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## **Speaker Lucas Appoints House Tax Policy Review Committee** *Member panel tasked with offering suggestions to reform outdated tax code*

(Columbia, SC) – House Speaker Jay Lucas (District 65-Darlington) today appointed fourteen members of the SC House to serve on the House Tax Policy Review Committee. This ad hoc committee will be responsible for reviewing South Carolina’s current tax code and submitting suggestions for reform to the Speaker before the beginning of next legislative session. The group will hold its first meeting next Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 2 P.M. in room 516 of the Blatt Building.

**“Our outdated tax code needs a dramatic transformation in order to promote economic competitiveness and increase the size of our citizens’ paychecks. Achieving this difficult task is long overdue, but necessary to ensure our tax code is fair for our taxpayers. A broader and flatter tax code will help continue to spur job growth and provide greater opportunities for South Carolina families,”** Speaker Jay Lucas stated.

Speaker Lucas selected Speaker Pro-Tempore Tommy Pope (District 47-York) to serve as Chairman of the House Tax Policy Review Committee. Additional members include: Rep. Todd Atwater (District 87-Lexington), *Rep. Bill Bowers (District 122-Hampton)*, Rep. Mike Burns (District 17-Greenville), Rep. Joe Daning (District 92-Berkeley), *Rep. Chandra Dillard (District 23-Greenville)*, *Rep. MaryGail Douglas (District 41-Fairfield)*, Rep. Shannon Erickson (District 124-Beaufort), *Rep. Joe Jefferson (District 102-Berkeley)*, Rep. Jay Jordan (District 63-Florence), *Rep. Roger Kirby (District 61-Florence)*, *Rep. Mandy Powers Norrell (District 44-Lancaster)*, Rep. Bill Taylor (District 86-Aiken), and Rep. Anne Thayer (District 9-Anderson).

**“Representative Tommy Pope and the bipartisan members of this ad hoc committee were individually selected because of their leadership abilities and knowledge of the tax system. I am confident that this diverse group will successfully begin laying the groundwork for significant tax reform,”** Speaker Lucas concluded.

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