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REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020
(ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
(Organizational Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m..

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Thessalonian 1:2: "We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers."

Let us pray. Dear God, use our gifts, our faith, our hope in You as we do the labor of love for the people of South Carolina and the world. When You do awesome deeds that we do not expect, make us grateful. We ask Your blessings on those who protect us and those first responders who give themselves to keep us safe. Bless our President, Nation, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all who give of their time and effort to this great cause. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MAGNUSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of his father, Reverend Roy G. Magnuson III, which was agreed to.

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Allison	Anderson
Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bennett
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brawley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey

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Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Cogswell	Collins	B. Cox
Crawford	Dabney	Daning
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Finlay
Forrest	Fry	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliam
Govan	Haddon	Hardee
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hill	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Huggins
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
K. O. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kimmons	King	Kirby
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Lucas	Magnuson	Martin
Matthews	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	McKnight
J. Moore	Morgan	D. C. Moss
V. S. Moss	Murphy	Murray
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Parks
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robinson	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Simrill	G. M. Smith
G. R. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Tedder	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	R. Williams	S. Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--114

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The SPEAKER announced the following Standing Committee Appointments:

**AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES &
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Atkinson, Lucas	Ligon, Thomas R. "Randy"
Burns, James Mikell "Mike"	Magnuson, Josiah
Chumley, William M. "Bill"	Martin, Richard "Rick"
Forrest, Cally R. "Cal"	May, Robert "RJ" III
Garvin, Kambrell H.	Moore, JA
Gilliam, Leon D. "Doug"	Moss, V. Stephen "Steve"
Haddon, Patrick B.	Nutt, Roger A.
Hiott, David R.	Pendarvis, Marvin R.
Hixon, William M. "Bill"	Williams, Shedron D.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

Alexander, Terry	Bennett, Linda "Lin"
Allison, Merita A. "Rita"	Brittain, Thomas "Case", Jr.

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Calhoon, Paula Rawl	Moore, Travis A.
Felder, Raye	Morgan, Adam M.
Gatch, Gil	Oremus, Melissa Lackey
Govan, Jerry N., Jr.	Rivers, Michael F., Sr.
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.	Smith, Mark
McDaniel, Annie E.	Stringer, Tommy M.
McGinnis, Timothy A. "Tim"	Trantham, Ashley B.

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Bailey, William H.	Robinson, Leola C.
Bryant, Bruce M.	Willis, Mark N.
Murray, Chardale	

INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

Dabney, Vic	Williams, Robert Q.
Moss, Dennis C.	Yow, Richard L. "Richie"
Tedder Deon T.	

JUDICIARY

Bailey, William H.	Jordan, Wallace H. "Jay", Jr.
Bamberg, Justin T.	Kimmons, Mandy W.
Bernstein, Beth E.	King, John Richard C.
Bryant, Bruce M.	McCrary, John R. III
Caskey, Micajah P. "Micah" IV	McKnight, Cezar E.
Collins, Neal A.	Murphy, Chris
Cox, Westley P. "West"	Newton, Brandon M.
Davis, Sylleste H.	Newton, William Weston J.
Elliott, Jason	Rose, Seth
Fry, Russell W.	Thigpen, Ivory Torrey
Henegan, Patricia Moore "Pat"	Wetmore, Elizabeth "Spencer"
Hyde, Max T. Jr.	Wheeler, William W. "Will" III
Johnson, Jeffrey E. "Jeff"	

LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Anderson, Carl L.	Jefferson, Joseph H., Jr.
Blackwell, Bart T.	Kirby, Roger K.
Bradley, Jeffrey A. "Jeff"	Long, Steven Wayne
Cogswell, William Scott, Jr.	Ott, Russell L.
Cox, Bobby J.	Sandifer, William E. "Bill" III
Hardee, Kevin	Taylor, Bill

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Thayer, Anne J.	Williams, Robert Q.
West, John Taliaferro "Jay" IV	Wooten, Chris
White, W. Brian	Yow, Richard L. "Richie"

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

Garvin, Kambrell H.	Moore, Travis A.
Gatch, Gil	Newton, William Weston J.
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.	Oremus, Melissa Lackey
Hixon, William M. "Bill"	Ott, Russell L.
Jefferson, Joseph H., Jr.	Pendarvis, Marvin R.
Johnson, Kimberly O.	Rivers, Michael F. Sr.
Magnuson, Josiah	Stringer, Tommy M.
McCravy, John R. III	Taylor, Bill
McGinnis, Timothy A. "Tim"	West, John Taliaferro "Jay" IV
Morgan, Adam M.	Wooten, Chris

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

Brawley, Wendy C.	Johnson, Kimberly O.
Bustos, Joseph M. "Joe"	Jones, Stewart O.
Carter, Jerry T.	Matthews, Krystle N.
Dabney, Vic	McCabe, D. Ryan
Gilliard, Wendell G.	McGarry, Sandy N.
Hart, Christopher R. "Chris"	Murray, Chardale
Hill, Jonathon D.	Parks, J. Anne
Howard, Leon	Robinson, Leola C.
Johnson, Jermaine L., Sr.	Tedder, Deon T.

REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Alexander, Terry	Hyde Jr., Max T.
Anderson, Carl L.	McGarry, Sandy M.
Bradley, Jeffrey A. "Jeff"	Nutt, Roger
Burns, James Mikell "Mike"	Rose, Seth C.
Erickson, Shannon S.	Smith, Mark
Gilliard, Wendell G.	Trantham, Ashley B.
Huggins, Chip	

RULES

Atkinson, Lucas	Cogswell, William Scott, Jr.
Brittain, Thomas "Case", Jr.	Davis, Sylleste H.
Carter, Jerry	Forrest, Cally R. "Cal"

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Gilliam, Leon D. "Doug"	McCabe, D. Ryan
Hardee, Kevin	Newton, Brandon Michael
Henegan, Patricia M. "Pat"	Thayer, Anne J.
Johnson, Jermaine L., Sr.	Wheeler, William W. "Will" III
Ligon, Thomas R. "Randy"	

WAYS AND MEANS

Ballentine, Nathan	Hosey, Lonnie
Bannister, Bruce W.	Huggins, Chip
Clyburn, William "Bill"	Lowe, Phillip D.
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda	Moss, Dennis C.
Crawford, Heather Ammons	Rutherford, J. Todd
Daning, Joseph S.	Simrill, J. Gary
Dillard, Chandra E.	Smith, Garry R.
Erickson, Shannon S.	Smith, G. Murrell, Jr.
Finlay, Kirkman III	Stavrinakis, Leonidas E. "Leon"
Gagnon, Craig A.	Weeks, J. David
Hayes, Jackie E. "Coach"	Whitmire, William R. "Bill"
Herbkersman, William G. "Bill"	Willis, Mark N.
Hewitt, Lee	

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

December 1, 2020
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Operations and Management Committee met today and elected the following officers listed below:

Chairman	Rep. Garry R. Smith
First Vice-Chair	Rep. Cezar E. McKnight
Second Vice-Chair	Rep. Richard A. Martin
Secretary/Treasurer	Rep. Krystal N. Matthews

Sincerely,
Garry R. Smith
Chairman, O & M Committee

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December 2, 2020
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

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

Chairman	Rep. Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Jr.
Vice-Chairman	Rep. J. David Weeks
Secretary	Rep. Beth E. Bernstein

Sincerely,
Julia Foster
Assistant Legal Counsel

December 2, 2020
Mr. Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

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

Chairman	Rep. David R. Hiott
First Vice-Chair	Rep. V. Stephen Moss
Second Vice-Chair	Rep. William M. "Bill" Hixon
Secretary	Rep. James Mikell "Mike" Burns

Sincerely,
Ellie Hayes

December 2, 2020
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House

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P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Education and Public Works Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, upon adjournment of the House, for the purpose of electing officers. The following officers have been elected for the 2020-2021 Legislative Session:

Chairwoman	Rep. Merita A. "Rita" Allison
First Vice-Chairman	Rep. Lin Bennett
Second Vice-Chairman	Rep. Terry Alexander

Sincerely,
Rita Allison
Chairwoman
House Education & Public Works Committee

December 2, 2020
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

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

Chairman	Rep. Mark N. Willis
First Vice-Chair	Rep. Leola C. Robinson
Second Vice-Chair	Rep. William H. Bailey

Sincerely,
Mark N. Willis, Chairman
Interstate Cooperation Committee

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Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

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Dear Mr. Reid:

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

Chairman	Rep. Dennis C. Moss
First Vice-Chairman	Rep. Robert Williams
Second Vice-Chairman	Rep. Richie Yow
Secretary	Rep. Vic Dabney

Sincerely,
Doris Taylor
Executive Assistant
House Invitations Committee

December 2, 2020
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid,

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

Chairman	Rep. Chris Murphy
First Vice-Chair	Rep. John Richard C. King
Second Vice-Chair	Rep. Neal Collins

Sincerely,
Emma Dean

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Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
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Dear Mr. Reid:

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

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Chairman	Rep. William E. Sandifer
First Vice-Chairman	Rep. John Taliaferro "Jay" West IV
Second Vice-Chairman	Rep. Joseph H. Jefferson

Sincerely,
Jaynie Jordan
Executive Assistant
House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee

December 2, 2020
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The 3M Committee elected the following officers for the 2021-2022 Legislative Session during organizational session:

Chairman	Rep. Leon Howard
First Vice-Chairman	Rep. J. Anne Parks
Second Vice-Chairman	Rep. Jonathon D. Hill
Third Vice-Chairman	Rep. Wendell Gilliard
Secretary	Rep. Krystle N. Matthews

Sincerely,
Sherri Gibson Fears
Executive Assistant
3M Committee

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Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Legislative Oversight Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 and elected the following officers for the 124th South Carolina General Assembly:

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Chairman	Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton
Vice-Chairman	Rep. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.

Sincerely,
Jennifer L. Dobson
Director of Research

December 2, 2020
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

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

Chairman	Rep. Chip Huggins
First Vice-Chairman	Rep. Carl Anderson

Sincerely,
Meagan Diedolf
Research Director
Regulations & Administrative Procedures Committee

December 2, 2020
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia SC 29211

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

Chairman	Rep. Anne J. Thayer
Vice-Chairman	Rep. Cally R. "Cal" Forrest

Sincerely,
Julia Foster
Assistant Legal Counsel

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December 2, 2020
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

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

Chairman	Rep. G. Murrell Smith
First Vice-Chairman	Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter
Second Vice-Chairman	Rep. J. Gary Simrill

Sincerely,
G. Murrell Smith, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee

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

ADJOURNMENT

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