   | Chaplin     |
| Cromer    | Davis     | Devine      |
| Elliott   | Gambrell  | Garrett     |
| Goldfinch | Graham    | Grooms      |
| Hembree   | Jackson   | Johnson     |
| Kennedy   | Kimbrell  | Leber       |
| Massey    | Nutt      | Ott         |
| Peeler    | Rankin    | Reichenbach |
| Sabb      | Stubbs    | Sutton      |
| Tedder    | Turner    | Verdin      |
| Walker    | Williams  | Young       |
| Zell      |           |             |

**Total--37**

The following named Senators voted present:

|        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| Cash   | Climer | Corbin |
| Martin | Rice   |        |

**Total--5**

The following named Senators abstained:

Fernandez

**Total--1**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted in the affirmative:

|           |             |           |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Alexander | Anderson    | Atkinson  |
| Bailey    | Ballentine  | Bamberg   |
| Bannister | Bauer       | Bernstein |
| Bradley   | Brewer      | Brittain  |
| Bustos    | Calhoon     | Caskey    |
| Clyburn   | Cobb-Hunter | Collins   |
| B. L. Cox | Crawford    | Davis     |
| Dillard   | Duncan      | Erickson  |
| Forrest   | Gagnon      | Garvin    |

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|               |                 |               |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Gatch         | Gibson          | Gilliam       |
| Gilliard      | Govan           | Grant         |
| Guest         | Hager           | Hardee        |
| Hart          | Hartnett        | Hartz         |
| Hayes         | Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman   |
| Hewitt        | Hixon           | Holman        |
| Hosey         | Howard          | J. E. Johnson |
| J. L. Johnson | Jones           | Jordan        |
| King          | Kirby           | Landing       |
| Lawson        | Ligon           | Lowe          |
| Luck          | Martin          | McCabe        |
| McCravy       | McDaniel        | McGinnis      |
| Mitchell      | Montgomery      | T. Moore      |
| Moss          | Neese           | B. Newton     |
| W. Newton     | Pedalino        | Pope          |
| Rankin        | Reese           | Rivers        |
| Robbins       | Rose            | Rutherford    |
| Sanders       | Schuessler      | Sessions      |
| G. M. Smith   | M. M. Smith     | Spann-Wilder  |
| Stavrinakis   | Taylor          | Teeple        |
| Vaughan       | Weeks           | Williams      |
| Wooten        |                 |               |

**Total--91**

The following named Representatives voted in the negative:

|             |          |          |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Beach       | Cromer   | Edgerton |
| Frank       | Gilreath | Harris   |
| Huff        | Magnuson | Morgan   |
| Pace        | Terrible | White    |
| Wickensimer |          |          |

**Total--13**

The following named Representatives abstained:

Murphy

**Total--1**

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**RECAPITULATION**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....       | 37         |
| Total number of Representatives voting..... | <u>104</u> |
| Grand Total.....                            | 141        |
| Necessary to a choice .....                 | 0          |
| Ayes .....                                  | 128        |
| Nays .....                                  | 13         |

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Maite D. Murphy was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat 15 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 16**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat 16.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Charles J. McCutchen had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of Charles J. McCutchen in nomination, moved that the nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Charles J. McCutchen was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat 16 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Ann Gue Jones had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Ann Gue Jones in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Ann Gue Jones was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

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**Election of a Family Court Judge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Shannon M. Chandler and Amanda Frances Whittle had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, the name of Shannon M. Chandler was withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of Amanda Frances Whittle in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Amanda Frances Whittle was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2028.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Angela W. Abstance had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Angela W. Abstance in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Angela W. Abstance was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that William A. W. Buxton and E. Thompson Kinney had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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On motion of Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, the name of E. Thompson Kinney was withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of William A. W. Buxton in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable William A. W. Buxton was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2028.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Angela R. Taylor had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Angela R. Taylor in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Angela R. Taylor was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.



