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PERSONHOOD ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2017-12-29-Christians-for-Personhood-newsletter-Personhood-Act-of-SC-S217-H3530-Dec-29-2017.pdf>

Christians for Personhood newsletter
Steve Lefemine, Christian pro-life missionary
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December 29, 2017

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Columbia, South Carolina
December 30, 2017

Personhood and 2018 SC Legislature

Pass **Personhood** Now !

Personhood Legislation was first introduced in the South Carolina General Assembly in February 1998 ([H.4558](#) , [S.1060](#)), and has been active every year since, including in the current 2017-2018 SC Legislative Session:

2017-2018 Personhood Bills in the SC State Legislature: [S.217](#) , [H.3530](#)

[History of Personhood Legislation in South Carolina \(1998 - 2016 \)](#)

So February 2018 will mark 20 years in which Personhood legislation has been active in the SC State Legislature.

Since and including 1998 through 2016, within the time period Personhood legislation has

been filed in the SC Legislature, SC DHEC has reported **128,218** "abortions" [child-murders], averaging over 6,700 children reported murdered in the womb each year on South Carolina soil. This innocent blood pollutes the land of the State of South Carolina (Numbers 35:33, **KJV**), and corporately, brings bloodguilt upon the people of this State (Deuteronomy 19:10, Deuteronomy 21:1-9, Jeremiah 26:15, **KJV**).

Since reported "abortions" peaked in SC at **over 14,000** in 1988, the reported number has never been less than 5,700.

If that number is added to the reported 1998 - 2016 total, then the probable number of children intentionally murdered in their mothers' wombs on South Carolina soil, since Personhood legislation has been filed but not passed into SC Law, approaches 134,00 individual boys and girls not protected from slaughter by the members of the SC General Assembly, and the SC Governors, 1988 - 2017.

God knows who knew, who genuinely tried to pass this legislation, and who **inside and outside of the SC General Assembly** obstructed, delayed, opposed, and/or hindered the effort to Establish Justice in South Carolina for human "persons":

Proverbs 24:10-24, **KJV**

10 If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain;

12 if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it?

And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it?

And shall not he render to every man according to his works?

Regardless of what the **Romanized** US Supreme Court might opine [or not] vis-a-vis the SC Personhood Act seeking to Establish Justice for pre-birth human beings (and not just incrementally regulate the murder of these children), South Carolina will have taken a vital, critically important, and historic step in the direction of doing what is right before Almighty God. Former SC Representative Liston Barfield spoke to the issue of doing what is right by passing the bill to establish personhood for children in the womb at a SC House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee Hearing on February 4, 2010:

Listen to the **audio** of Christian Representative **Liston Barfield** 's passionate, Biblical, prophetic statement before the Constitutional Laws Subcommittee, pleading for the Constitutional Laws Subcommittee members to do what is right

so the blood of murdered children is not on our hands. Then consider this was in 2010, and what calamities have befallen the State of South Carolina since that time (Representative Barfield begins [speaking 0:33](#)).

There are several further options available to continue to pursue Justice if the US Supreme Court continues to practice the tyranny of judicial supremacy, and arrogate to itself a role beyond its constitutional authority vis-a-vis State Personhood legislation protected by the [Tenth Amendment](#) to the [United States Constitution](#) . Some of these options can be taken up now (e.g., principled Federal Personhood legislation, such as [HR 586](#), sponsored by US Rep. Hice), contemporaneous with the efforts to pass Personhood legislation at the State level. The point is, if the [Romanized](#) US Supreme Court exercises judicial supremacist tyranny and either does not take up, or (unconstitutionally) overturns the SC Personhood Act, while a battle may have been lost, the war has not been lost, and will continue.

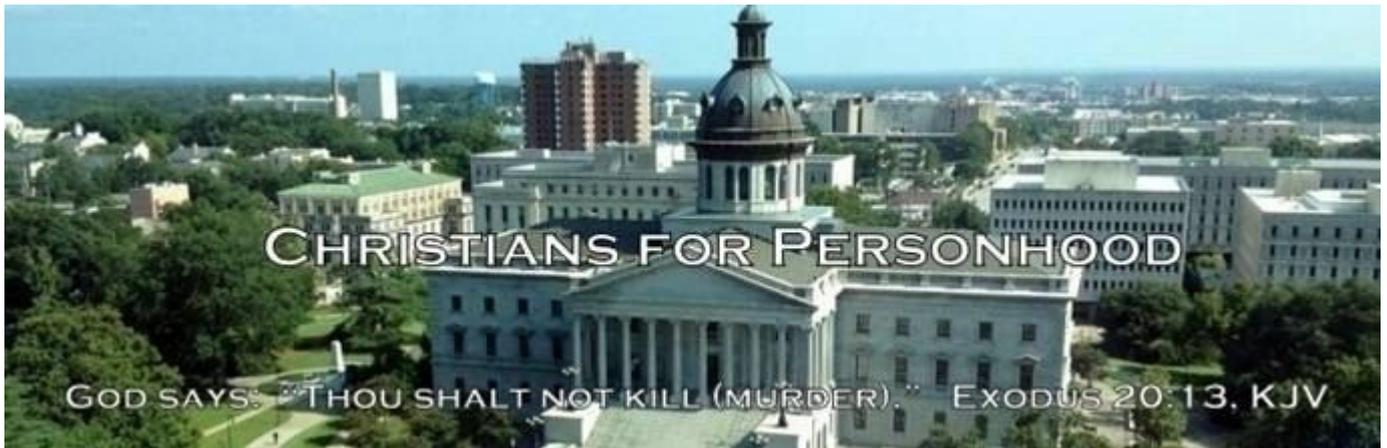
"... with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26, [KJV](#)

In 2018, South Carolina has an opportunity to make US history becoming the first State to pass personhood into law, thereby Establishing Justice for pre-birth human beings.

SC Governor [Henry McMaster](#) has stated in a [letter](#) (Oct 2, 2017) he will sign the Personhood Act into SC Law.

SC Representative [Greg Delleney](#) (R-Chester), chairman of the SC House Judiciary Committee has repeatedly [stated](#) he will get the bill passed in the SC House of Representatives if it is first passed in the SC Senate.

Senate Bill [S.217](#), the Personhood Act of South Carolina, passed a SC Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on April 26, 2017, and awaits consideration by the full Senate Judiciary Committee chaired by SC Senator [Luke Rankin](#) (R-Horry).



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1) NLT Tuesday, January 16, 2018: Favorable Passage of the Personhood Act of SC ([S.217](#)) out of the full

[Senate Judiciary Committee](#) (presently 13 R, 9 D; should be 14 R, 9 D when Senator Richard Cash added).

2) NLT Tuesday, January 30, 2018: Assignment of the Personhood Act of SC ([S.217](#)) to the Special Order slot

(giving bill higher priority for full Senate floor debate) of the [Senate Rules Committee](#) (presently 10 R, 7 D).

3) NLT Tuesday, April 10, 2018: "Crossover" deadline to get bills from one Chamber to the other. Passage

of the Personhood Act of SC ([S.217](#)) with no "exceptions" amendments out of the full [SC Senate](#) ([28 R, 18 D](#)).

4) NLT Thursday, May 10, 2018: Last day of regular 2018 Legislative Session. Passage of the Personhood Act

of SC ([S.217](#) / [H.3530](#)) with no "exceptions" amendments out of the full [SC House](#) ([77 R, 44 D, 3 vacancies](#)).

[Rep. [Greg Delleney](#), Chairman of the [House Judiciary Committee](#) has repeatedly [promised passage in the House.](#)]

5) Prompt Signing of Bill into SC Code of Laws: SC Governor [Henry McMaster](#)

"Please know that I strongly support the Personhood Act (H.3530 and S.217) and look forward to

signing it into law.”

- South Carolina Governor [Henry McMaster](#), [Letter](#) to Dr. Matthew Clark, [Personhood South Carolina](#), Oct. 2, 2017

Please go to <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/>, click on [Senate Committees](#), then on [Judiciary](#). We need calls now

from constituents to the [12 Republican Senators listed](#) (beside lead [S.217](#) sponsor Rex Rice), urging them to support and vote

for favorable passage of the Personhood Act of SC ([S.217](#)) with no “exceptions” amendments out of this [Judiciary Committee](#)

by Tues., Jan. 16, 2018. God’s Requirement for Murder is Justice (Amos 5:15, [KJV](#)).

E-mail below sent out May 12, 2017:

ri600Date: Fri, 12 May 2017

From: Christians for Personhood

Subject: Final 2017 Session Report: SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217)

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Columbia, South Carolina

May 12, 2017

Final 2017 Session Report : SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S. 217)

1) **Report:** SC PERSONHOOD ACT ([S.217](#)) - Senate Judiciary Committee did not take up [S.217](#) on Tuesday, May 9; concludes likely action for 2017.

2) In the SC Legislature's just passed " **Build New Roads / Fix Present Roads**" (?) Bill (**HR 3516**),

both chambers overriding the Governor's veto on **May 10**, the "Republican-Majority" (78 R, 43 D)

House of Representatives and "Republican-Majority" (27 R, 18 D)

Senate re-affirmed **Corporations**

as "Persons" (But still have not yet recognized **preborn Human Beings** as "Persons" by passing

S.217 / H .3530 Personhood act of South Carolina !).

3) 2017 Iowa Personhood Bill (**SF 253**) - **Passed** by Iowa Senate Judiciary Subcommittee **February 27** .

4) 2017 Montana Personhood Constitutional Amendment (**HB 595**) - **Voted upon** in Montana House of

Representatives (**March 31**) and Montana Senate (**April 13**); fell short by just 12 votes of necessary

2/3 combined total of both chambers necessary to bring referendum to the voters.

1) **Report**: SC PERSONHOOD ACT (**S.217**) - Senate Judiciary Committee did not take up **S.217** on Tuesday, May 9; concludes likely action for 2017.

