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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 5:2: “Listen to the sound of my cry, my king and my God, for to you I pray.”

Let us pray. Almighty God, You who cares for each of these people, protect them from all harm and guide them this day. Give them the tools to do the work required of them. We give thanks for the women and men who give their time and talents and care for the people of South Carolina. Bless and keep our first responders safe as they care for us. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who serve in this Assembly. Bless those who serve in our military to keep us safe and secure. 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 *PRO TEMPORE*.

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. MOSS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Gaylord Perry of Gaffney, SC, a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, which was agreed to.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for those who gave their life at Pearl Harbor.

**STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL**

On December 7, 1941, forces of Imperial Japan attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor. On December 8th, President Roosevelt declared the attack to be “a day that will Live in Infamy.” Today, 81 years later, there will be remembrances and ceremonies. With precious few exceptions, our living memory to Pearl Harbor has been lost to the inevitable erosion of time.

We in this honorable Body are of an age that although we may not have a direct connection with Pearl Harbor, no one here will question the need to remember Pearl Harbor every year with a few simple words on the floor and a moment of silence to honor our heroic fallen. But rites performed by rote are without meaning, and we must be careful not to dishonor the 2,335 servicemen and 68 civilians killed at Pearl Harbor.

We must remember that what is obvious to us is no longer obvious to the children in classrooms around South Carolina today, who are as disconnected from 1941 as we are from the sinking of the USS Maine that led to the Spanish­ American War in 1898.

But the mainland was not attacked, you might object, and the war that resulted not as just. Pearl Harbor is different, you may say, and it will Live in Infamy just as FDR proclaimed.

You may be correct, and l hope you are. But does anyone here recall by name the Chesapeake-Leopard Affair, when a British Man-O'War attacked an American frigate on June 22, 1807, lighting a flame of public fury that would eventually start the War of 1812? No, no one here remembers June 22, 1807, and if we are not careful, children today may not remember Pearl Harbor.

Every year when we pause to remember the sailors at Pearl Harbor, or the innocents lost on 9/11, or the farmers at Lexington and Concord, we must do more than simply pause to recite the appropriate words in the appropriately somber tone. We must imbue our remembrances with meaning for present and future generations, and not just a remembrance of generations past. We must recall to mind in these moments that on these days where there are names on the calendar, that we are remembering men and women who were just normal Americans, but who did extraordinary things for their country. We must allow our cynical minds and closed hearts to be inspired by their example.

On this day 81 years ago, men choked in clouds of smoke, eyes swollen shut, clothing seared into their flesh, screaming in agony even as they fought through an inferno, willingly embracing even more pain and suffering so they could save their fellow Americans. Many of America's sons perished. But many more persevered, and because of their perseverance, out of those billowing clouds of smoke and flame on December 7, 1941, the words penned in 1814 held true again: Our flag was still there.

Mr. Speaker, I can proudly report that when I walked into the building today, I looked up, and our flag is still there. And if those Americans from so many different states and races and religions and political parties could come together in 1941, then I am confident that as South Carolinians, we can all be inspired by their example and remember that even though we may have our disagreements on this floor, we, too, are all Americans, one nation, under God, indivisible, and through our actions, we seek liberty and justice for all.

Mr. Speaker, South Carolina remembers Pearl Harbor. But more importantly, South Carolina remembers why we remember Pearl Harbor, so let it be stated loudly and clearly: South Carolina honors our fallen, South Carolina is inspired by their heroic example, and South Carolina shall continue to do so.

Rep. Randy Ligon

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bannister | Bauer |
| Beach | Bernstein | Blackwell |
| Bradley | Brewer | Brittain |
| Burns | Bustos | Calhoon |
| Carter | Caskey | Chapman |
| Chumley | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Collins | Connell | B. J. Cox |
| B. L. Cox | Crawford | Cromer |
| Davis | Dillard | Elliott |
| Erickson | Felder | Forrest |
| Gagnon | Garvin | Gatch |
| Gibson | Gilliard | Guest |
| Guffey | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Harris | Hart |
| Hartnett | Hayes | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hewitt | Hiott |
| Hixon | Hosey | Howard |
| Hyde | Jefferson | J. E. Johnson |
| J. L. Johnson | Jones | Jones |
| Jordan | Kilmartin | King |
| Kirby | Landing | Lawson |
| Leber | Ligon | Long |
| Lowe | Magnuson | May |
| McCabe | McCravy | McDaniel |
| McGinnis | Mitchell | J. Moore |
| T. Moore | A. M. Morgan | T. A. Morgan |
| Moss | Murphy | Neese |
| B. Newton | W. Newton | Nutt |
| O'Neal | Oremus | Ott |
| Pace | Pedalino | Pendarvis |
| Pope | Rivers | Robbins |
| Rose | Rutherford | Sandifer |
| Schuessler | Sessions | G. M. Smith |
| M. M. Smith | Stavrinakis | Taylor |
| Tedder | Thayer | Trantham |
| Vaughan | Weeks | West |
| Wetmore | Wheeler | White |
| Whitmire | Williams | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total Present--118**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The SPEAKER announced the following Standing Committee Appointments:

**AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES &**

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Atkinson, Lucas

Bauer, Heather

Brewer, Gary S., Jr.