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### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that C. Heath Ruffner had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of C. Heath Ruffner in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable C. Heath Ruffner was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Michelle M. Hurley had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Michelle M. Hurley in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Michelle M. Hurley was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable M. Scott Rankin had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable M. Scott Rankin in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

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Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable M. Scott Rankin was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Coreen B. Khoury had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Coreen B. Khoury in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Coreen B. Khoury was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Angela J. Moss had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Angela J. Moss in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Angela J. Moss was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable M. Todd Thigpen had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable M. Todd Thigpen in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable M. Todd Thigpen was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Bryan C. Able, Robert W. Cone and James Conway “Jim” Todd IV had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, the names of Robert W. Cone the Honorable Bryan C. Able were withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of James Conway “Jim” Todd IV in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable James Conway “Jim” Todd IV was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

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### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Alice Anne Richter had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Alice Anne Richter in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Alice Anne Richter was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 4 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable David J. Brousseau had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable David J. Brousseau in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

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Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that he Honorable David J. Brousseau was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable M. Scott McElhannon had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable M. Scott McElhannon in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable M. Scott McElhannon was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Robert E. Newton had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Robert E. Newton in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Robert E. Newton was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Alicia Allsbrook Richardson had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Alicia Allsbrook Richardson in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Alicia Allsbrook Richardson was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Fitzlee H. McEachin had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Fitzlee H. McEachin in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Fitzlee H. McEachin was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

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**Election of a Family Court Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Rochelle Yarborough Contis had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, placed the name of the Honorable Rochelle Yarborough Contis in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Representative Magnuson objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted in the affirmative:

|           |             |          |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Adams     | Alexander   | Allen    |
| Bennett   | Campsen     | Chaplin  |
| Cromer    | Davis       | Devine   |
| Elliott   | Gambrell    | Garrett  |
| Goldfinch | Graham      | Grooms   |
| Hembree   | Jackson     | Johnson  |
| Kennedy   | Kimbrell    | Leber    |
| Massey    | Ott         | Peeler   |
| Rankin    | Reichenbach | Sabb     |
| Sutton    | Tedder      | Turner   |
| Verdin    | Walker      | Williams |
| Young     | Zell        |          |

**Total--35**

The following named Senators voted in the negative:

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| Cash | Martin |
|------|--------|

**Total--2**

The following named Senators voted present:

|        |        |      |
|--------|--------|------|
| Climer | Corbin | Nutt |
| Rice   |        |      |

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**Total--4**

The following named Senators abstained:  
Fernandez

**Total--1**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted in the affirmative:

|               |                 |               |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Alexander     | Anderson        | Atkinson      |
| Bamberg       | Bannister       | Bauer         |
| Bernstein     | Bowers          | Bradley       |
| Brewer        | Brittain        | Bustos        |
| Calhoon       | Caskey          | Clyburn       |
| Cobb-Hunter   | Collins         | B. J. Cox     |
| B. L. Cox     | Crawford        | Davis         |
| Dillard       | Erickson        | Gagnon        |
| Garvin        | Gatch           | Gilliam       |
| Gilliard      | Grant           | Guest         |
| Haddon        | Hardee          | Hartz         |
| Hayes         | Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman   |
| Hewitt        | Hixon           | Holman        |
| Hosey         | Howard          | J. E. Johnson |
| J. L. Johnson | Jones           | Jordan        |
| Kilmartin     | King            | Kirby         |
| Landing       | Long            | Lowe          |
| Luck          | Martin          | McCabe        |
| McDaniel      | Mitchell        | T. Moore      |
| Moss          | Murphy          | Neese         |
| B. Newton     | W. Newton       | Pedalino      |
| Reese         | Rivers          | Robbins       |
| Rose          | Rutherford      | Sanders       |
| Schuessler    | G. M. Smith     | M. M. Smith   |
| Spann-Wilder  | Stavrinakis     | Taylor        |
| Vaughan       | Weeks           | Wickensimer   |
| Williams      | Willis          | Wooten        |

**Total--81**



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The following named Representatives voted in the negative:

|          |         |        |
|----------|---------|--------|
| Beach    | Burns   | Cromer |
| Edgerton | Frank   | Harris |
| Magnuson | McCravy | Pace   |
| Rankin   | Teeple  | White  |

**Total--12**

**RECAPITULATION**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....       | 37        |
| Total number of Representatives voting..... | <u>93</u> |
| Grand Total.....                            | 130       |
| Necessary to a choice .....                 | 0         |
| Ayes .....                                  | 116       |
| Nays .....                                  | 14        |

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that he Honorable Rochelle Yarborough Contis was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable W. Marsh Robertson had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable W. Marsh Robertson in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable W. Marsh Robertson was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 6**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 6.