- SC Senate Judiciary Committee meeting Tuesday, May 9 did not take up **S.217**

or any other bills; but only handled appointments to statewide office, and then

the meeting ended; no other business was taken up

- With that (non-) action, that ends the likelihood of any further legislative progress

for **S.217** the rest of calendar year 2017 - not that the Judiciary Committee could not

convene during the interim (anytime during June - December 2017) **if there was a**

proper sense of urgency to stop the murder of 5,000 - 6,000 children on

South Carolina

soil THIS YEAR; but quite the contrary, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Luke Rankin

("R"- Horry) and his hand-picked pro-"abortion" Democrat S.

217 Subcommittee Chair

have successfully slow-walked S.217 through an entire Legislative Session, just to get

the bill through Subcommittee; which thank the Lord, we saw occur on April 26 in a 3Y - 2N vote.

Let's all thank Senator Rex Rice (R-Pickens) for his leadership as S. 217 primary sponsor.

- So the next step in 2018, which is the 2d year of the two-year legislative cycle, is to seek

the Lord for S.217 to be taken up and passed in the first full Judiciary Committee meeting,

Lord willing, in Jan 2018. To become law, S.217 must pass both the SC Senate and SC House in 2018.

- What the enemy has meant for evil, may God be pleased to use for good (Genesis 50:20, KJV),

as pro-personhood leader and articulate spokesman Richard Cash will hopefully be seated

(and assigned to Judiciary Committee) as a new SC Senator from Anderson after the final

Special Election on May 30 (with no Democrat opponent). This would give us an expected

11 pro-personhood votes on a 23- member full Judiciary Committee, meaning we still would

need either another two abstentions; or one more "Yes" vote out of the other 12 Judiciary

Committee Senators (comprised of 3 Republicans - Rankin , Campsen , Senn ; and 9 Democrats

- McElveen , McLeod , Johnson and 6 others).

- Thank you all for all the time, effort, energy, prayers, and especially for those who travelled

to Columbia for one or both hearings March 30/April 26, the expense, directed toward this effort

to Establish Justice for innocent preborn human beings. It truly is a joy to see God's people

(born-again Christians) come together to stand on God's Word (e.g., Exodus 20:13, Matthew 19:18, [KJV](#)).

In Christ,

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SC Legislature's just passed " [Build New Roads / Fix Present Roads](#) " (?)
Bill - [HR 3516](#) :

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/bills/3516.htm

[CP: Excerpt, emphasis added]

SECTION 8. A. Article 23, Chapter 37, Title 12 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

Section [12-37-2810](#). As used in this article, unless the context requires otherwise:

continued...

(F) '[Person](#)' means any individual, [corporation](#), firm, partnership, [company](#) or association, and includes a guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, conservator, or a person acting in a fiduciary capacity.

Consistent with current SC Code of Laws in [Title 12 - Taxation](#) :

South Carolina Code of Laws

Unannotated

Title 12 - Taxation

CHAPTER 2

General Provisions

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t12c002.php>

SECTION 12-2-20. "Person" and "Individual" defined.

As used in this title and in other titles that provide for taxes administered by the department,
and unless otherwise required by the context, the term:

(1) "person" includes any individual, trust, estate, partnership, receiver, association, company, limited liability company, corporation, or other entity or group; and

(2) "individual" means a human being.

HISTORY: 1991 Act No. 50, Section 1; 1995 Act No. 60, Section 2A; 2003 Act No. 69, Section 3.B, eff June 18, 2003; 2007 Act No. 110, Section 8, eff June 21, 2007; 2007 Act No. 116, Section 14, eff June 28, 2007, applicable for tax years beginning after 2007.

Artificial "Persons" are defined in the SC Code of Laws - Title 12 to include Corporations, etc.

Yet in both Webster's Dictionary and Black's Law Dictionary used by attorneys,
the first definition for "Person" is: "A human being."

[Black's Law Dictionary \(2009\): Person = "A Human Being"](#)

"person. ... 1. A human being. - Also termed natural person. '

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2013-12-09-Blacks-Law-Dictionary-Person-3.pdf>

So **Is** or **Is Not** the developing preborn baby in the womb of a human mother, "A human being." ?



living unborn baby at eight weeks

<http://clinicquotes.com/abortion-at-8-weeks-pictures/>

Why in the last 19 years [[History of Personhood Legislation in South Carolina \(1998 - 2016 \)](#)] has South Carolina's

General Assembly not passed Personhood legislation to protect, in SC Law, the Creator God-given, unalienable right to life of every human being, in law, at fertilization, and that without "exception", because God's Word says, "Thou shalt not kill (murder)" Exodus 20:13, [KJV](#) ?

3) 2017 Iowa Personhood Bill:

Senate: SF 253

Bill History

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=87&ba=SF253>

02/27/2017 - Subcommittee recommends passage.

02/23/2017 - Subcommittee reassigned: Schultz, Petersen, and Zaun. [S.J. 402](#).

02/20/2017 - Subcommittee: Sinclair, Petersen, and Schultz. [S.J. 359](#).

02/14/2017 - Introduced, referred to Judiciary. [S.J. 281](#).

SF 253 Bill Text:

<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/LGI/87/SF253.pdf>

[Life beginning at conception. HF 297 – companion to SF 253]

[<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=87&a=HF297>]

[Iowa] GOP Lawmakers in Senate Approve 'Personhood' Bill

<https://www.usnews.com/news/iowa/articles/2017-02-27/gop-lawmakers-in-senate-approve-personhood-bill>

Feb. 27, 2017

[CP: Emphasis added]

A so-called personhood bill that would effectively ban abortion in Iowa has passed out of a legislative subcommittee, though it's unclear if it has the necessary backing to clear the Senate.

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A so-called [personhood bill that would effectively ban abortion in Iowa has passed out of a legislative subcommittee](#) , though it's unclear if it has the necessary backing to clear the Senate.

The measure was approved Monday as dozens gathered at the Capitol to support or oppose the bill. It now heads to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The measure would recognize that life is protected from the moment of conception, [effectively making abortions illegal](#) .
The bill would not prohibit the use of contraception.

The legislation is co-sponsored by 20 Republicans and 1 independent in the Senate. It will need more support to pass out of the GOP-majority chamber.

If approved, the measure would likely be challenged in court. [continued ...]

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4) 2017 Montana Personhood Constitutional Amendment:

HB 595 - [Bill] Died in Process 04/28/2017 - Constitutional amendment to define person

Current Bill Text:

<http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2017/billhtml/HB0595.htm>

<http://leg.mt.gov/bills/2017/billpdf/HB0595.pdf>

Bill Type - Number: HB 595

Short Title: Constitutional amendment to define person

Primary Sponsor: [Derek Skees](#) (R) HD 11

[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W\\$BSIV.ActionQuery?](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?)

[P_BILL_NO1=595&P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=HB&Z_ACTION=Find&_SESS=20171](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=595&P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=HB&Z_ACTION=Find&_SESS=20171)

[CP: Edited]

(S) Died in Process 04/28/2017

(S) 3rd Reading Failed 04/13/2017 30 20

(S) 2nd Reading Concurred 04/12/2017 30 20

(S) Committee Report -- Bill Concurred as Amended 04/11/2017 (S) Judiciary

(S) Hearing 04/07/2017 (S) Judiciary

(S) Referred to Committee 04/03/2017 (S) Judiciary

(H) Transmitted to Senate 03/31/2017

(H) 3rd Reading Passed 03/31/2017 58 42

(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading 03/31/2017

(H) 2nd Reading Passed 03/30/2017 59 41

(H) Committee Report -- Bill Passed 03/28/2017 (H) Judiciary

(H) Committee Executive Action -- Bill Passed 03/28/2017 11 8(H) Judiciary

(H) Hearing 03/28/2017 (H) Judiciary

(H) Referred to Committee 03/15/2017 (H) Judiciary

(H) Introduced 03/15/2017

The State (Columbia, SC)

[Re: Montana]

Scores of legislative bills die as [Montana legislative] session ends

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/national-politics/article147413934.html>

APRIL 28, 2017

[CP: Excerpts, edited, emphasis added]

HELENA, MONTANA

Abortion, the death penalty, guns and the very essence of personhood. Some of the legislative session's most contentious bills seemed doomed from the start, some killed with a stroke of the governor's veto pen while others perished by legislative action or inaction.

continued...

A proposed constitutional amendment didn't mention the word abortion, but its sponsor's intent was clear:

Accord constitutional rights to unborn children by having voters declare that life begins at the moment of conception. The measure would have circumvented the governor's desk, but it could not muster the two-thirds majority required to bring the referendum to voters.

[Montana]

Measure Seeking to Define Personhood Dies in [Montana] Senate

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-04-13/measure-seeking-to-define-personhood-dies-in-senate>

April 13, 2017

[CP: Excerpts, emphasis added]

Montana voters won't have to decide whether to define what a person is in the state constitution.

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - Montana voters won't have to decide whether to define what a person is in the state constitution.

The state Senate voted 30-20 Thursday in favor of a ballot referendum that sought to rewrite the constitution to declare that human life begins at conception.

The measure needed support from 42 Senators to meet the required 100 votes from both legislative chambers.

The House approved the bill last month on a vote of 58-42.

While the proposal did not mention abortion, Republican Rep. Derek Skees of Kalispell made it clear that his bill was meant as a political salvo in his battle against legalized abortion.

continued...

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E-mail below sent out May 6, 2017:

\ri600Date: Sat, 06 May 2017

From: Christians for Personhood

Subject: Report/Action Alert: SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217) - Please contact Rankin, Senn, Campsen, McLeod, McElveen, Johnson
NLT Monday, May 8 to Vote YES on S.217 or to ABSTAIN

[Christians for Personhood \(CP \)](#)

Columbia, South Carolina

May 6, 2017

Report / Action Alert : SC PERSONHOOD ACT ([S.217](#))

- Please contact [Rankin](#) , [Senn](#) , [Campsen](#) , [McLeod](#) ,
[McElveen](#) , [Johnson](#)

NLT Monday, May 8 to Vote YES on [S.217](#) or to ABSTAIN

1) **Report:** SC PERSONHOOD ACT ([S.217](#)) "Carried Over" twice in full Senate Judiciary Comm.

on Tuesday, May 2 [Video archives [here](#) - see Senate Judiciary Committee, May 2, 2017], postponing deliberation on the bill.

