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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 65:11: “You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.”

Let us pray. Father God, as we continue to organize the House for another Session, be our guide in all things that are done here. May these Representatives ever be conscious of doing the right things for the right reason in working for the betterment of our great State. Bless our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, and staff and all who serve in these Halls of Government. Protect our defenders of freedom at home and abroad as they protect us. Hear us, O Lord. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. STAVRINAKIS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Miss Courtney Ann Harbaugh of Charleston, which was agreed to.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

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| Agnew | Alexander | Allen |
| Allison | Anderson | Anthony |
| Bales | Ballentine | Bannister |
| Barfield | Battle | Bedingfield |
| Bingham | Bowen | Bowers |
| Brady | Branham | Brantley |
| G. A. Brown | H. B. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Cato | Chalk | Clemmons |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Cole |
| Cooper | Crawford | Daning |
| Delleney | Dillard | Duncan |
| Erickson | Forrester | Frye |
| Funderburk | Gambrell | Gilliard |
| Govan | Haley | Hamilton |
| Hardwick | Harrell | Harrison |
| Hart | Harvin | Hearn |
| Herbkersman | Hiott | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Howard |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Jennings |
| Kelly | Kennedy | King |
| Kirsh | Knight | Limehouse |
| Littlejohn | Loftis | Long |
| Lowe | Lucas | Mack |
| McEachern | McLeod | Merrill |
| Miller | Millwood | Mitchell |
| Moss | Nanney | J. H. Neal |
| J. M. Neal | Neilson | Ott |
| Owens | Parker | Parks |
| Phillips | Pinson | E. H. Pitts |
| M. A. Pitts | Rice | Sandifer |
| Scott | Sellers | Simrill |
| Skelton | D. C. Smith | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith | J. R. Smith |
| Sottile | Spires | Stavrinakis |
| Stewart | Stringer | Thompson |
| Toole | Umphlett | Vick |
| Viers | Weeks | White |
| Whitmire | Williams | Willis |
| Wylie | A. D. Young | T. R. Young |

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

I came in after the roll call and was present for the Session on Wednesday, December 3.

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| Jackson "Seth" WhipperAnne Hutto | Todd Rutherford |

**Total Present--120**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. EDGE a leave of absence for the day due to surgery.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The SPEAKER announced the following Standing Committee Appointments:

2009 Committee Assignments

**AGRICULTURE, NAT. RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Paul Agnew H. Boyd Brown Chandra Dillard

Jeffrey D. Duncan Michael Forrester Marion Frye

Nelson Hardwick David Hiott Kenneth Hodges

Patsy Knight Joseph McEachern Joseph Millwood

Dennis Moss Steve Parker Michael Sottile

Tommy Stringer David Umphlett, Jr. Ted Vick

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Rita Allison Michael Anthony Don Bowen

Lester Branham Robert Brown Joseph Daning

Jerry Govan, Jr. Carl Gullick Harold Mitchell, Jr.

James M. Neal Phillip Owens Edward Pitts, Jr.

B.R. Skelton Donald C. Smith James E. Stewart, Jr.

William Whitmire William Wylie

**ETHICS**

Laurie Funderburk Phillip Lowe Michael Pitts

William Sandifer J. Roland Smith Annette Young

**JUDICIARY**

Karl Allen Bruce Bannister Alan Clemmons

Derham Cole, Jr. Kristopher Crawford F. Greg Delleney, Jr.

Laurie Funderburk Daniel Hamilton James H. Harrison

George Hearn Jenny Horne Douglas Jennings, Jr.

Keith R. Kelly Walton McLeod Vida Miller

Wendy Nanney J. Todd Rutherford Bakari Sellers

Garry Smith James E. Smith, Jr. Leon Stavrinakis

Thad Viers J. David Weeks J. Seth Whipper

Thomas R. Young, Jr.

**LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

Carl Anderson Dr. Jimmy Bales Eric Bedingfield

William K. Bowers Joan Brady Grady A. Brown

Shannon Erickson Michael Gambrell Nikki R. Haley

Chip Huggins Phillip D. Lowe David J. Mack III

Olin Phillips Lewis E. Pinson William Sandifer III

Timothy Scott Michael Thompson McLain R. Toole

**MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

Terry Alexander Nathan Ballentine Curtis Brantley

Richard Chalk, Jr. Wendell Gilliard Anton Gunn

Christopher Hart Cathy Harvin Jackie Hayes

Lonnie Hosey Leon Howard Joseph Jefferson

John King Deborah Long J. Anne Parks

L. Kit Spires Robert Q. Williams Mark N. Willis

**WAYS AND MEANS**

Liston Barfield James A. Battle, Jr. Kenneth Bingham

William Clyburn Gilda Cobb-Hunter Daniel T. Cooper

Tracy R. Edge William Herbkersman Kenneth Kennedy

Herb Kirsh Harry Limehouse III Lanny Littlejohn

Dwight Loftis James H. Lucas James H. Merrill

Joseph H. Neal Denny Neilson Harry L. Ott, Jr.