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Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Jonathan D. Hammond and Marcelo Torricos had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator Luke A. Rankin, the name of Jonathan D. Hammond was withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of Marcelo Torricos in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Marcelo Torricos was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 6 for the term to expire June 30, 2028.

### **Recorded Vote**

Senator STUBBS desired to be recorded as abstaining on the election of the Honorable Marcelo Torricos.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Gerald C. Smoak, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Gerald C. Smoak, Jr. in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Gerald C. Smoak, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, placed the name of the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and,

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with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Representative Edgerton objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted in the affirmative:

|           |             |          |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Adams     | Alexander   | Allen    |
| Bennett   | Campsen     | Chaplin  |
| Cromer    | Davis       | Devine   |
| Elliott   | Gambrell    | Garrett  |
| Goldfinch | Graham      | Grooms   |
| Jackson   | Johnson     | Kimbrell |
| Massey    | Ott         | Peeler   |
| Rankin    | Reichenbach | Sabb     |
| Sutton    | Tedder      | Turner   |
| Verdin    | Walker      | Williams |
| Young     |             |          |

**Total--31**

The following named Senators voted present:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Cash  | Climer | Corbin |
| Leber | Martin | Nutt   |
| Rice  |        |        |

**Total--7**

The following named Senators abstained:

Fernandez

**Total--1**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted in the affirmative:

|           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alexander | Anderson  | Atkinson  |
| Bailey    | Bamberg   | Bannister |
| Bauer     | Bernstein | Bowers    |
| Bradley   | Brewer    | Brittain  |

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|                 |               |               |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bustos          | Calhoon       | Caskey        |
| Clyburn         | Cobb-Hunter   | Collins       |
| B. J. Cox       | B. L. Cox     | Crawford      |
| Davis           | Dillard       | Erickson      |
| Forrest         | Gagnon        | Garvin        |
| Gatch           | Gilliam       | Gilliard      |
| Grant           | Guest         | Hardee        |
| Hartnett        | Hartz         | Hayes         |
| Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman   | Hewitt        |
| Hixon           | Holman        | Hosey         |
| Howard          | J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson |
| Jones           | Jordan        | King          |
| Kirby           | Landing       | Ligon         |
| Lowe            | Luck          | Martin        |
| McDaniel        | McGinnis      | T. Moore      |
| Moss            | Murphy        | Neese         |
| B. Newton       | W. Newton     | Reese         |
| Rivers          | Rose          | Rutherford    |
| Sanders         | G. M. Smith   | M. M. Smith   |
| Stavrinakis     | Taylor        | Vaughan       |
| Weeks           | Williams      | Willis        |
| Wooten          |               |               |

**Total--76**

The following named Representatives voted in the negative:

|          |             |          |
|----------|-------------|----------|
| Beach    | Cromer      | Edgerton |
| Frank    | Gilreath    | Harris   |
| Huff     | Kilmartin   | Long     |
| Magnuson | Morgan      | Pace     |
| Rankin   | Teeple      | Terrible |
| White    | Wickensimer |          |

**Total--17**

**RECAPITULATION**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....       | 31        |
| Total number of Representatives voting..... | <u>93</u> |
| Grand Total.....                            | 124       |
| Necessary to a choice .....                 | 0         |

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Ayes ..... 107  
Nays ..... 17

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable David G. Guyton had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable David G. Guyton in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable David G. Guyton was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 1.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Kimaka “Kim” Nichols-Graham had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Kimaka “Kim” Nichols-Graham in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Kimaka “Kim” Nichols-Graham was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 2.