2) **Action Alert:** - Final Senate Judiciary Committee meeting of regular 2017 Legislative Session scheduled on Tuesday, May 9 [[Senate Meeting Schedule](#)]. While the [agenda](#)

presently deals with State Ethics Commission appointments, the possibility of further business taken up by the Judiciary Committee must not be overlooked.

- Please contact Senators [Rankin](#) , [Senn](#) , [Campsen](#) , [McLeod](#) , [McElveen](#) , and [Johnson](#)

NLT Monday, May 8 and ask them to Vote Yes on [S.217](#) , or to Abstain .

- SC Senator Contact information [here](#) .

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once effectively unilaterally (i.e., with no vote by Committee members) by Judiciary Committee

Chairman Luke Rankin during the meeting; and once upon Motion of [S.217](#) primary sponsor

Senator Rex Rice at the very end of the meeting, when the meeting ran beyond the planned time,

and two [S.217](#) supporters had already left the room. Deliberation on [S.217](#) was thus postponed.

- SC PERSONHOOD ACT ([S.217](#)) was listed ninth on the list of Judiciary Subcommittee Reports on

the full Judiciary Committee [agenda](#) for Tuesday, May 2, 2017 [Item I)].

- Upon completion of Item G), Judiciary Committee Chairman [Luke Rankin](#) (R-Horry) effectively unilaterally (i.e., with no vote by the committee members) "Carried Over" the next two bills [Items H) and I), including [S.217](#) - see video begin [here](#) at 1:16:45] to skip ahead to get to four other House bills at the end of the [agenda](#) .

- There was a Republican Senate Caucus scheduled, and the Judiciary Committee meeting had already run more than 15 minutes past the start time (1 PM) of that Caucus meeting when Judiciary Committee Chairman [Luke Rankin](#) came back to take up [S. 217](#) as the last item of business. With the meeting already having run long, and two [S. 217](#) supporters having already left the room, [S.217](#) primary sponsor Senator [Rex Rice](#) (R-Pickens) wisely moved to "Carry Over" the bill [see video [here](#) at 2:06:50]. The meeting then quickly adjourned.

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- SC PERSONHOOD ACT ([S .217](#)) is not presently on the published [agenda](#) of full Senate

Judiciary Committee meeting [Tuesday , May 9](#) at [11am](#) (Gressette Senate Building, Room 308).

- The meeting is scheduled to be broadcast live by [video](#) and also by [audio](#) only.

- There are 22 Senators on the full [Judiciary Committee](#) (13 R, 9 D).
12 YES votes
would be needed for [S.217](#) to pass, if all 22 members are present and voting

- Only nine Republicans of these 22 are presently [S.217](#) co-sponsors

- One other Republican [non-co-sponsor](#) ([Massey](#)) is also expected to vote YES
for the [S.217](#) bill

- At least three other Senators total are needed to at least [ABSTAIN](#) from voting NO
if they refuse to vote YES: Republicans - [Rankin](#) , [Senn](#) , [Campsen](#)
Democrats - [McLeod](#) , [McElveen](#) , [Johnson](#)

- [CALLS](#) and [E-MAILS](#) are needed NLT Monday (5/8) to these six Senators:

[SC Senator Contact information [here](#)]

[Rankin](#) - Ask to vote YES [[with NO AMENDMENTS](#)] or ABSTAIN

[Senn](#) - Ask to vote YES [[with NO AMENDMENTS](#)] or ABSTAIN

[Campsen](#) - Long time [OPPONENT](#) of SC Personhood legislation
(since at least 2001) - Ask to ABSTAIN

[McLeod](#) - Ask to vote YES [[with NO AMENDMENTS](#)] or ABSTAIN

[McElveen](#) - Ask to vote YES [[with NO AMENDMENTS](#)] or ABSTAIN

[Johnson](#) - Ask to vote YES [[with NO AMENDMENTS](#)] or ABSTAIN

E-mail below sent out May 1, 2017:

iri600Date: Mon, 01 May 2017
From: Christians for Personhood
Subject: URGENT ACTION ALERT: SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217) -
Please contact Rankin*, Senn **, Campsen*** today (May 1)

Christians for Personhood (CP)
Columbia, South Carolina
May 1, 2017

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- Three other Republicans are needed to at least **ABSTAIN** from voting NO if they refuse to vote YES: [Rankin](#) * , [Senn](#) ** , [Campsen](#) ***

- **CALLS** and **E-MAILS** are needed today Monday (5/1) to these three Republican Senators:

[SC Senator Contact information [here](#)]

[Rankin](#) * - Ask to vote YES [[with NO AMENDMENTS](#)] or ABSTAIN

[Senn](#) ** - Ask to vote YES [[with NO AMENDMENTS](#)] or ABSTAIN

[Campsen](#) *** - Long time **OPPONENT** of SC Personhood legislation (since at least 2001) - Ask to ABSTAIN

Notes:

*[Luke Rankin](#) [voted](#) in 2016 for the [S.719 SC Personhood Amendment](#) on [April 12, 2016](#) ([Minutes p.5](#)) in the full Senate Judiciary Committee; and Senator Rankin also [voted](#) in 2016 for Special Order for the [S.719 SC Personhood Amendment](#) on the floor of the full SC Senate on [May 11, 2016](#) . [[At the time 23-year incumbent Senator Rankin was facing Republican opposition from a Myrtle Beach Republican in the June 2016 Primary](#)]. If Senator Rankin could vote Yes for [S.719](#) in April 2016, why can't he vote Yes for [S.217](#) in May 2017 ?

** [Chip Campsen](#) has been an adamant opponent of SC Personhood legislation since at least 2001, including [speaking \(audio\)](#) and [voting](#) on the floor of the Senate **against** a Personhood Bill [Recall](#) on April 13, 2010; and [speaking](#) ([official Senate Journal transcription](#)) and [voting](#) on the floor of the

full SC Senate **against** Special Order for the [S.719 SC Personhood Amendment](#) on [May 11, 2016](#) .

However, whether by choice or circumstance, Senator Campsen was at least not present to vote against the [S.719 SC Personhood Amendment](#) in the full Senate Judiciary Committee on [April 12, 2016](#) ([Minutes p.5](#)).

Why could not Senator Campsen at least abstain in May 2017 ?

***** Sandy Senn's** predecessor, former Senator Paul Thurmond, was not present to vote on the [S.719 SC Personhood Amendment](#) in the full Senate Judiciary Committee on [April 12, 2016](#) ([Minutes p.5](#)).

Why could not Senator Senn at least abstain in May 2017 ?

Contact information for Senator Luke Rankin :

[Senator Luke Rankin](#) (R-Horry)
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
District 33 - Horry County - [Map](#)

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Send webmail message to Senator Luke Rankin (R-Horry)

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/email.php?T=M&C=1511363455>

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[Corrections incorporated below: Changed "Tuesday, May 3" to "Tuesday, May 2"]

\ri600Date: Sat, 29 Apr 2017 / Corrected 1 May 2017
From: Christians for Personhood
Subject: Four Testimony Videos / Action Update: SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217)

Christians for Personhood (CP)
Columbia, South Carolina
April 29, 2017

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- Report:

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[April 27, 2017 / Revised April 28, 2017]

- **Four Testimony Videos**

Videos of four of those allowed to speak in support of the SC Personhood Act (**S .217**):

Eva Edl, **Johnny Gardner** , **Rolf Baghdady** , and **Richard Cash** .

- **Action Update** : SC PERSONHOOD ACT (**S .217**) now on **agenda** of full Senate Judiciary Committee meeting **Tuesday , May 2** at **11am** (Gressette Senate Building, Room 308).

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- Only nine Republicans of these 22 are presently **S.217** co-sponsors

- One other Republican **non-co-sponsor** (**Massey**) is also expected to vote Yes for the **S.217** bill

- Three other Republicans are needed to at least **ABSTAIN** from voting NO if they refuse to vote YES: **Rankin*** , **Senn**** , **Campsen*****

- Between today Saturday (4/29) and Tuesday (5/2) before 11am, **CALLS** and **E-MAILS** are needed to these three Republican Senators [Contact information **here**]:

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Subcommittee April 26

Hearing for Personhood Act of South Carolina ([S.217](#)):

<http://christiansforpersonhood.com/>

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Eva Edl Personhood Bill testimony - April 26, 2017

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Richard Cash Personhood bill testimony 4/2017

<https://youtu.be/lunEZWKaWzs>

Video - 5:50

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SC Senator Contact information [here](#)

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Notes:

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** **Chip Campsen** has been an adamant opponent of SC Personhood legislation since at least 2001, including **speaking (audio)** and **voting** on the floor of the Senate **against** a Personhood Bill **Recall** on April 13, 2010; and **speaking (official Senate Journal transcription)** and **voting** on the floor of the full SC Senate **against** Special Order for the **S.719 SC Personhood Amendment** on **May 11, 2016** . However, whether by choice or circumstance, Senator Campsen was at least not present to vote against the **S.719 SC Personhood Amendment** in the full Senate Judiciary Committee on **April 12, 2016** (**Minutes p.5**). Why could not Senator Campsen at least abstain in May 2017 ?

*** **Sandy Senn's** predecessor, former Senator Paul Thurmond, was

not present to vote on the

[S.719 SC Personhood Amendment](#) in the full Senate Judiciary Committee on [April 12, 2016](#) ([Minutes p.5](#)).

Why could not Senator Senn at least abstain in May 2017 ?

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- The SC Personhood Act (**S .217**) passed favorably out of
a **Senate Judiciary Subcommittee**
on Wednesday shortly before 11am, April 26, by a vote of

3 Yeas (Rice , Gambrell , Talley)
to 2 Nays (Bright Matthews , McLeod).

- The bill now goes to the full Judiciary Committee , which presently has 22 members (1 vacancy), of which 13 are Republicans and 9 are Democrats; however only nine Republican members of the Judiciary Committee are co-sponsors of S .217 [Climer , Gambrell , Goldfinch , Rice , Shealy , Talley , Turner , Timmons , Young]. There are four Republicans on the Judiciary Committee who are not co-sponsors of S .217 [Massey (Senate Majority (Republican) Leader; Chairman Senate Rules Committee), Rankin (Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman), Senn , and the only presently openly, repeatedly, long-term, declared opponent of S.217 , Campsen (Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee Chairman)]. None of the 9 Democrats on the Judiciary Committee are presently co-sponsoring S .217 .