Burns, James Mikell “Mike”

Chapman, Donald G. “Don”

Chumley, William M. “Bill”

Forrest, Cally R. “Cal”

Gibson, Daniel

Haddon, Patrick B.

Hiott, David R.

Hixon, William M. “Bill”

McCabe, Donald Ryan, Jr.

McDaniel, Annie

Magnuson, Josiah

May, Robert “RJ” III

Morgan, Alan M.

Neese, J. Michael

Trantham, Ashley B.

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Alexander, Terry

Bradley, Jeffrey A. “Jeff”

Calhoon, Paula Rawl

Cromer, April

Erickson, Shannon

Garvin, Kambrell H.

Gilliam, Leon D. “Doug”

Hager, William W. “Bill”

Hartnett, Thomas “Tom”, Jr.

Johnson, Jermaine L., Sr.

Jones, Stewart O.

Kilmartin, John Gregory

Landing, Kathy

McGinnis, Timothy A. “Tim”

Morgan, Adam M.

Rivers, Michael F., Sr.

Tedder, Deon T.

Vaughan, M. David

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

Bailey, William H.

Bamberg, Justin T.

Bernstein, Beth E.

Brittain, T. Case, Jr.

Connell, J. Benjamin “Ben”

Elliott, Jason

Guest, Thomas Duval “Val”, Jr.

Guffey, Brandon

Henegan, Patricia Moore “Pat”

Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn

Johnson, Jeffrey E. “Jeff”

Jordan, Wallace H. “Jay”, Jr.

King, John Richard C.

Leber, Matthew W. “Matt”

McCravy, John R. III

Mitchell, Cody

Moore, Travis A.

Newton, William Weston J.

Robbins, Robby

Rose, Seth

Schuessler, Carla M.

Thigpen, Ivory Torrey

Wetmore, Elizabeth “Spencer”

Wheeler, William W. “Will” III

Wooten, Chris

**LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

Anderson, Carl L.

Blackwell, Bart T.

Carter, Jerry T.

Gatch, Gil A.

Felder, R. Raye

Hardee, Kevin J.

Jefferson, Joseph H. “Joe”, Jr.

Kirby, Roger Keith

Ligon, Thomas Randy

Long, Steven Wayne

Nutt, Roger A.

Oremus, Melissa Lackey

Ott, Russell L.

Sandifer, William E. “Bill” III

Thayer, Anne J.

West, John Taliaferro “Jay” IV

Williams, Robert Q.

Yow, Richard L. “Richie”

**MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC**

**AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Beach, Thomas E.

Bustos, Joseph M. “Joe”

Cox, Bobby J.

Cox, Brandon L.

Davis, Sylleste H.

Gilliard, Wendell G.

Harris, Robert J. “Rob”

Hart, Christopher R. “Chris”

Jones, Wendell Keith

Lawson, M. Brian

Moore, JA

O’Neal, David L.

Pace, Jordan S.

Pendalino, Fawn M.

Pendarvis, Marvin R.

Sessions, Heath

Smith, Marvin “Mark”

White, Joseph S. “Joe”

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

Ballentine, Nathan

Bannister, Bruce W.

Caskey, Micajah “Micah” IV

Clyburn, William “Bill”

Cobb-Hunter, Gilda

Collins, Neal

Crawford, Heather Ammons

Dillard, Chandra E.

Gagnon, Craig A.

Hayes, Jackie E. “Coach”

Herbkersman, William G. “Bill”

Hewitt, William Lee III

Hosey, Lonnie

Howard, Leon

Hyde, Max T., Jr.

Lowe, Phillip D. “Phil”

Moss, Dennis C.

Murphy, Chris

Newton, Brandon Michael

Rutherford, J. Todd

Stavrinakis, Leonidas E. “Leon”

Taylor, Bill

Weeks, J. David

Whitmire, William R. “Bill”

Willis, Mark N.

**INTERSTATE COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

Gibson, N. Daniel

Jones, Stewart O.

Moore, JA

Pedalino, Fawn M.

Willis, Mark N.

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL**

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Lawson, M. Brian

Moss, Dennis C.

Hartnett, Thomas “Tom”, Jr.

Williams, Robert Q.

Yow, Richard L. “Richie”

**LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Bailey, William H.

Brewer, Gary S., Jr.

Cromer, April

Garvin, Kambrell H.

Gilliam, Leon Douglas “Doug”

Guest, Thomas Duval “Val”, Jr.

Hixon, William M. “Bill”

Jefferson, Joseph H. “Joe”, Jr.