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Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Timothy E. Madden had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Timothy E. Madden in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Timothy E. Madden was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 3.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable James G. McGee III had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable James G. McGee III in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable James G. McGee III was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

### **Election of a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 4.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Monet Pincus had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Monet Pincus in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Monet Pincus was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 4 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

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**Election of a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 5**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 5.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Randall E. McGee had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Randall E. McGee in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Randall E. McGee was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 5 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 6**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 6.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable David Earl Phillips had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable David Earl Phillips in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that he Honorable David Earl Phillips was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, at-large, Seat 6 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of an Administrative Law Court Judge, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Administrative Law Court, Seat 2.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Kristian Cross, the Honorable Bryan S. Jeffries and Samuel L. Johnson had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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On motion of Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, the name of the Honorable Bryan S. Jeffries was withdrawn from consideration.

Senator Luke A. Rankin, placed the name of Kristian Cross and Samuel L. Johnson in nomination.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Kristian Cross:

|        |           |          |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| Adams  | Alexander | Allen    |
| Devine | Jackson   | Johnson  |
| Martin | Massey    | Ott      |
| Peeler | Rankin    | Sabb     |
| Tedder | Walker    | Williams |
| Young  |           |          |

**Total--16**

The following named Senators voted for Samuel L. Johnson:

|          |             |           |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Bennett  | Campsen     | Cash      |
| Chaplin  | Climer      | Corbin    |
| Cromer   | Davis       | Elliott   |
| Gambrell | Garrett     | Goldfinch |
| Graham   | Grooms      | Hembree   |
| Kennedy  | Kimbrell    | Leber     |
| Nutt     | Reichenbach | Rice      |
| Stubbs   | Sutton      | Turner    |
| Verdin   | Zell        |           |

**Total--26**

The following named Senators abstained:  
Fernandez

**Total--1**

On the motion of Rep. Caskey, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Kristian Cross:

|           |          |            |
|-----------|----------|------------|
| Alexander | Anderson | Ballentine |
|-----------|----------|------------|



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|              |                 |               |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Bamberg      | Bauer           | Bernstein     |
| Brewer       | Clyburn         | Cobb-Hunter   |
| Collins      | Dillard         | Garvin        |
| Gatch        | Gilliard        | Grant         |
| Hardee       | Hart            | Hartnett      |
| Hayes        | Henderson-Myers | Holman        |
| Hosey        | Howard          | J. L. Johnson |
| Jones        | King            | Kirby         |
| Luck         | McDaniel        | McGinnis      |
| Neese        | Oremus          | Reese         |
| Rivers       | Robbins         | Rutherford    |
| Spann-Wilder | Stavrinakis     | Weeks         |
| Williams     |                 |               |

**Total--40**

The following named Representatives voted for Samuel L. Johnson:

|               |             |           |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| Bailey        | Bannister   | Bowers    |
| Bradley       | Brittain    | Burns     |
| Bustos        | Calhoon     | Caskey    |
| Chapman       | B. J. Cox   | B. L. Cox |
| Crawford      | Cromer      | Davis     |
| Duncan        | Edgerton    | Erickson  |
| Forrest       | Frank       | Gibson    |
| Gilliam       | Gilreath    | Guest     |
| Haddon        | Hager       | Harris    |
| Hartz         | Herbkersman | Hewitt    |
| Hiott         | Hixon       | Huff      |
| J. E. Johnson | Jordan      | Landing   |
| Lawson        | Ligon       | Long      |
| Lowe          | Magnuson    | Martin    |
| May           | McCabe      | McCravy   |
| Mitchell      | Montgomery  | T. Moore  |
| Morgan        | Moss        | Murphy    |
| B. Newton     | W. Newton   | Pace      |
| Pedalino      | Rankin      | Rose      |
| Sanders       | Schuessler  | Sessions  |
| G. M. Smith   | M. M. Smith | Taylor    |
| Teeple        | Terrible    | Vaughan   |
| Whitmire      | Wickensimer | Willis    |
| Wooten        |             |           |

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**Total--70**

**RECAPITULATION**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Total number of Senators voting .....       | 42         |
| Total number of Representatives voting..... | <u>110</u> |
| Grand Total.....                            | 152        |
| Necessary to a choice .....                 | 77         |
| Of which Kristian Cross received .....      | 56         |
| Of which Samuel L. Johnson received .....   | 96         |

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Samuel L. Johnson was elected to the position of Judge, Administrative Law Court, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2027.