- The April 26 meeting was scheduled to convene at 9am , but was started about 15 minutes late. The full Senate was scheduled to go into session in the Senate chamber over at the State House at 11am , which placed a specific time limit on the length of the S .217 Subcommittee hearing.

- The hearing room was changed only the day before (4/25) to Room 209 , which is the same size as the prior Room 207 , with an audience seating capacity of just 50 (The March 30 S .217 hearing was held in Room 308 with an audience seating capacity of 90, and there were people standing along two walls and overflowing out into the hallway at the March 30 S .217 hearing.). On Wednesday, Room 209 was filled including a few spots for standing room, and then there were many other people still out in the hallway.



- The Subcommittee chairwoman Senator **Bright Matthews** [D - appointed by "Republican" Senator **Luke Rankin** (R-Horry)] explained at the beginning of the meeting that time would have to be allowed at the end of the meeting for the Subcommittee to vote on the bill, and so speakers would not be called beyond a certain time ahead of the end of the meeting to allow that vote to take place.

- Among those who were allowed to speak in support of the SC Personhood Act (S .217) were Eva Edl, Johnny Gardner, Rolf Baghdady, and Richard Cash. The Subcommittee hearing was videoed and YouTube video of these four testimonies may be available at a later date.

Eva Edl - 82 years old, survivor of a Communist starvation camp in Yugoslavia at end of WW2

Eva Edl testifies before SC Personhood Act ([S .217](#)) Judiciary Subcommittee: Members present at the time from Left to Right: Senator Scott Talley (R), Judiciary Committee Senior Staff Attorney Paula Benson, Senator Margie Bright Matthews (D), Senator Mike Gambrell (R), Senator Rex Rice (R). [Not present yet, Senator Mia McLeod (D), seat empty between Senator Talley and Benson, Esq.].



Also:

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Paula Benson, Senator Margie Bright Matthews (D), Senator Mike Gambrell (R), Senator Rex Rice (R).



(Several other supporters of the SC Personhood Act ([S . 217](#)) were present who were also signed up to speak, but who were not afforded that opportunity by the Subcommittee chairwoman Senator [Bright Matthews](#) [D - appointed by "Republican" Senator [Luke Rankin](#) (R-Horry)].)

After the conclusion of the SC Personhood Act ([S .217](#)) Judiciary Subcommittee, and the vote to pass [S .217](#) favorably:
From Left to Right, Pat Hunter, wife of Dr. Johnny Hunter, and Eva Edl. Dr. Johnny Hunter is the national director of the Life Education and Resource Network (L.E.A.R.N.), a Christian, pro-life organization which focuses on reaching Christian black pastors to become involved in pro-life efforts (Dr. Hunter was signed up to speak and had a short, one-page statement prepared, but was not afforded the opportunity to address the [S .217](#) Subcommittee during the hearing.)
[See <http://BlackGenocide.org>]

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'GOD Has Shown US Great MERCY...What Will We Do with the OPPORTUNITY? '

Letter to the Editor / Opinion Editorial

Steve Lefemine, Christian pro-life missionary

dir., Columbia Christians for Life

exec. dir. Christians for Personhood

November 12, 2016 / Edited, Revised November 14, 2016

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LEGAL EXPERTS SUPPORTING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE-LEVEL PERSONHOOD LEGISLATION

IN SC (2001), MISS (2009), ALA (2011), and OK (2012):

- Herb Titus is an attorney, constitutional scholar, author, the founding Dean of College of Law/Gov't at Regent University
- Mathew Staver is former Dean of the School of Law at Liberty University; and [Liberty Counsel](#) founder and chair
- Judge Roy Moore , Chief Justice of the [Alabama Supreme Court](#) , is President Emeritus of [Foundation for Moral Law](#)

April 5, 2016

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Subject: Report Update: SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217) - No substantive response from Senator Rankin

Christians for Personhood (CP)
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Report Update : **SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S .217)** - No substantive response from Senator Rankin

- Next (2d) **S .217** SC Personhood Act hearing still **scheduled** for Wed., April 26 on **Senate Meeting Schedule** , despite repeated requests to **Senator Luke Rankin** (R - Horry - District 33 - **Map**), Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee, for an earlier date. No substantive response from Senator Rankin has been received.
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E-mails sent to Senator Rankin (April 8 and April 13, 2017)

[edited]

Date: Thu, 13 Apr 2017

To: LukeRankin@scsenate.gov, SJudComm@scsenate.gov

From: Christians for Personhood

Subject: For Senator Luke Rankin, re: Next (2d) Subcomm Hearing for S217 SC Personhood Act

April 13, 2017

For Senator Luke Rankin
Chairman Senate Judiciary Committee

Re: Next (2d) Subcommittee Hearing for S217 SC Personhood Act

Senator Rankin,

I received no response to my previous April 8 E-mail request to you for the next (2d) S217 Subcommittee hearing date to be April 11 or 12 or 13.

Although you acknowledged and thanked me for my April 6 request by lobbying memo

for the same thing as your exited the Senate chamber last Thursday after adjournment, you nevertheless gave no substantive specific answer to the request itself.

It is appearing we will have to accept April 26 for the next S217 SC Personhood Act hearing date, almost a one month delay after the first S217 Subcommittee hearing on March 30. As that appears to be the case, we will prepare for that date.

Although I recall the Senate Meeting Schedule for the week of April 18-20 was initially not very full, I see today there are now a total of seven different Judiciary Subcommittee meetings for April 18-20, with a total of 23 different bills on their individual meeting agendas, which potentially could come out of subcommittee and be placed on the agenda of the next full Judiciary Committee meeting; all of which would be ahead of S217 whose next subcommittee hearing is not scheduled until the following week, Wednesday, April 26.

In addition, the S217 Subcommittee meeting room on March 30 was in Gressette Room 308, with an audience seating capacity of about 90. On March 30, Room 308 was filled to standing room only, with people standing lining the back and one side wall, as well as people out in the hallway.

The meeting room presently scheduled for the next S217 Subcommittee hearing on April 26 is Gressette Room 207, which only has a seating capacity of about 50.

Request the S217 Subcommittee hearing on April 26 at 9:00 am be relocated, at the same date and time, to Gressette Room 308, or even better, to Gressette Room 105 (seating capapcity 100), the latter room having been previously scheduled for a Judiciary Subcommittee for another bill, but which the Senate Meeting Schedule [<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/meetings.php?chamber=S>] is now showing has been cancelled, making it possible that Gressette Room 105 is now available for use.

Please convey this request for a room change, at the same

date and time, to your S217 Subcommittee chairperson.

Thank you.

Steve Lefemine
exec. dir., Christians for Personhood
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[E-mail to Senator Rankin, April 8, 2017]

[edited]

Next (2d) Subcomm Hearing for S217 SC Personhood Act

April 8, 2017

Senator Rankin,

April 26 is unacceptable as the followup date to the March 30
S217 SC Personhood Act hearing;
almost a One Month delay !

While the Senate is in recess next week, the Gressette Bldg. is
still open. Request S217 next (2d)
Subcomm. hearing be conducted Tuesday, April 11; or
Wednesday, April 12; or Thursday, April 13,
beginning at 10am.

Please convey this request to your hand-picked, pro-"abortion"
Democrat S217 Subcomm. chairperson.

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Columbia, South Carolina
April 6, 2017

SC Personhood Act S.217 URGENT ALERT

Regarding 2d Hearing for SC Personhood Act S.
217:

The announced April 26 second hearing date for S.217 SC
Personhood Act
is an unacceptable delay.

The goal for this year is to see S.217 pass the full Senate
Judiciary Committee
by the end of the 2017 SC Legislature regular session on
May 11; this year 2017
being the first year of the full two-year 2017-2018 Session.
Next week when the
full Senate is in recess would be an ideal time for the
hearing, with no need to
curtail the hearing length for Senators to get over to the
State House chamber.

Please call and email Senator Luke Rankin ("R" - Horry)
immediately and daily
for the next five days (Thursday through and including
Monday), for Senator Rankin

to convey this request to his hand-picked, pro-"abortion" Democrat [S.217](#) Subcommittee chairperson (i.e., Senator [Margie Bright Matthews](#) (D - Colleton) that the hearing be scheduled for **NEXT WEEK**, either Tuesday, April 11; or Wednesday, April 12; or Thursday, April 13.

Call Senator Luke Rankin's Gressette Bldg. Senate Judiciary Committee office: 803-212-6610; and Luke Rankin's Conway business office: 843-248-2405; and his Myrtle Beach home phone number which is listed publicly on Senator Rankin's [webpage](#): 843-626-6269.

E-mail Senator Rankin through the [www.scstatehouse.gov](#), click on "Senators", then click on Luke Rankin.

Thank you. Christians, please pray Proverb 21:1, [KJV](#).

In Christ, Steve Lefemine

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Senator Rankin assigned a "favorable" [S. 217](#) Judiciary Subcommittee insofar as he appointed three out of five members who are sponsors of [S.217](#) SC Personhood Act, so we have the votes for passage, if / when the bill finally comes to a vote. However, Senator Rankin also appointed a pro-"abortion" Democrat to be chairperson of the

subcommittee, who we are seeing using her authority and power to obstruct and delay the progress of the [S.217](#) Bill which she opposes.

'[Senator Rankin Assigns the SC Personhood Act to a Favorable Judiciary Subcommittee](#)'

The Times Examiner, Greenville, SC

March 29, 2017

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Subject: (SC Lt Governor Testimony Video) SC
Personhood Act S.217 Senate Judiciary
Subcommittee Hearing - March 30, 2017 [Report #4]

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April 4, 2017

SC Lt Governor Testimony Video :

SC Personhood Act **S.217** Senate
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Videos of Selected Pro-Personhood
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Hearing for Personhood Act of South Carolina
([S.217](#)):

[SC Lt Gov, Nurse, Attorney, Pastor and Wife
]

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Pro-Personhood SC Lieutenant Governor
Kevin Bryant

https://youtu.be/uTweSOqm_qo

[Video – 3:47]

[Excerpts]

"My focus today and my purpose in filing this bill [see [Press Release](#) dated January 27, 2017] is very simple.