Johnson, Jeffrey E. “Jeff”

Jones, Wendell Keith

Kirby, Roger K.

Magnuson, Josiah

McCravy, John R. III

McGinnis, Timothy A. “Tim”

Morgan, Adam M.

Moore, Travis A.

Ott, Russell L.

Pendarvis, Marvin R.

Smith, Marvin “Mark”

Wooten, Chris

**REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

Alexander, Terry

Anderson, Carl L.

Bradley, Jeffrey A. “Jeff”

Burns, James Mikell “Mike”

Felder, R. Raye

Gagnon, Craig A.

Gilliard, Wendell G.

Guffey, Brandon

Hager, William W. “Bill”

Hyde, Max T., Jr.

McCabe, Donald Ryan, Jr.

Sessions, Heath

Wetmore, Elizabeth “Spencer”

**RULES COMMITTEE**

Atkinson, Lucas

Brittain, T. Case, Jr.

Chapman, Donald G. “Don”

Forrest, Cally R. “Cal”

Hardee, Kevin J.

Henegan, Patricia M. “Pat”

Hiott, David R.

Landing, Kathy

Lowe, Phillip D. “Phil”

Mitchell, Cody

Newton, Brandon

Schuessler, Carla M.

Thayer, Anne J.

Thigpen, Ivory Torrey

Wheeler, William W. “Will” III

**COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

December 6, 2022

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. Patrick B. Haddon

First Vice-Chair Rep. Annie E. McDaniel

Second Vice-Chair Rep. David M. Vaughan

Secretary/Treasurer Rep. Joe M. Bustos

Sincerely,

Adam Anderson

Administrative Coordinator

December 7, 2022

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 6, 2022, 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,

Jane O. Shuler

Chief Legal Counsel

December 7, 2022

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 7, 2022, and elected the following officers:

Chairman Rep. William M. “Bill” Hixon

First Vice-Chair Rep. Patrick Haddon

Second Vice-Chair Rep. Josiah Magnuson

Secretary Rep. Lucas Atkinson

Sincerely,

Ellie Hayes

December 7, 2022

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

On behalf of the Education and Public Works Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the Honorable Shannon Erickson has been elected unanimously and by acclamation as Chair of the committee. Vice Chairs will be voted upon by the committee in January.

Sincerely,

Pierce McNair

Director of Research

House Education & Public Works Committee

December 7, 2022

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 7, 2022, and elected the following officers:

Chairman Rep. Mark N. Willis

First Vice-Chair Rep. JA Moore

Second Vice-Chair Rep. Stewart O. Jones

Sincerely,

Adam Anderson

Administrative Assistant

December 7, 2022

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee met today, and the following representatives have been nominated for the 125th Legislative Session:

Chairman Rep. Dennis C. Moss

First Vice-Chairman Rep. Richie Yow

Second Vice-Chairman Rep. Robert Williams

Secretary Rep. Brian Lawson

Sincerely,

Kami Thordahl

Executive Assistant

Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee

December 7, 2022

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 2023-2024 Session:

Chairman Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton

First Vice-Chair Rep. Wallace H. “Jay” Jordan

Second Vice-Chair Rep. John Richard C. King

Sincerely,

Emma Dean

December 7, 2022

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee met on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, and elected the following officers:

Chairman Rep. William E. “Bill” Sandifer III

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

Second Vice-Chairman Rep. Joseph H. “Joe” Jefferson, Jr.

Sincerely,

Mary Stella Huffman

Executive Assistant

House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee

December 7, 2022

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 2023-2024 Legislative Session:

Chairman Rep. Sylleste H. Davis

Vice-Chairman Rep. Bobby J. Cox

Sincerely,

Sherri Gibson Fears

Executive Assistant

3M Committee

December 7, 2022

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Legislative Oversight Committee met on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, and elected the following officers for the 125th South Carolina General Assembly:

Chairman Rep. Jeffery E. “Jeff” Johnson

Vice-Chairman Rep. Chris Wooten

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Dobson

Director of Research

December 7, 2022

The Honorable Charles Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee met on December 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing new committee officers and to adopt committee rules for the 125th Legislative Session of the South Carolina House of Representatives. The results are as follows:

Chairman Rep. Jeff Bradley

First Vice-Chairman Rep. Carl Anderson

Sincerely,

H.E. “Trey” Walpole III

Research Director

Regulations & Administrative Procedures Committee

December 7, 2022

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Rules Committee met on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, and elected the following officers listed below:

Chairman Rep. Anne J. Thayer

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

Sincerely,

Julia Foster

Assistant Legal Counsel

December 7, 2022

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. Bruce Bannister

First Vice-Chairman Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter

Second Vice-Chairman Rep. William G. “Bill” Herbkersman

Sincerely,

Bruce W. Bannister, Chairman

Ways and Means Committee

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:07 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MOSS, adjourned in memory of Gaylord Perry of Gaffney, SC, a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, to meet at 12:00 noon Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

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