**Election of an Administrative Law Court Judge, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Administrative Law Court, Seat 3.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Robert L. Reibold had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LUKE A. RANKIN placed the name of the Honorable Robert L. Reibold in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Robert L. Reibold was elected to the position of Judge, Administrative Law Court, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2030.

The purposes of the Joint Assembly having been accomplished, the PRESIDENT declared it adjourned, whereupon the Senate returned to its Chamber and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

At 1:55 P.M., the Senate resumed.

**Call of the Senate**

Senator DAVIS moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

|         |           |       |
|---------|-----------|-------|
| Adams   | Alexander | Allen |
| Bennett | Campsen   | Cash  |

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|             |           |          |
|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Chaplin     | Climer    | Corbin   |
| Cromer      | Davis     | Devine   |
| Elliott     | Fernandez | Gambrell |
| Goldfinch   | Graham    | Grooms   |
| Jackson     | Johnson   | Kimbrell |
| Leber       | Martin    | Massey   |
| Nutt        | Ott       | Peeler   |
| Reichenbach | Rice      | Sabb     |
| Stubbs      | Sutton    | Turner   |
| Walker      | Young     | Zell     |

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

**Statewide Appointments**

Initial Appointment, Advisory Panel for Massage/Bodywork Therapy, with the term to commence June 30, 2021, and to expire June 30, 2025

Massage/Bodywork Therapist:

Adam Croft Broxton, 7764 Corley Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418-3119 *VICE* Jenny Vaughn

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Reappointment, Advisory Panel for Massage/Bodywork Therapy, with the term to commence June 30, 2025, and to expire June 30, 2029

Massage/Bodywork Therapist:

Adam Broxton, 7764 Corley Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418-3119

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators, with the term to commence June 9, 2024, and to expire June 9, 2027

Proprietary Nursing Home Administrator:

Dennis Lofe, 41 Fernie Lane, Rembert, SC 29128 *VICE* Julius B. Kinney, Jr.

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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Reappointment, South Carolina Commission for the Blind, with the term to commence May 19, 2024, and to expire May 19, 2028

3rd Congressional District:

Catherine C. Olker, 295 Todds Creek Road, Central, SC 29630-9457

Referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Board of Nursing, with the term to commence December 31, 2024, and to expire December 31, 2028

At-Large, Licensed Practical Nurse:

Teresa Pettigrew, 309 Surrey Lane, Anderson, SC 29621-4453 *VICE*  
Jan H. Burdette

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Initial Appointment, State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, with the term to commence June 1, 2022, and to expire June 1, 2026

Public:

Michael Leonard, 519 Capital Place, Columbia, SC 29205-2611 *VICE*  
Elizabeth Bunge

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

**Doctor of the Day**

Senator OTT introduced Dr. Mark Humphery of Columbia, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator TEDDER, at 12:14 P.M., Senator MATTHEWS was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator KIMBRELL rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

S. 38     Sen. Zell  
S. 156    Sen. Bennett  
S. 161    Sen. Leber  
S. 170    Sen. Matthews

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S. 184 Sen. Sutton

S. 308 Sens. Blackmon, Jackson and Leber

**RECALLED**

S. 312 -- Senator Nutt: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025, AS “PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Senator DAVIS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Senate Resolution from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

The Senate Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 315 -- Senator Reichenbach: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA 2024 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 316 -- Senator Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES AND PROTECTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN BRINGING AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN THE NAME OF THE STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH THE REMEDY OF DISGORGEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE PRIVILEGE TO MATERIALS PREPARED OR DRAFTED WHILE INVESTIGATING POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 317 -- Senators Goldfinch, Fernandez, Stubbs, Cash, Grooms, Gambrell, Davis, Leber and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION OF FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 318 -- Senators Goldfinch, Alexander, Johnson, Fernandez, Gambrell, Stubbs, Grooms, Climer, Leber, Cash, Kimbrell, Davis, Young, Peeler and Corbin: A JOINT RESOLUTION SO AS TO ENACT THE "COMMISSION ON FISCAL RESTRAINT AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY"; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; TO PRIORITIZE SPENDING CUTS AND ESTABLISH A DATE THAT THE SPENDING CUTS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S OTHER DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; AND TO SUNSET THE COMMISSION.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 319 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 320 -- Senator Tedder: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND HONOR THE COURAGEOUS BLACK HOSPITAL WORKERS WHO ORGANIZED, AND CARRIED OUT, THE 1969 NURSES' AIDES STRIKE AT THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