This legislation directly underscores and recognizes those unalienable rights endowed by the Creator: the right to life, the right to liberty, and the right to the pursuit of happiness, to a baby girl and a baby boy that have yet to be born."

"Please allow me to just read a couple of short portions of the bill, that reflects the simple purpose of my introduction of this bill, to uphold the liberty of young girls and boys. Section [1-1-320], Part (B), says, 'The General Assembly acknowledges that all persons are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.' In [Part] (C), 'The General Assembly acknowledges that personhood is God-given, as all men are created in the image of God.' "

"And then in the next section [Section 1-1-330], [Part] (B) again, 'The rights guaranteed by Article I, Section 3

of the Constitution of this State, that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of law nor denied the equal protection of the laws, vest at fertilization for each born and preborn human being.' "

"Thanks again for holding this hearing, and taking my testimony. I appreciate your hard work, and I believe it is the most important subject of all."

Pro-Personhood Nurse
Laura Fultz
<https://youtu.be/Zw0eJ77OfJ8>
[Video – 4:59]

Pro-Personhood Attorney
Allan Parker, The Justice Foundation
<https://youtu.be/sgA8IW9AJyg>
[Video – 11:51]

Pro-Personhood Pastor and Wife
Tommy and Valerie Quick
Promised Land Christian Discipleship Center
<https://youtu.be/85OIL8WoFBs>
[Video – 13:10]

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Subject: (Three Testimony Videos) SC
Personhood Act S.217 Senate Judiciary
Subcommittee Hearing - March 30, 2017 [Report
#3]

Christians for Personhood (CP)
Columbia, South Carolina
April 3, 2017

Three Testimony Videos :

SC Personhood Act **S.217** Senate
Judiciary Subcommittee Hearing
- March 30, 2017 [Report #3]

Videos of Selected Pro-Personhood
Testimonies at Judiciary Subcommittee
March 30
Hearing for Personhood Act of South
Carolina (S.217): [Nurse, Attorney, Pastor
and Wife]

<http://christiansforpersonhood.com/>

Pro-Personhood Nurse

Laura Fultz

<https://youtu.be/Zw0eJ77OfJ8>

[Video – 4:59]

Pro-Personhood Attorney

Allan Parker, The Justice Foundation

<https://youtu.be/sgA8IW9AJyg>

[Video – 11:51]

Pro-Personhood Pastor and Wife

Tommy and Valerie Quick

Promised Land Christian Discipleship Center

<https://youtu.be/85OIL8WoFBs>

[Video – 13:10]

- Please call daily and request Senator

Luke Rankin, Chairman Judiciary

Committee:

1) Sign on to co-sponsor **S.217** as soon as possible.

2) Commit to vote in support of **S. 217** without any amendments in the full Judiciary Committee.

Senator Luke Rankin (R-Horry)

Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

District 33 - Horry County - [Map](#)

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(Myrtle Beach) Senator Rankin Home Phone

Christians for Personhood (CP)

Columbia, South Carolina

April 1, 2017

Video:

SC Personhood Act S. 217 Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Hearing

- March 30, 2017 [Report #2]

- No vote taken March 30 after almost 1 1/2 hours of testimony; second public hearing with more testimony expected next week

- Please call daily and request of Senator **Luke Rankin**, Chairman Judiciary Committee, that he vote in support of S. 217 without any amendments in the full Judiciary Committee if / when, Lord willing, S.217 passes the Judiciary Subcommittee possibly next week, and then comes up on the full Judiciary Committee agenda, on Tuesday, April 18 at the earliest.

Personhood South Carolina
Great Subcommittee and Senator
Rankin Speaks...

<http://us11.campaign-archive1.com/?u=696481fa6fc38f90712919a77&id=12d8cf8ee7>

"Please pray for God to be honored throughout this process. Senator Luke Rankin finally spoke with us. He says he will not co-sponsor S217, but that he is praying and talking to his pastor about personhood.

He is still trying to decide about his Judiciary Committee vote."

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Video Excerpt [emphasis added]:

Valerie Quick, **first lady, missionary, Promised Land Christian Discipleship Center**, Spartanburg, SC:

"[God] did not change his position based on whether things were good or bad.

We all suffer good and bad. When a child is conceived, the Lord has spoken."

WISTV-10 (Columbia, SC)
Proposed SC bill would define 'person' at fertilization
<http://www.wistv.com/story/35034350/proposed-sc-bill-would-define-person-at-fertilization>
Thursday, March 30th 2017
[Video: 1:32 - 1:42]

Excerpt [emphasis added]:

'One supporter of the bill, Valerie Quick, said she has been a registered

nurse for more than 37 years and has fought and prayed for the rights of any patient, including children at conception.

"When a child is conceived, intentional or not, the Lord has chosen for it to live," she said. "When a child is aborted, it's the same as murder." '

Independent Mail (Anderson, SC)
Bryant adds support to anti-abortion bill
<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/politics/2017/03/31/bryant-pushes-anti-abortion-bill/99865026/>
March 31, 2017

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Thursday, March 30th 2017

[CP: Emphasis added, portion omitted]:

COLUMBIA, SC (WIS) -

South Carolina's Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant is fighting for the 'right to life' for unborn children, starting at fertilization.

Bryant's bill, [S. 217, is the Personhood Act of South Carolina](#) . He sponsored the bill as a senator along with 18 other senators who also signed on as sponsors.

In a standing room only meeting on Thursday

morning, there was moving testimony on the bill from those both for and against it. If passed, the act would grant the same rights to the zygote or fertilized egg, as to the adult.

The Lt. Gov. began the hearing, reading from S. 217: "...those unalienable rights endowed by the creator, the right to life, the right to liberty, and the right to the pursuit of happiness to the baby girl and the baby boy who have yet to be born."

Speakers on polar ends of the debate urged senators to hear their view on the matter. By recognizing those rights for each fertilized egg, there would be consequences on abortion; doctors would be unable to terminate pregnancies.

Those against the measure include Katie Sacra. She testified, telling the Senate panel of her trials and troubles raising a child with a painful, lethal disorder.

"I promise you, no matter how hard you try to imagine, you cannot begin to understand the magnitude of suffering this has caused in our lives," Sacra said.

Sacra says she has had abortions performed after learning of disorders the babies were to have if born. She says she believes the quality of life matters.

"I was scheduling an abortion...a decision I never thought I would make. A decision I have made more than once because of this horrible disorder. An incredibly personal decision I have been so grateful to have been able to make," she said.

Others testified against the quality of life argument, in support for the Personhood bill.

"We have a lot of suffering in our world. I've

seen a lot of it as a nurse. But opposing a single piece of legislation is not going to fix all that suffering," Laura Fultz said.

Others supporting the bill claim to be a voice for the unborn, believing each pregnancy an act of God.

"He did not change his position based on whether things were good or bad. We all suffer good and bad.

When a child is conceived, the Lord has spoken," Valerie Quick said.

Planned Parenthood representatives argue that that would pose health risks for women who suffer dangerous, life-threatening pregnancies.

The measure could also affect fertility treatments such as in vitro fertilization or IVF. Vickie Ringer, with **Planned Parenthood South Atlantic**, says the bill would eliminate IVF.

[CP Note: What Planned Parenthood's representative stated above is false, "Personhood" at fertilization/conception would not eliminate IVF, it would only regulate IVF so that "excess" or "unwanted" embryos are not destroyed.]

continued...

Those on the other side of the issue believe there should be a voice for the unborn that do not have one, and that this stage of life deserves due process the same as an adult does.

There was no action taken on the bill Thursday. There was not enough time in the meeting to allow everyone to testify that had signed up, so the Senate panel will meet again to hear that likely next week.

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Bryant adds support to anti-abortion
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<http://www.independentmail.com/story/news/politics/2017/03/31/bryant-pushes-anti-abortion-bill/99865026/>

March 31, 2017

[CP: Emphasis added, portion omitted]:

Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant
[Photo]

Republican Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant recently told state senators he supports changing state law to define a person's "right to life" at fertilization - a move that would effectively ban abortion.

The Anderson Republican, who ascended to the state's second-highest office earlier this year, sponsored the anti-abortion proposal when he was a state senator.

"The General Assembly acknowledges that all persons are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights," Bryant read from the bill. "The General Assembly acknowledges that personhood is God-given, as all men are created in the image of God."

The bill's chances of passing this year are slim. The deadline for bills to pass out of one chamber is April 10. Until then,

the Senate will be focused on the state budget.

Whether the bill passes next year, the second in a two-year General Assembly, also is uncertain. Similar legislation has been introduced and has failed to pass at least seven times since 2011.

[CP Note: Personhood legislation has been active in SC Legislature every year since 1998, for last 19 years. [S.217](#) was introduced January 10, 2017. [History of Personhood Legislation in South Carolina \(1998 – 2016\)](#)]

But pro-life advocates are urging the Senate panel to pass the proposal. And the Senate panel will have another public hearing on the bill, sponsored by 17 GOP senators and one Democrat.

One supporter of the bill, Valerie Quick, said she has been a registered nurse for more than 37 years and has fought and prayed for the rights of any patient, including children at conception.

“When a child is conceived, intentional or not, the Lord has chosen for it to live,” she said. “When a child is aborted, it’s the same as murder.”

Opponents spoke out against the bill as well.

Lynn Teague of the [League of Women Voters](#) spoke in opposition to the proposal, saying the language is inconsistent with the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom.

Michael Slowey, a [Mount Pleasant](#) reproductive endocrinologist and co-founder of [Coastal Fertility Specialists](#), said the proposal would create a variety of restrictions that would limit reproduction and

family-planning choices.

