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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

(STATEWIDE SESSION)

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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 29:14: “So I will again do amazing things with these people, shocking and amazing.”

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we come again to soak in the many ways for our people to do the work for the people of South Carolina. Bless each and every one to do the work for the people. Bless and keep our first responders and defenders of freedom. Grant them the blessings You provide for these Representatives and Staff. Lead us this day to fulfill the commitment to serve the people of South Carolina. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bestow Your blessings on our Armed Forces and those who give of their lives to serve our Nation. Remember those who suffer from hidden wounds. 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. GRANT moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of James Lewis Solomon, Jr, which was agreed to.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of James Lewis Solomon, Jr.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer family and friends of Major Ralph Stoney Bates.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| 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 |
| Gilreath | Govan | Grant |
| Guest | Guffey | Haddon |
| Hager | Hardee | Harris |
| Hart | Hartnett | Hartz |
| Hayes | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hiott | Hixon | Holman |
| Hosey | Howard | Huff |
| J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson | W. Jones |
| Jordan | Kilmartin | Kirby |
| Landing | Lawson | Ligon |
| Long | Lowe | Luck |
| Magnuson | Martin | May |
| McCabe | McCravy | McDaniel |
| McGinnis | Mitchell | Montgomery |
| J. Moore | T. Moore | T. A. 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 | Teeple |
| Terribile | Vaughan | Weeks |
| Wetmore | Wheeler | White |
| Whitmire | Wickensimer | Williams |
| Willis | Wooten | Yow |

**Total Present--120**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GILLIARD a leave of absence for the day due to a death in the family.

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

Today, December 4, 2024 I was unable to attend legislative session while participating at event at the White House and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. As I continue to explore resources for my district some conflicts are unavoidable. I deeply regret not being present but always remain committed to serving my constituents in my district.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Rosalyn Henderson-Myers, PhD,JD

South Carolina House District 31

**STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The SPEAKER announced the following Standing Committee Appointments:

**AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Atkinson, Lucas

Bauer, Heather

Burns, James Mikell “Mike”

Chumley, William M. “Bill”

Cromer, April

Forrest, Cally R. “Cal” Jr.

Gibson, Daniel

Haddon, Patrick B.

Harris, Robert J. “Rob”

Hartz, Charles V.

Hiott, David R.

Hixon, William M. “Bill”

May, Robert J. “RJ” III

McDaniel, Annie E.

Morgan, T. Alan

Neese, James M. “Mike”

Rankin, Luke

Reese, Robert T.

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Alexander, Terry

Bowers, Phillip

Bradley, Jeffrey A. “Jeff”

Duncan, Adam L.

Erickson, Shannon S.

Frank, Stephen

Garvin, Kambrell H.

Gilliam, Leon D. “Doug”

Gilreath, Thomas “Lee”

Grant, Hamilton R.

Hartnett, Thomas F. “Tom” Jr.

Huff, William C. “Chris”

Kilmartin, John Gregory “Jay”

McGinnis, Timothy A. “Tim”

Rivers, Michael F. Sr.

Teeple, James E.

Terribile, Jackie R.

Vaughan, David

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

Bailey, William H.

Bamberg, Justin T.

Bernstein, Beth E.

Brittain, Thomas C. “Case” Jr.

Calhoon, Paula Rawl

Govan, Jerry N. Jr.

Guest, Thomas Duval “Val” Jr.

Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.

Johnson, Jeffrey E. “Jeff”

Jordan, Wallace H. “Jay” Jr.

King, John Richard C.

Landing, Kathy

Luck, Jason S.

Martin, David

McCabe, Donald “Ryan” Jr.

McCravy, John R. III

Mitchell, Cody T.

Moore, Travis A.

Newton, William Weston J.

Robbins, Robby

Rose, Seth

Spann-Wilder, Tiffany

Wetmore, Elizabeth “Spencer”

Wheeler, William W. “Will” III

Wickensimer, Paul B.

**LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE**

Anderson, Carl L.

Brewer, Gary S. Jr.

Chapman, Donald G. “Don”

Gagnon, Craig A.

Gatch, Gil

Guffey, Brandon

Hager, William “Bill”

Herbkersman, William G. “Bill”

Johnson, Jermaine L. Sr.

Kirby, Roger K.

Lawson, M. Brian

Ligon, Thomas R. “Randy”

Oremus, Melissa Lackey

Pedalino, Fawn M.

Schuessler, Carla

Smith, Marvin “Mark”

Williams, Robert Q.

Wooten, Chris

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

Beach, Thomas E.

Bustos, Joseph M. “Joe”

Cox, Bobby J.

Cox, Brandon L.

Davis, Sylleste H.

Edgerton, Sarita L.

Gilliard, Wendell G.

Hart, Christopher R. “Chris”

Holman, Harriet A.

Jones, Wendell Keith

Magnuson, Josiah

Montgomery, W. “Scott” IV

Moore, JA

Pace, Jordan S.

Sanders, Richard B. “Blake”

Sessions, Christopher “Heath”

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

Hayes, Jackie E. “Coach”

Hardee, Kevin

Hewitt, William Lee III

Hosey, Lonnie

Howard, Leon

Lowe, Phillip D. “Phil”

Long, Steven Wayne

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.

Yow, Richard L. “Richie”

**INTERSTATE COOPERATION COMMITTEE**

Duncan, Adam L.

Gibson, N. Daniel

Govan, Jerry N. Jr.