Michael Pitts Rex F. Rice J. Gary Simrill

G. Murrell Smith, Jr. J. Roland Smith W. Brian White

Annette Young

**RULES**

Michael Anthony Joan Brady Grady Brown

Alan Clemmons Kristopher Crawford Jerry Govan, Jr.

William Herbkersman Dwight Loftis Joseph Neal

Denny Neilson Lewis Pinson Kit Spires

David Umphlett, Jr. William Whitmire W. Brian White

**INTERSTATE COOPERATION**

Joseph Daning Carl Gullick Harold Mitchell, Jr.

Donald C. Smith Ted M. Vick

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Liston Barfield Don Bowen Marion Frye

Herb Kirsh Vida Miller

**OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT**

James Bales David Hiott Patsy Knight

Lanny Littlejohn Rex F. Rice Garry R. Smith

McLain R. Toole

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Charles F. Reid

Clerk, South Carolina House of Representatives

Post Office Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee met December 3, 2008 and elected the following officers:

Committee Chairman - The Honorable Jeffrey D. Duncan
First Vice Chairman - The Honorable C. David Umphlett

Second Vice Chairman - The Honorable David R. Hiott
Secretary - The Honorable Ted M. Vick

Sincerely,

Van Hegler

Director of Research

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Charles Reid

Clerk of the SC House of Representatives

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Charles:

The House Education and Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, after the House adjourned. The officers of the committee were elected. They are as follows:

Chairman: Rep. Phillip D. Owens

First Vice Chairman: Rep. James M. “Jimmy” Neal

Second Vice Chairman: Rep. Donald C. Smith

Sincerely,

Chairman

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House & Director of Personnel

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

 On Tuesday, December 2, 2008, the House Legislative Ethics Committee met immediately upon adjournment of the House and elected the following officers:

J. Roland Smith – Chairman

Annette D. Young – Vice Chairman

Michael A. Pitts – Secretary

Laurie Slade Funderburk – Treasurer

 If you have any questions or need any further information, please call me at 734-3114.

Sincerely,

Adam Anderson

Research Assistant

House Ethics Committee

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House & Director of Personnel

South Carolina House of Representatives

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The following officers were elected during the Organizational Meeting of the Interstate Cooperation Committee:

Donald C. Smith, Chairman

Ted Vick, 1st Vice Chairman

Harold Mitchell, 2nd Vice Chairman

Carl Gullick, Secretary

Joe Daning, Treasurer

Sincerely,

Sophia Derrick

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Charles Reid

Clerk of the SC House of Representatives

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Charles:

As requested, below are the elected officials of the House Judiciary Committee for the 2009 session:

The Hon. Jim Harrison Chairman

The Hon. Doug Jennings First Vice Chairman

The Hon. Garry Smith Second Vice Chairman

Sincerely,

Linda Anderson

Judiciary Committee

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Charles F. Reid

Clerk, SC House of Representatives

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

 The following officers have been elected to the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee for the 2009-2010 legislative session:

Chairman Leon Howard

1st Vice Chairman Anne Parks

2nd Vice Chairman Richard Chalk

3rd Vice Chairman Kit Spires

Secretary Cathy Harvin

Sincerely,

Barbara M. Coleman

Executive Secretary

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House & Director of Personnel

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The following officers were elected during the Organizational Meeting of the House Operations and Management Committee:

Lanny F. Littlejohn, Chairman

Rex Rice, 1st Vice Chairman

Jimmy Bales, Secretary/Treasurer

Sincerely,

Sophia Derrick

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House & Director of Personnel

South Carolina House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid:

 On Wednesday, December 3, 2008, the House Rules Committee met immediately upon adjournment of the standing committees and elected the following officers:

W. Brian White – Chairman

Alan D. Clemmons – Vice Chairman

 If you have any questions or need any further information, please call me at 734-3113.

Sincerely,

Adam Anderson

Research Assistant

House Ethics Committee

December 3, 2008

Mr. Charles F. Reid, Clerk

South Carolina House of Representatives

P. O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Please allow this letter to serve as notice of the officers that were elected during a meeting of the Ways and Means committee this morning.

 Chairman – Representative Daniel T. Cooper

 First Vice Chairman – Representative Annette D. Young

 Second Vice Chairman – Representative Rex F. Rice

 Third Vice Chairman – Representative Lanny F. Littlejohn

 Secretary-Treasurer – Representative Herb Kirsh

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Cooper

December 3, 2008

Mr. Charles F. Reid, Clerk

South Carolina House of Representatives

P. O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

 On Wednesday, December 3, 2008, the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee met and elected the following officers:

Rep. William E. Sandifer, Chairman

Rep. Grady Brown, First Vice Chairman

Rep. Mac Toole, Second Vice Chairman

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robyn Gainey

LCI Committee

**COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENT**

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

December 3, 2008

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley

South Carolina House of Representatives

320D Blatt Building

Columbia South Carolina 29211

Dear Nikki:

 Effective immediately, you have been appointed to serve on the Education and Public Works Committee. I know that you will serve this committee with honor and distinction. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

 I look forward to working with you in the coming year as we work to improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Harrell, Jr.

Speaker of the House

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:15 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. STAVRINAKIS, adjourned in memory of Miss Courtney Ann Harbaugh of Charleston.

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