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E-mail below sent out March 30, 2017:

ri600Date: Thu, 30 Mar 2017
From: Christians for Personhood
Subject: SC Personhood Act S.217
Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Hearing
- March 30, 2017

Christians for Personhood (CP)
Columbia, South Carolina
March 30, 2017

SC Personhood Act S.
217 Senate Judiciary
Subcommittee Hearing
- March 30, 2017

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1/2 hours of testimony; second
public hearing
with more testimony expected next
week

The State (Columbia, SC)
SC Lt. Gov. Bryant supports 'right to
life' at fertilization

[http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-
government/article141672049.html](http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article141672049.html)

MARCH 30, 2017

Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant spoke Thursday in favor of changing state law to define a person's 'right to life' at fertilization at a Senate panel hearing.

The Anderson Republican, **who ascended** to a seat away from the governor's office earlier this year, sponsored the anti-abortion proposal when he was a state senator.

"The General Assembly acknowledges that all persons are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights," Bryant read **from the bill**. "The General Assembly acknowledges that personhood is God-given, as all men are created in the image of God."

The bill [**S.217**] is sponsored by [17] GOP senators [and one Democrat senator].

<http://wspa.com/2017/03/30/sc-bill-to-ban-abortions-draws-packed-senate-hearing/>

March 30, 2017



People lined up to sign-up to speak at a state Senate subcommittee hearing on a bill to ban abortions in SC.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (WSPA)– A state Senate subcommittee heard testimony Thursday on one of the most controversial bills at the South Carolina Statehouse. The Personhood Act says life begins at conception and would outlaw all abortions, with no exceptions for rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

44 people on both sides of the issue signed up to testify, packing the state Senate hearing room. Because of time constraints, only 10

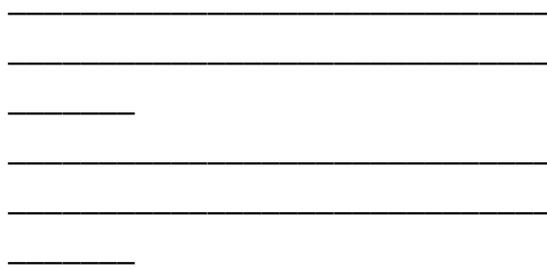
were able to speak during the one-and-a-half- hour hearing.
The subcommittee plans to hold another hearing and did not take a vote.

That also means the bill is unlikely to pass this year. The crossover deadline is April 6th, when a bill has to have passed in either the House or Senate to have a realistic chance of becoming law this year.

Since this bill couldn't come out of subcommittee until next week at the earliest, and would then still require passage in a full committee and then the full Senate, it's unlikely to pass this year. A bill can come up for debate and a vote after the crossover deadline, but it requires a two-thirds vote by lawmakers to bring it up.

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[Personhood South Carolina](#) Facebook:

[Excerpt]

"Today's subcommittee meeting was recessed without a vote. More testimony will be received next week."

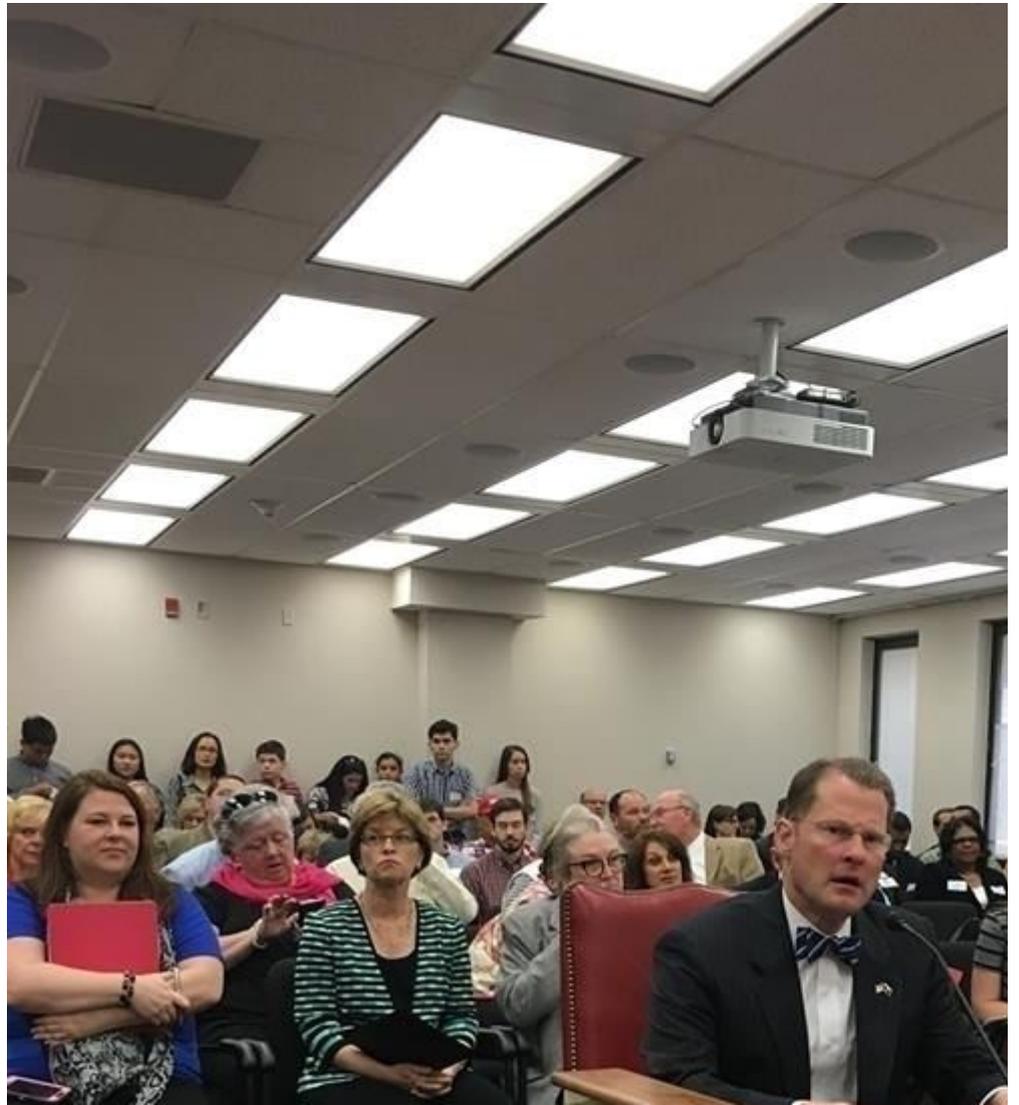
<https://www.facebook.com/personhoodsc/>



The scene in Gressette 308 ...
<https://www.facebook.com/personhoodsc/photos/pb.693335907469030.-2207520000.1490909445./966745000128118/?type=3&heater>

SC Lieutenant Governor Kevin Bryant

Kevin Bryant Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/kevinbryantsc/>



Humbled to speak on the South Carolina Personhood Act, promoting the liberty of our youngest boys and girls.

Thanks Sen. Bright Matthews for holding this important hearing

<https://www.facebook.com/kevinbryantsc/photos/a.240692926013913.57125.240666006016605/1265787620171100/?type=3&heater>

E-mail below sent out March 28, 2017:

Date: Tue, 28 Mar 2017
From: Christians for Personhood
Subject: Action Update: SC
PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217 / H.
3530) - Continue calls to Senator
Rankin;
Begin calls to all other Judiciary
Committee Republicans

Christians for Personhood (CP)
Columbia, South Carolina
March 28, 2017

Action Update : SC
PERSONHOOD
ACT (S .217 / H.3530)

- Continue calls to Senator
Luke Rankin (R-Horry)

- Begin calls to all other
Judiciary
Committee Republicans (12
other Republicans)

1) Request Senator **Luke Rankin** to sign on to co-sponsor **S.217** as soon as possible.

Also request Senator Rankin to vote in support of **S. 217** without any amendments in the full Judiciary Committee which he chairs, if / when, Lord willing, **S.217** passes the Judiciary Subcommittee on Thursday, March 30, and then comes up on the full Judiciary Committee agenda, possibly as early as Tuesday, April 4.

When calling/leaving messages/e-mailing, remind Senator Luke Rankin in 2016 he **voted** for the **S. 719 SC Personhood Amendment** on **April 12, 2016** (**Minutes p.5**) in the full Senate Judiciary Committee;
and remind Senator Rankin he also **voted** for Special Order for the **S.719 SC Personhood Amendment**

on the floor of the full SC Senate on May 11, 2016 . [At the time 23-year incumbent Senator Rankin was facing Republican opposition from a Myrtle Beach Republican in the June 2016 Primary].

2) Nine Republican Senators on Judiciary Committee are presently S.217 co-sponsors:

Senators Climer , Gambrell , Goldfinch , Rice , Shealy , Talley , Turner , Timmons , Young

Please call these Senators and 1) Thank them for sponsoring S. 217 SC Personhood Act, and 2) Ask them to vote for S.217 SC Personhood Act in full Judiciary Committee with no amendments and no "exceptions".

In the case of Senators Gambrell and Talley , ask them to also vote in the Judiciary Subcommittee for S.217 SC Personhood Act with no amendments and no "exceptions".

In the case of Senator Rice , thank him for serving now as primary sponsor (after former Senator Kevin Bryant who introduced the bill was later elevated to become SC Lt Governor), and for supporting passage of S.217 SC Personhood Act with no amendments and no "exceptions".

It is critically important that S. 217 be passed in the SC Legislature without any "exceptions" or amendments.

We need the support of each of these nine Republican co-sponsors of S.217 to vote for passage of the Bill without any amendments, and to vote against any amendments put up by the pro-child-murder-by-"abortion" side.

Any "exceptions" to Personhood, and we no longer have Personhood, we no longer have a Personhood Bill.

Either a child in the womb is a person, or they are not.

The Black's Law Dictionary and the Webster's Dictionary first definition of a "Person", is "A Human Being" !!
!

Black's Law Dictionary (2009):
Person = "A Human Being"

3) Three Republican Senators on Judiciary Committee are NOT (yet) S.217 co-sponsors:

Senators Massey [Senate Majority (Republican) Leader; Chairman Senate Rules Committee], Rankin [Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman], Senn

Please call these three Senators
and 1) Ask them to co-sponsor **S. 217** SC Personhood Act as soon as possible,
and 2) Ask them to vote for **S. 217** SC Personhood Act in full Judiciary Committee with no amendments and no "exceptions".