Holman, Harriet A.

Willis, Mark N.

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Hartnett, Thomas F. “Tom” Jr.

Lawson, M. Brian

Luck, Jason S.

Moss, Dennis C.

Yow, Richard L. “Richie”

**LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Atkinson, Lucas

Bailey, William H.

Bowers, Phillip

Brewer, Gary S. Jr.

Garvin, Kambrell H.

Gilliam, Leon Douglas “Doug”

Johnson, Jeffrey E. “Jeff”

Jones, Wendell K.

Landing, Kathy

McCravy, John R. III

McDaniel, Annie E.

McGinnis, Timothy A. “Tim”

Moore, Travis A.

Montgomery, Scott

Rivers, Michael

Sanders, Richard B. “Blake”

Smith, Marvin “Mark”

Williams, Robert

Wickensimer, Paul B.

Wooten, Chris

**REGULATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY COMMITTEE**

Alexander, Terry

Anderson, Carl L.

Bradley, Jeffrey A. “Jeff”

Gilliard, Wendell G.

Guffey, Brandon

Hartz, Charles V.

Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.

Long, Steven Wayne

Martin, David

Moore, JA

Neese, James M. “Mike”

Taylor, Bill

Teeple, James E.

**RULES COMMITTEE**

Brittain, Thomas “Case” Jr.

Bustos, Joseph M. “Joe”

Caskey, Micajah P. “Micah” IV

Clyburn, William “Bill”

Forrest, Cally R. “Cal”

Hardee, Kevin J.

Hewitt, Lee

Hiott, David R.

Lowe, Phillip D. “Phil”

Mitchell, Cody

Newton, Brandon Michael

Pedalino, Fawn

Rankin, Luke

Wetmore, Elizabeth “Spencer”

Wheeler, William W. “Will” III

**COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

December 3, 2024

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Operations and Management Committee met on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman Rep. Patrick B. Haddon

First Vice-Chair Rep. Heather Bauer

Second Vice-Chair Rep. Brandon L. Cox

Secretary/Treasurer Rep. Hamilton R. Grant

Sincerely,

Patrick Haddon

Chairman

December 3, 2024

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 3, 2024, and elected the following officers:

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

Vice-Chairman Rep. J. David Weeks

Secretary Rep. Beth E. Bernstein

Sincerely,

Lauren Trask

Chief Legal Counsel

December 4, 2024

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 4, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman Rep. William M. “Bill” Hixon

First Vice-Chair Rep. Patrick Haddon

Second Vice-Chair Rep. Cal Forrest

Sincerely,

William “Bill” Hixon

December 4, 2024

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. Additionally, the Honorable Jeff Bradley and the Honorable Terry Alexander were elected unanimously and by acclamation to the position of First and Second Vice Chair, respectively.

We look forward to the 126th session of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Pierce McNair

Director of Research

House Education & Public Works Committee

December 4, 2024

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 4, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman Rep. Mark N. Willis

First Vice-Chair Rep. Daniel Gibson

Second Vice-Chair Rep. Jerry N. Govan Jr.

Sincerely,

Mark N. Willis

Chairman

December 4, 2024

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 126th Legislative Session:

Chairman Rep. Dennis C. Moss

First Vice-Chairman Rep. Richie Yow

Second Vice-Chairman Rep. Brian Lawson

Secretary Rep. Jason Luck

Sincerely,

Dennis Moss

December 4, 2024

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid,

On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, the House Judiciary Committee organized. Below are the elected officials for the House Judiciary Committee for the 2025-2026 Session:

Chairman Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton

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

Second Vice-Chair Rep. John R. McCravy III

Sincerely,

Wm. Weston J. Newton

December 4, 2024

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

You will please take notice that the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee convened today in organizational session. The Committee elected Representative Bill Herbkersman as Chairman, Representative Gil Gatch as First Vice-Chairman, and Representative Carl Anderson as Second Vice-Chairman.

Sincerely,

Bill Herbkersman

Chairman

House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee

December 4, 2024

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 2025-2026 Legislative Session:

Chairman Rep. Sylleste H. Davis

Vice-Chairman Rep. Bobby J. Cox

Sincerely,

Sylleste Davis

December 4, 2024

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 4, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman Rep. Jeffery E. “Jeff” Johnson

Vice-Chairman Rep. Chris Wooten

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Johnson

December 4, 2024

The Honorable Charles Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Committee on Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence, and Cybersecurity met on December 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing new committee officers and to adopt committee rules for the 126th Legislative Session of the South Carolina House of Representatives. The results are as follows:

Chairman: Rep. Jeffery A. “Jeff” Bradley, Chairman

First Vice-Chairman: Rep. Carl L. Anderson

Second Vice-Chairman: Rep. Terry Alexander

Sincerely,

Representative Jeffrey A. “Jeff” Bradley, Chairman

Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security Committee

December 4, 2024

Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

PO Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Rules Committee met on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, and elected the following officers listed below:

Chairman Rep. Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey IV

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

Sincerely,

Maggie Chappell

Assistant Legal Counsel

December 4, 2024

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 R. “Bill” Whitmire

Sincerely,

Bruce W. Bannister, Chairman

Ways and Means Committee

Rep. FORREST moved that the House adjourn pending receipt of messages from committees to next meeting at noon on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:00 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. GRANT, adjourned in memory of James Lewis Solomon, Jr., to meet at noon on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

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