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of the
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

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.

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ROLL CALL

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

follows:

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	McCrary	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

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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	Hartz, Charles V.
Bauer, Heather	Hiott, David R.
Burns, James Mikell "Mike"	Hixon, William M. "Bill"
Chumley, William M. "Bill"	May, Robert J. "RJ" III
Cromer, April	McDaniel, Annie E.
Forrest, Cally R. "Cal" Jr.	Morgan, T. Alan
Gibson, Daniel	Neese, James M. "Mike"
Haddon, Patrick B.	Rankin, Luke
Harris, Robert J. "Rob"	Reese, Robert T.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alexander, Terry	Grant, Hamilton R.
Bowers, Phillip	Hartnett, Thomas F. "Tom" Jr.
Bradley, Jeffrey A. "Jeff"	Huff, William C. "Chris"
Duncan, Adam L.	Kilmartin, John Gregory "Jay"
Erickson, Shannon S.	McGinnis, Timothy A. "Tim"
Frank, Stephen	Rivers, Michael F. Sr.
Garvin, Kambrell H.	Teeple, James E.
Gilliam, Leon D. "Doug"	Terribile, Jackie R.
Gilreath, Thomas "Lee"	Vaughan, David

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Bailey, William H.	Martin, David
Bamberg, Justin T.	McCabe, Donald "Ryan" Jr.
Bernstein, Beth E.	McCrary, John R. III
Brittain, Thomas C. "Case" Jr.	Mitchell, Cody T.
Calhoon, Paula Rawl	Moore, Travis A.
Govan, Jerry N. Jr.	Newton, William Weston J.
Guest, Thomas Duval "Val" Jr.	Robbins, Robby
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.	Rose, Seth
Johnson, Jeffrey E. "Jeff"	Spann-Wilder, Tiffany
Jordan, Wallace H. "Jay" Jr.	Wetmore, Elizabeth "Spencer"
King, John Richard C.	Wheeler, William W. "Will" III
Landing, Kathy	Wickensimer, Paul B.
Luck, Jason S.	

LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Anderson, Carl L.	Kirby, Roger K.
Brewer, Gary S. Jr.	Lawson, M. Brian
Chapman, Donald G. "Don"	Ligon, Thomas R. "Randy"
Gagnon, Craig A.	Oremus, Melissa Lackey
Gatch, Gil	Pedalino, Fawn M.
Guffey, Brandon	Schuessler, Carla
Hager, William "Bill"	Smith, Marvin "Mark"
Herbkersman, William G. "Bill"	Williams, Robert Q.
Johnson, Jermaine L. Sr.	Wooten, Chris

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

Beach, Thomas E.	Jones, Wendell Keith
Bustos, Joseph M. "Joe"	Magnuson, Josiah
Cox, Bobby J.	Montgomery, W. "Scott" IV
Cox, Brandon L.	Moore, JA
Davis, Sylleste H.	Pace, Jordan S.
Edgerton, Sarita L.	Sanders, Richard B. "Blake"
Gilliard, Wendell G.	Sessions, Christopher "Heath"
Hart, Christopher R. "Chris"	White, Joseph S. "Joe"
Holman, Harriet A.	

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Ballentine, Nathan	Lowe, Phillip D. "Phil"
Bannister, Bruce W.	Long, Steven Wayne
Caskey, Micajah "Micah" IV.	Moss, Dennis C.
Clyburn, William "Bill"	Murphy, Chris
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda	Newton, Brandon Michael
Collins, Neal	Rutherford, J. Todd
Crawford, Heather Ammons	Stavrinakis, Leonidas E.
Dillard, Chandra	"Leon"
Hayes, Jackie E. "Coach"	Taylor, Bill
Hardee, Kevin	Weeks, J. David
Hewitt, William Lee III	Whitmire, William R. "Bill"
Hosey, Lonnie	Willis, Mark N.
Howard, Leon	Yow, Richard L. "Richie"

INTERSTATE COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Duncan, Adam L.	Holman, Harriet A.
Gibson, N. Daniel	Willis, Mark N.
Govan, Jerry N. Jr.	

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS
COMMITTEE**

Hartnett, Thomas F. "Tom" Jr.	Moss, Dennis C.
Lawson, M. Brian	Yow, Richard L. "Richie"
Luck, Jason S.	

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LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Atkinson, Lucas	McDaniel, Annie E.
Bailey, William H.	McGinnis, Timothy A. "Tim"
Bowers, Phillip	Moore, Travis A.
Brewer, Gary S. Jr.	Montgomery, Scott
Garvin, Kambrell H.	Rivers, Michael
Gilliam, Leon Douglas "Doug"	Sanders, Richard B. "Blake"
Johnson, Jeffrey E. "Jeff"	Smith, Marvin "Mark"
Jones, Wendell K.	Williams, Robert
Landing, Kathy	Wickensimer, Paul B.
McCravy, John R. III	Wooten, Chris

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

Alexander, Terry	Long, Steven Wayne
Anderson, Carl L.	Martin, David
Bradley, Jeffrey A. "Jeff"	Moore, JA
Gilliard, Wendell G.	Neese, James M. "Mike"
Guffey, Brandon	Taylor, Bill
Hartz, Charles V.	Teeple, James E.
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.	

RULES COMMITTEE

Brittain, Thomas "Case" Jr.	Lowe, Phillip D. "Phil"
Bustos, Joseph M. "Joe"	Mitchell, Cody
Caskey, Micajah P. "Micah" IV	Newton, Brandon Michael
Clyburn, William "Bill"	Pedalino, Fawn
Forrest, Cally R. "Cal"	Rankin, Luke
Hardee, Kevin J.	Wetmore, Elizabeth "Spencer"
Hewitt, Lee	Wheeler, William W. "Will" III
Hiott, David R.	

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

December 3, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House

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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

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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

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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

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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

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Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
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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:

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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

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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

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Charles F. Reid

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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.

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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.