It is critically important that **S. 217** be passed in the SC Legislature without any "exceptions" or amendments.

We need the support of these three Republicans on the **Judiciary Committee** to vote for passage of the Bill without any amendments, and to vote against any amendments put up by the pro-child-murder-by-"abortion" side.

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**Black's Law Dictionary (2009):
Person = "A Human Being"**

4) One Republican Senator on **Judiciary Committee** is an

opponent of S.217:

Senator [Campsen](#) [Senate
Fish, Game and Forestry
Committee Chairman]

Please call this long-term
Personhood Bill [opponent](#) who
also professes to be an
evangelical Christian (?)
[See Legislative biography [here](#) :
"Deacon, Church Council, and
Teacher, East Cooper Baptist
Church"],
and ask him to obey Acts 5:29,
[KJV](#): "We ought to obey God
rather than men." instead of his
erroneous
judicial supremacist mindset
holding that Opinions of the US
Supreme Court are "the supreme
Law of the Land".

The Black's Law Dictionary and
the Webster's Dictionary first
definition of a "Person", is "A
Human Being" !!!

[Black's Law Dictionary \(2009\):
Person = "A Human Being"](#)

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[Beliefs](#)

Statement of Faith: [The Baptist](#)

Faith and Message

XV. The Christian and the Social Order

[Excerpts]

"All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society."

"We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death."

Note:

The U.S. Supreme Court is not authorized by the U.S. Constitution to make law

Opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) are not "the supreme Law of the Land" according to the [United States Constitution](#), Article VI, [Clause 2](#), known as "the Supremacy Clause". The Supreme Court makes a "decision" in a particular case, in the adjudication of a controversy between named parties to the case. The Supreme Court votes, and "decides" that particular, individual case. However, the written Opinion ostensibly substantiating the

decision is not a decision,
it is called an Opinion.

Words matter. The terms we use
create a framework for thought. As
has been expressed by more than
one person,
use of the wrong words can
obstruct the right thoughts from
even being thought of in the first
place.

The U.S. Supreme Court is the final
arbiter in a case. The U.S. Supreme
Court is NOT the final arbiter of the
U.S. Constitution. The U.S.
Supreme Court's decision (vote) in
a case is binding on the parties to
the case
as to the particulars of that case (facts and law). However, the
SCOTUS Opinion is **not law for the
whole country**.

The U.S. Supreme Court is not
authorized to legislate (to make
laws) by the U.S. Constitution

The **United States Constitution** is
clear only the Legislative Branch
makes law. Article I , **Section
1** states:

"All legislative Powers herein
granted shall be vested in a
Congress of the United States,
which shall consist of a Senate
and House of Representatives."

If "All" legislative Powers are vested
in the United States Congress (U.
S. Senate and U.S. House of
Representatives),
then how many "legislative Powers"
are vested by the U.S. Constitution
in the Judicial Branch, including the
U.S. Supreme Court ? Answer:

Zero.

SCOTUS Opinions are not "the supreme Law of the Land"

Over and over again, for years, those of us who have sought to "establish Justice" [[Preamble](#), U.S. Constitution]

for unborn people, have been opposed by some who remind us of what is referred to as "the Supremacy Clause", wrongfully claiming that the abominable, un-Biblical, unconstitutional Roe v. Wade (1973) [Opinion](#) of the U.S. Supreme Court

is somehow "the supreme law of the land". This is false. This is error.

And this flawed thinking has contributed mightily to the murder of [over 59 Million](#) (reported) human beings on American soil over the last 44+ years. Our land is polluted with the shed judicially innocent blood of these children (Numbers 35:33, [KJV](#)), which shed innocent blood is crying

out to Almighty God for Justice and Judgment (Genesis 4:10, Psalm 89:14, Psalm 97:2, Amos 5:15, [KJV](#)).

The [United States Constitution](#) is clear there are only three things identified in the text which are "the supreme Law of the Land". Article VI, [Clause 2](#) ["the Supremacy Clause"] states:

"This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the

Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding."

The three things identified in the written text of the U.S. Constitution which are "the supreme Law of the Land" are:

- 1) The U.S. Constitution itself (written text);
- 2) Federal Laws made in pursuance of the U.S. Constitution; and
- 3) Treaties (consistent with the written text).

See also:

Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson: The Supreme Court is not the final arbiter of the Constitution

"Abortion is not legal" - Christine Ross and Herbert W. Titus, JD

E-mail below sent out March 25, 2017:

Vri600Date: Sat, 25 Mar 2017
From: Christians for
Personhood
Subject: Action Update: SC
PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217 /
H.3530) - S.217 Assigned to
Favorable Subcommittee;
Public Hearing Scheduled for
March 30

Christians for Personhood (CP
)
Columbia, South Carolina
March 25, 2017

Action Update : SC
PERSONHOOD
ACT (S .217 / H.
3530)

- S.217 Assigned to
Favorable Subcommittee;
Public Hearing Scheduled
for March 30

- Please continue phone
calling / e-mailing Senator
Luke Rankin (R-Horry):

1) Thank him for
assigning S.217 to a
favorable subcommittee (
although he did not
appoint Senator Rice
chairman of the
subcommittee as
requested).

2) Request Senator
Rankin sign on to co-

sponsor S.217 as soon as possible.

3) Request Senator Rankin vote in support of S.217 without any amendments in the full Judiciary Committee which he chairs, if / when, Lord willing, S.217 passes the Judiciary Subcommittee on Thursday, March 30, and then comes up on the full Judiciary Committee agenda, possibly as early as Tuesday, April 4.

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- After a period of phone calling, including a published newspaper [article](#) calling for both calls and e-mails to Senator [Luke Rankin](#) (R-Horry) (' [Action Needed: SC Personhood Act](#)'), Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Rankin finally assigned [S. 217](#) to a favorable subcommittee on Wednesday, March 22, over two months after the bill had been introduced.

- The [S.217](#) Judiciary Subcommittee is comprised of five Senators: Margie Matthews (D) - chair; Mike Gambrell (R); Mia McLeod (D), Rex Rice (R), and Scott Talley (R). So, three Subcommittee members support [S.217](#), and two Subcommittee members, including the chairwoman, oppose [S. 217](#).

- Rice is the primary sponsor of [S.217](#), and Gambrell and Talley are both co-sponsors of [S.217](#).

[Senator Rankin had been asked to assign Senator Rice as chairman, which he did not do.]

- M. Matthews and McLeod are pro-"abortion".

- The Subcommittee Hearing (**Agenda**) is scheduled for Thursday, March 30, at 9:30 am, in Room 308, Senate Gressette Bldg. (behind the SC State House), Columbia (**Senate Meetings**).

Please call **Senator Luke Rankin** both at his **Columbia Senate Gressette office** and also at his **Conway law office** daily. If further time allows, please also send him daily e-mails:

Members of the SC Senate
<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?chamber=S>

Senator Luke Rankin (R-

Horry)

Chairman, Senate Judiciary
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Republican - Horry
District 33 - Horry County -
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Report Update :
SC
PERSONHOOD
ACT (S .217 / H.
3530)

- Now 18 SC Senate Sponsors (17 Republicans, 1 Democrat)

- S .217 Personhood Act experienced progress this past week, including two new Senate sponsors

- The 46-seat SC Senate presently has 26* Republican Senators, 18 Democrat Senators

- 'Action Needed: SC Personhood Act'

The Times
Examiner, Greenville, SC
March 15, 2017

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2017-03-18-The-Times-Examiner-Action-Needed-SC-Personhood-Act-March-15-2017.pdf>

* Senator John Courson was indicted Thursday, May 16, suspended by Lt Governor Bryant Friday, May 17

These are the now 18
SC Senators presently
sponsoring **S.**
217 Personhood Act of
SC,
as of Friday, March 17,
2017:

SC Senators Rice,
Cromer, Martin,
Corbin, Verdin, Turner,
Young, Timmons,
Davis, Talley,
Shealy, Grooms,
Peeler, Goldfinch,
Climer, Gambrell,
Williams, and Gregory
[in order of signing up to
sponsor; total 17
Republicans, 1 Democrat]

These are the now
nine* **Republican** SC
Senators presently
NOT sponsoring S.
217
Personhood Act of SC,
as of Friday, March 17,
2017:

Senators **Alexander** ,

Bennett , Campbell ,
Campsen , Hembree ,
Leatherman, Sr. [
Senate President Pro
Tem, Senate Finance
Committee Chairman
],
Massey [Senate
Majority (Republicans
) Leader, Chairman
Senate Rules
Committee],
Rankin [Senate
Judiciary Committee
Chairman], and
Senn .

* Senator John Courson
was indicted Thursday,
May 16, suspended by Lt
Governor Bryant Friday
May 17.
Senator Courson is not a
co-sponsor of S.
217 Personhood Act of
SC.

These are the now 17
Democrat SC
Senators presently
NOT sponsoring S.
217
Personhood Act of SC,
as of Friday, March 17,
2017:

Senators Allen ,
Fanning , Hutto ,

Jackson , Johnson ,
Kimpson , Malloy , John
Matthews ,
Margie Matthews ,
McElveen , McLeod ,
Nicholson , Reese ,
Sabb , Scott , Setzler ,
and Sheheen .