H. 3002 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

H. 3003 -- Reps. Collins and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF EASLEY IN PICKENS COUNTY FROM WILBUR STREET TO NORTH PENDLETON STREET "OFFICER MATTHEW LOGAN HARE MEMORIAL AVENUE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

H. 3004 -- Rep. Pope: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES TAYLOR CREEK ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 901 IN YORK COUNTY "JACK ARMOUR MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

H. 3790 -- Rep. Moss: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATE THE PORTION OF WEST MAIN STREET (S-42-227) LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PACOLET IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY AS "JAMES 'PEE WEE' LAMBERT JR. ROAD," TO

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ENSURE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PACOLET ARE REMEMBERED AND CELEBRATED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott and Graham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405,



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RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable report on:

S. 35 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms, Rice and Kimbrell: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW THE DUTIES OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL; PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 12, ARTICLE IV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO DISABILITY OF THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO REMOVE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL AS AN OFFICER WHO, ALONG WITH OTHER OFFICERS, MAY CAUSE THE GOVERNOR TO BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE; AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR PERFORM THE FORMER DUTIES OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 38 -- Senators Campsen and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-190, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, SO AS TO REQUIRE SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ONLY ON CERTAIN ENUMERATED DATES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable report on:

S. 74 -- Senators Hembree, Leber, Elliott, Garrett, Ott, Kimbrell, Graham and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable report on:

S. 143 -- Senator Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE OR WERE DATING TO THE LIST OF PERSONS DEFINED AS "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE A PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL COUNSEL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADULT AS A PERSON WHO CAN PETITION ON BEHALF OF MINORS IN THE PERSON'S HOUSEHOLD.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable report on:

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S. 180 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE OR WERE DATING TO THE LIST OF PERSONS DEFINED AS “HOUSEHOLD MEMBER”; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE A PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL COUNSEL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADULT AS A PERSON WHO CAN PETITION ON BEHALF MINORS IN THE PERSON’S HOUSEHOLD.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable report on:

S. 271 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR THE 126TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CLIMER from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3724 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J.E. Johnson, J.L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G.M. Smith, M.M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor,

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Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA MEMBERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA) AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK, FEBRUARY 15-22, 2025.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR.**

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

The following Bill was read the third time and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and enrolled for Ratification:

H. 3792 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 106 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY INTO THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT ITS PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

**READ THE THIRD TIME  
SENT TO THE HOUSE**

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSION, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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S. 103 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Verdin, Leber, Zell and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-17-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES, LABELING, OR MISREPRESENTING PRODUCT THAT IS CELL-CULTURED MEAT, SO AS TO DEFINE CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT AND REQUIRE THE ACCURATE LABELING OF CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT.

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

S. 164 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, SO AS TO TOLL THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY; AND TO ADD A PROVISION REVISING THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FOR REGULATIONS FILED ON JANUARY 14, 2025, TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DAYS.

**AMENDED, READ THE THIRD TIME**

S. 238 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-1-180, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATE FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DOES NOT GIVE THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON OR BEFORE MARCH TENTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES INTO SESSION AFTER THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE TO FINISH ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION, TO PROVIDE THE TIME PERIOD DURING

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WHICH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE CALLED BACK TO COMPLETE THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY PERIOD THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TO REVIEW STATE REGULATIONS.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Senator MASSEY proposed the following amendment (SJ-238.PB0003S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 2-1-180(B) and inserting:

(B) For the purposes of the Administrative Procedures Act, the ~~one-hundred twenty day~~ period that the General Assembly has to review state regulations is tolled from the second Friday in May through the second Monday in January.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator MASSEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question then being third reading of the Bill.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

|         |             |          |
|---------|-------------|----------|
| Adams   | Alexander   | Allen    |
| Bennett | Campsen     | Cash     |
| Chaplin | Climer      | Corbin   |
| Cromer  | Davis       | Devine   |
| Elliott | Fernandez   | Gambrell |
| Garrett | Goldfinch   | Graham   |
| Grooms  | Hembree     | Jackson  |
| Johnson | Kennedy     | Kimbrell |
| Leber   | Martin      | Massey   |
| Nutt    | Ott         | Peeler   |
| Rankin  | Reichenbach | Rice     |

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| Sabb   | Stubbs   | Sutton |
| Tedder | Turner   | Verdin |
| Walker | Williams | Young  |
| Zell   |          |        |

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the third time, passed and ordered sent to the House.

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 3727 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Senators MATTHEWS, RANKIN, ALEXANDER and MASSEY proposed the following amendment (LC-3727.AHB0004S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 2-13-90 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 2-13-90. If at any time the supplement of any volume of the Code of Laws shall, in the judgment of ~~the Council and the~~ Code Commissioner, become too bulky for convenient use, ~~the Council and the~~ Code Commissioner shall contract to be prepared and published under ~~their~~ his supervision and direction, ~~and submit to the General Assembly for its consideration,~~ a revised volume setting forth the contents of the original volume revised and codified to include the effect of such cumulative pocket supplement; ~~and the General Assembly, having considered and approved such revised volume shall, by bill passed under the formalities prescribed by the Constitution of South Carolina for the passage of laws, declare~~ such that the revised volume ~~to be~~ is substituted for the original volume as a part of the then existing Code of Laws, and, to the extent of its contents, is the only general permanent

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statutory law of the State. All replacement volumes shall include an annotation to any general permanent statutory law which is impliedly repealed and must be included as it had been previously printed in the Cumulative Supplement it replaced.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator MASSEY explained the Bill.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

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| Adams   | Alexander   | Allen    |
| Bennett | Campsen     | Cash     |
| Chaplin | Climer      | Corbin   |
| Cromer  | Davis       | Devine   |
| Elliott | Fernandez   | Gambrell |
| Garrett | Goldfinch   | Graham   |
| Grooms  | Hembree     | Jackson  |
| Johnson | Kennedy     | Kimbrell |
| Leber   | Martin      | Massey   |
| Nutt    | Ott         | Peeler   |
| Rankin  | Reichenbach | Rice     |
| Sabb    | Stubbs      | Sutton   |
| Tedder  | Turner      | Verdin   |
| Walker  | Williams    | Young    |
| Zell    |             |          |

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**



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There being no further amendments the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**OBJECTION**

S. 26 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-107 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OWNERS OF WATERCRAFT OF MORE THAN SEVENTY HORSEPOWER MUST CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE OF AT LEAST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF COVERAGE PER OCCURRENCE, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES.

Senator HEMBREE objected to consideration of the Bill.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 167 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAYS PROTECTION ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-975 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAYS PROTECTION FUND AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-3215 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A TAX NOTICE FOR WATERCRAFT MUST INCLUDE A WATERWAYS PROTECTION FEE OF THREE DOLLARS.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

Senator CAMPSSEN explained the Bill.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 4**

**AYES**

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| Adams     | Alexander | Allen    |
| Bennett   | Campsen   | Cash     |
| Chaplin   | Climer    | Corbin   |
| Cromer    | Davis     | Devine   |
| Elliott   | Fernandez | Gambrell |
| Goldfinch | Graham    | Grooms   |
| Hembree   | Jackson   | Johnson  |

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| Kennedy  | Kimbrell | Leber  |
| Martin   | Massey   | Nutt   |
| Ott      | Rankin   | Sabb   |
| Stubbs   | Sutton   | Tedder |
| Turner   | Verdin   | Walker |
| Williams | Young    | Zell   |

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

|         |        |             |
|---------|--------|-------------|
| Garrett | Peeler | Reichenbach |
| Rice    |        |             |

**Total--4**

The Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, with unanimous consent, the Senate agreed to go into Executive Session prior to adjournment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the seal of secrecy was removed, so far as the same relates to appointments made by the Governor and the following names were reported to the Senate in open session:

**STATEWIDE APPOINTMENTS**

**Confirmations**

Having received a favorable report from the Fish, Game and Forestry Committee, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, Director, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, with term at the pleasure of the DNR Board

Thomas S. Mullikin, 1308 Broad Street, Camden, SC 29020 *VICE*  
Robert H. Boyles, Jr.

