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Friends,

Merry Christmas! I hope you and your family are well and enjoying the holidays together.

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## 122nd Reorganization

The 122nd General Assembly met to reorganize two weeks ago. I was fortunate to remain on the Education & Public Works Committee, appointed subcommittee chairman for Ad Hoc Committee on Competency Based Education and Education Reform, and appointed to the Legislative Oversight Committee.

So, for the next two years, my official legislative duties include:

- Education & Public Works Committee
  - K-12 subcommittee
  - Motor Vehicles subcommittee
  - Subcommittee chair of Ad Hoc Committee on Competency Based Education and Education Reform
  - Legislative Oversight Committee
  - Joint Citizens & Legislative Committee on Children
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## Pre-filed Bills

Over 550 bills were pre-filed. I pre-filed 8 bills. I more thoroughly explained all on my [website](#) but below is a list:

- H3004, reduces time period for a mortgage holder to respond to satisfaction requests from 3 months to 30 days.
- H3005, updates smoke detector legislation for landlord/tenants.
- H3031, a business-friendly bill that defines the role of a franchisor to push back against the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB).
- H3242, expands those able to sign for a minor at the DMV to apply for a beginner's permit or driver's license.
- H3243, updated Fargo's and Hyco's Law, that intentionally killing a law enforcement animal should carry mandatory jail time and restitution.
- H3322, recognition that foster children need a driver's license to become independent.
- H3316, creates a mileage-based user fee

## Table Rock State Park Forest Fire

On November 9, an unintended campfire created a forest fire in Table Rock State Park, which lasted four weeks until full containment, impacted 11,000 acres of land, involved over 300 personnel on-site, and cost nearly \$5 million. Those are the statistics, the story is much more interesting (op-ed hopefully published soon).

Most important, there was no loss of life or injury sustained in four weeks of firefighting. Second, there was no loss of structure.

To the hundreds of fighters from multiple states, the dozens of SC Forestry from other counties, Table Rock Retreat Center, SC National Guard, Red Cross, first responders, the volunteers who fed the organization and to those in the community who donated, speaking for the State of South Carolina and community of Pickens County, we thank you.

The picture above was #PickensUnited serving

- study committee.
- H3346, co-sponsored by Reps. Clary and Hiott, is the Pickens County School Board 7th seat bill.

Thanksgiving Dinner to the firefighters.

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## Annual State Delegation Meeting

You are invited to the Pickens County Legislative Delegation Annual Public Meeting. It will be Monday, January 9, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 p. m. at the Six Mile Town Hall Community Room (106 South Main Street, Six Mile).

## #PickensUnited

PickensUnited continues to be a success. We met on October 31. Our keynote speaker was Clemson University President Jim Clements. 20+ Pickens County elected officials attended.

We also served Thanksgiving Dinner to the firefighters.

Our next meeting is Monday, January 30th at noon in Central.

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