'Action Needed: SC Personhood Act'

The Times
Examiner, Greenville, SC
March 15, 2017

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2017-03-18-The-Times-Examiner-Action-Needed-SC-Personhood-Act-March-15-2017.pdf>

'On Moral Failing and The Personhood Bill of South Carolina'

Staff Report, The Times
Examiner, Greenville, SC
February 22, 2017

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2017-03-03-On-Moral-Failing-and-The-Personhood-Bill-of-South-Carolina-The-Times-Examiner-Feb-22-2017.pdf>

'GOD Has Shown US
Great MERCY...What
Will We Do with the

OPPORTUNITY? '

Letter to the Editor /
Opinion Editorial
Steve Lefemine, Christian
pro-life missionary
dir., Columbia Christians
for Life
exec. dir. Christians for
Personhood
November 12, 2016 /
Edited, Revised November
14, 2016

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2016-11-12-GOD-Has-Shown-US-Great-MERCY-Letter-to-the-Editor.pdf>

LEGAL EXPERTS
SUPPORTING THE
CONSTITUTIONALITY
OF STATE-LEVEL
PERSONHOOD
LEGISLATION
IN SC (2001), MISS
(2009), ALA (2011), and
OK (2012):

- Herb Titus is an attorney, constitutional scholar, author, the founding Dean of College of Law/Gov't at Regent University
- Mathew Staver is former Dean of the School of Law at Liberty University; and **Liberty Counsel** founder and chair
- Judge Roy Moore , Chief Justice of the **Alabama Supreme Court** , is President Emeritus of **Foundation for Moral Law**
April 5, 2016

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2016-04-05-Legal-experts-supporting-constitutionality-of-State-level-Personhood-legislation-SC-MISS-ALA-OK-edited-Jan-27-2017.pdf>

PERSONHOOD ACT (S . 217 / H.3530)

- "Seven Days for the Unborn" -
Contact **Senator Luke Rankin** Daily 3/12 - 3/18

- Will you spend less than 5 minutes per day for the next seven days 3/12 - 3/18 for the Unborn?

Please call **Senator Luke Rankin** both at his **Columbia Senate office** and also at his **Conway law office** daily for the next seven days [contact information further below].
Leave daily messages with two

requests to
Senator Rankin
(R-Horry):

1) To
personally co-
sponsor S.
217 Personhood
Act of South
Carolina.

[In 2016, Senator
Rankin voted for the
S.719 SC
Personhood Amend
ment on April 12,
2016 (Minutes p.5)
in the full SC Senate
Judiciary Committee,
which he now Chairs,
after the June 2016
defeat of
Personhood
legislation
opponent, now
former SC Senator
and former Senate
Judiciary Committee
Chairman, Larry
Martin;
and Senator Rankin
also voted on May
11, 2016 for Special
Order for the S.719
SC Personhood
Amendment
on the floor of the full
SC Senate. At the
time 23-year
incumbent Senator
Rankin was facing
Republican
opposition
from a Myrtle Beach
Republican in the

June 2016 Primary.
Now however, so far
in 2017, now Senate
Judiciary Committee
Chairman Senator
Luke Rankin has not
demonstrated
support for S.
217 Personhood Act
of South Carolina.]

2) As
Chairman of
the SC Senate
Judiciary
Committee, to
assign S.217
Personhood
Act of SC to a
FAVORABLE
Judiciary
Subcommittee
as
soon as
possible [S.
217 was
introduced in SC
Senate two
months ago
January 10, 2017
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[Perhaps many SC
citizens do not
realize the near
plenary power which
SC Senate
Committee Chairmen
have to:

1) Assign or even not
assign any bill to a
Subcommittee within

their Committee; and
2) To determine the complete composition of any Subcommittee, including assignment of all the individual Senators who are to be members, and choosing the chairman. These are not Standing Subcommittees, but tailor-made (Committee Chairman made) individually-designed Subcommittees for each bill. Obviously therefore, the Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, **Senator Luke Rankin** (R-Horry), has a great deal of power to determine the success or failure of **S.217** Personhood Act of SC. So far in the 2017 Session of the SC Legislature, Senator Rankin has not even assigned **S.217** to a Judiciary Subcommittee, even though it was introduced two months ago on January 10, 2017 by then-Senator (now SC LT Governor) Kevin Bryant. Senator Rankin seems thus far to be taking a play from the playbooks of **Personhood**

legislation
opponents, now both
former
SC Senators and
both former Senate
Judiciary Committee
Chairmen at the end
of their long careers
in the SC Senate,
31-year
incumbent Glenn
McConnell (2012)
and 23-year
incumbent Larry
Martin (2016).]

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Senator Luke
Rankin both at his
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daily for the next
seven days. If
further time allows,
please also send
him daily e-mails:

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[http://www.scstatehouse.
gov/member.php?
chamber=S](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/member.php?chamber=S)

Senator Luke
Rankin (R-Horry)

Chairman, Senate
Judiciary Committee
Republican - Horry
District 33 - Horry
County - [Map](#)

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Luke Rankin 2016
Senate Campaign
website
<http://rankin2016.com/>

These are the now
16 SC Senators
presently
sponsoring [S.
217](#) Personhood
Act of SC,
as of Friday,
March 10, 2017:

SC Senators Rice,
Cromer, Martin,
Corbin, Verdin,
Turner, Young,
Timmons, Davis,

Talley, Shealy,
Grooms, Peeler,
Goldfinch, Climer,
and Gambrell

[in order of signing
up to sponsor, all
Republicans]

These are the now
11 **Republican** SC
Senators presently
NOT sponsoring S
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Personhood Act of
SC, as of Friday,
March 10, 2017:

Senators

Alexander ,
Bennett ,
Campbell ,
Campsen ,
Courson , **Gregory** ,
Hembree ,
Leatherman, Sr. [
Senate President
Pro Tem, Senate
Finance
Committee
Chairman],
Massey [Senate
Majority (
Republicans)
Leader, Chairman
Senate Rules
Committee],
Rankin [Senate

Judiciary
Committee
Chairman], and
Senn .

These are the now
18 Democrat SC
Senators presently
NOT sponsoring S
.217

Personhood Act of
SC, as of Friday,
March 10, 2017:

Senators Allen ,
Fanning , Hutto ,
Jackson , Johnson ,
Kimpson , Malloy ,
John Matthews ,
Margie Matthews ,
McElveen ,
McLeod ,
Nicholson , Reese ,
Sabb , Scott ,
Setzler ,
Sheheen , and
Williams .

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'On Moral Failing
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Personhood Bill of
South Carolina'

Staff Report, The
Times
Examiner, Greenville,
SC
February 22, 2017
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net/2017-03-03-On-Moral-
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E-mail below sent out
March 4, 2017:

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From: Christians
for Personhood
Subject: Action
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ACT (S.217 / H.
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Republican SC
Senate Sponsors

Christians for
Personhood (CP
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Columbia, South
Carolina
March 4, 2017

Action Update :

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Republican SC
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The 46-seat
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Senate presently
has 27
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Senators, 18
Democrat
Senators

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- Herb Titus is
an attorney,
constitutional
scholar, author,
the founding
Dean of College

No new SC
Senators have
signed on as
co-sponsors to
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217 Personho
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South Carolina

during the past
week, Feb 26 -
Mar 4, 2017:

'Lobbying Memo
sent into SC
Senate
Chamber to
Republican
Senators
regarding
Personhood Bill'

'19 Years of
Moral Failing ...
to 'establish
Justice' for
all pre-birth
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Are not these
other 12 rejecting
God's Counsel in
Proverbs
24:10-12, KJV? :

Alexander,
Bennett,
Campbell,
Campsen,
Courson,
Gambrell,
Gregory,
Hembree,

Leatherman,
Massey, Rankin,
Senn.

God's Counsel
will stand. Prov.
19:21, 21:30,
KJV

<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2017-03-03-Lobbying-Memo-to-SC-Senate-Republicans-19-Years-of-Moral-Failing-Feb-28-2017.pdf>

[emphasis added]

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Blank Form -
Memo Form for
Lobbying SC
Senate
Members

[Note: If in lieu of coming personally yourself to the Second Floor Lobby of the SC State House in Columbia, to turn in a hard copy lobbying memo form at the Senate Desk outside the Senate Chamber, you would instead like to mail the hard copy memo of yours (and/or those of any others, say of your home or Christian church), you may mail as many properly completed such memos as you wish to:
Christians for Personhood, PO Box 12222, Columbia, SC 29211, and these memos will be turned in at the Senate Desk, to be hand-

March 3, 2017:

Sponsors : [in
order of signing
up to sponsor]

Senators Rice,
Cromer,
Martin, Corbin,
Verdin,
Turner, Young,
Timmons,
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Talley, Shealy,
Grooms,
Peeler,
Goldfinch and
Climer

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March 3, 2017: [
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Bennett,
Campbell,
Campsen,
Courson,
Gambrell,
Gregory,
Hembree,
Leatherman,
Massey,
Rankin and
Senn

The most important Republican Senate **Non-Sponsor** to call at the present time is **Senator Luke Rankin** (R-Horry). As SC Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, he has near plenary power to assign or not assign **S. 217** Personhood Act of SC to a Senate Judiciary

Subcommittee;
and, since SC
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Rankin** (R-
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every single
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Judiciary
Subcommittee
will be;
and **Senator
Luke
Rankin** (R-
Horry) picks
who the
chairman
of that
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will be.

Please call / e-
mail / write /
visit **Senator
Luke
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Horry) [
especially, but
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1) Sign on as
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Luke Rankin
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9) **Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.** [Senate President Pro Tem, Senate Finance Committee Chairman]

10) **A. Shane Massey** [Senate Majority (Republicans) Leader, Chairman Senate Rules Committee]

11) **Luke A. Rankin** [Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman]

12) **Sandy Senn**

18 Democrat Senators presently **NOT** **-Sponsoring S. 217** Personhood Act of SC

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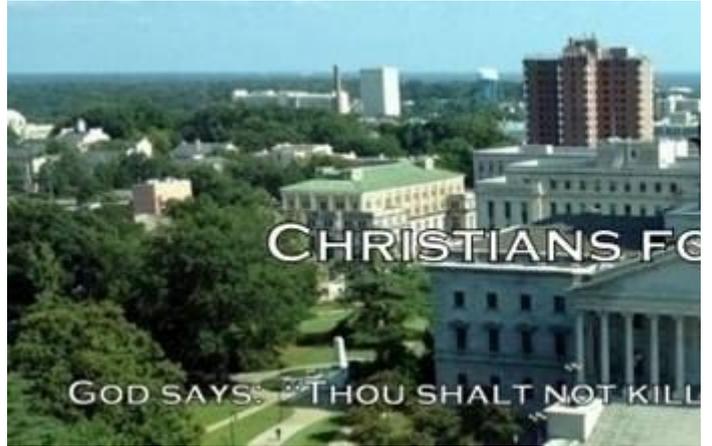
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