On motion of Senator CAMPSSEN, the question was confirmation of Thomas S. Mullikin.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

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**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

|         |             |          |
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| Adams   | Alexander   | Allen    |
| Bennett | Campsen     | Cash     |
| Chaplin | Climer      | Corbin   |
| Cromer  | Davis       | Devine   |
| Elliott | Fernandez   | Gambrell |
| Garrett | Goldfinch   | Graham   |
| Grooms  | Hembree     | Jackson  |
| Johnson | Kennedy     | Kimbrell |
| Leber   | Martin      | Massey   |
| Nutt    | Ott         | Peeler   |
| Rankin  | Reichenbach | Rice     |
| Sabb    | Stubbs      | Sutton   |
| Tedder  | Turner      | Verdin   |
| Walker  | Williams    | Young    |
| Zell    |             |          |

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Thomas S. Mullikin was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the following appointments were confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, Jobs-Economic Development Authority, with the term to commence July 27, 2024, and to expire July 27, 2027

7th Congressional District:

J. Barron Ervin, Jr., 285 West Pocket Road, Florence, SC 29506-8112  
*VICE* Henry Swink

On motion of Senator DAVIS, the question was confirmation of J. Barron Ervin, Jr.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

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**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

|         |             |          |
|---------|-------------|----------|
| Adams   | Alexander   | Allen    |
| Bennett | Campsen     | Cash     |
| Chaplin | Climer      | Corbin   |
| Cromer  | Davis       | Devine   |
| Elliott | Fernandez   | Gambrell |
| Garrett | Goldfinch   | Graham   |
| Grooms  | Hembree     | Jackson  |
| Johnson | Kennedy     | Kimbrell |
| Leber   | Martin      | Massey   |
| Nutt    | Ott         | Peeler   |
| Rankin  | Reichenbach | Rice     |
| Sabb    | Stubbs      | Sutton   |
| Tedder  | Turner      | Verdin   |
| Walker  | Williams    | Young    |
| Zell    |             |          |

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of J. Barron Ervin, Jr. was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Board of Real Estate Appraisers,  
with the term to commence May 31, 2024, and to expire May 31, 2027

Mortgage Lending:

Michael C. Strange, Security Federal Bank, 13 Sweet Bay Drive,  
Columbia, SC 29209-4811 *VICE* Mr. Raymond M. Hammond

On motion of Senator DAVIS, the question was confirmation of  
Michael C. Strange.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

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| Adams | Alexander | Allen |
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| Bennett | Campsen     | Cash     |
| Chaplin | Climer      | Corbin   |
| Cromer  | Davis       | Devine   |
| Elliott | Fernandez   | Gambrell |
| Garrett | Goldfinch   | Graham   |
| Grooms  | Hembree     | Jackson  |
| Johnson | Kennedy     | Kimbrell |
| Leber   | Martin      | Massey   |
| Nutt    | Ott         | Peeler   |
| Rankin  | Reichenbach | Rice     |
| Sabb    | Stubbs      | Sutton   |
| Tedder  | Turner      | Verdin   |
| Walker  | Williams    | Young    |
| Zell    |             |          |

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Michael C. Strange was confirmed.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senator CROMER, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Henry Melton “Buddy” Kunkle, Sr. of Prosperity, S.C. Buddy lived a long and fulfilling 107 years. He served in the 9<sup>th</sup> United States Army Air Force in World War II as an engineer gunner on a B-26 Bomber. He completed sixty-five missions including the Battle of the Bulge and the airborne invasion of Normandy. Buddy loved hunting, fishing and working the land as a farmer. He retired from the United States Postal Service in 1977 and was a member of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church. Buddy was a loving father and devoted grandfather who will be dearly missed.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:03 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

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