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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2025**

**(Statewide Session)**

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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 receded from business for the purpose of attending the Joint Assembly.

**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.

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, 4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 4th 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, 4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2030.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 5th 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.

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.

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

Neese B. Newton Pope

Rivers Spann-Wilder White

**Total--27**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 40

Total number of Representatives voting 108

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, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 7th 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, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 9th 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.

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, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 9th 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**

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

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

Terribile

**Total--13**

The following named Representatives abstained:

Robbins

**Total--1**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 35

Total number of Representatives voting 103

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, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2030.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 10th 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.

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, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 11th 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, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2030.

**Election of a Circuit Court Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

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

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

Howard J. L. Johnson Jones

Jordan King Kirby

Lawson Luck Martin

McCravy 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 Terribile White

Whitmire Wickensimer Willis

Wooten

**Total--64**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 41

Total number of Representatives voting 106

Grand Total 147

Necessary to a choice 0

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, 16th 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

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

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 Terribile

Vaughan White Whitmire

Willis

**Total--46**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 42

Total number of Representatives voting 117

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.

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

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**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 42

Total number of Representatives voting 116

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. Merril 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.

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

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 Terribile White

Wickensimer

**Total--13**

The following named Representatives abstained:

Murphy

**Total--1**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 37

Total number of Representatives voting 104

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, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 1st 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, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 2nd 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, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2028.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 2nd 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, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3rd 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.

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, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2028.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3rd 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, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3rd 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, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 4th 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, 4th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5th 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, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5th 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.

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

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 6th 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, 6th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7th 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 the Honorable Angela J. Moss was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7th 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.

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, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 8th 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, 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 8th 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, 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9th 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, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9th 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, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat 4 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 10th 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.

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

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 10th 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, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11th 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, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11th 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.

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, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 12th 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, 12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 12th 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, 12th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13th 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

**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**

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 93

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, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13th 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, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat 6.

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, 13th 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, 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 14th 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, 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term to expire June 30, 2031.

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 15th 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, 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

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 Terribile

White Wickensimer

**Total--17**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 31

Total number of Representatives voting 93

Grand Total 124

Necessary to a choice 0

Ayes 107

Nays 17

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

**Election of a Family Court Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect

a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 16th 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, 16th 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.

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.

**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.

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

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 Terribile Vaughan

Whitmire Wickensimer Willis

Wooten

**Total--70**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 42

Total number of Representatives voting 110

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

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.

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

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 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, 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 OFFENS; 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 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.

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:

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, Teeple, Terribile, 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 MISSON, 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.

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 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 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

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 theirhis 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 beis 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 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**

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**

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 CAMPSEN 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**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Chaplin Climer Corbin

Cromer Davis Devine

Elliott Fernandez Gambrell

Goldfinch Graham Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

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 CAMPSEN, the question was confirmation of Thomas S. Mullikin.

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

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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:

**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

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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**

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 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 9th 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.

**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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