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To:  
Date: 5/24/2018 1:36:20 PM  
Subject: SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #4:

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ri600Christians for Personhood ( CP )

Columbia, South Carolina

May 24, 2018

## SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #4:

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[ Report sent previously by text ]

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #4:

Personhood Bill S217 vs Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake "pro-life" replacement Amdt to H3548  
vs SCCL's euthanasia Dismemberment Bill H3548

/// Tues, May 1, around 3:30pm, an unexpected development briefly brought up Personhood Bill S217 itself on floor of Senate for almost half hour. This was first time since Personhood first intro'd in SC Senate 20 years ago in 1998, that actual Personhood Bill itself was brought up on Senate floor; although short-lived nature of deliberation was Democrats' intent

/// S217 was listed as contested bill on May 1 Senate Calendar:  
[http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/scal18/20180501.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/scal18/20180501.htm) ,  
contested by pro-"abortion" Senator McLeod (Richland)

/// On May 1, apparently as some kind of game on part of Democrats, Senator McLeod removed her objection to bill, allowing S217 to be brought up on Senate floor as rest of uncontested Second Reading Bills

/// SC Legislature archived video: <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/archives.php> ;  
click on: "Tuesday, May 1, 2018  
2:00 pm - Senate"; slide to video time 1:21:55 to locate start of S217 debate

/// With S217 before the Senate, first order of business was to consider Amdt approved in full Senate Judiciary Comm prior to favorable passage of S217 on February 20

[ <http://christiansforpersonhood.com/index.php/2018/02/27/glory-to-god-sc-personhood-act-s-217-passes-full-senate-judiciary-committee-favorably-by-12y-9n-vote-february-20-2018/> ]

/// See Amdt proposed by Senate Judiciary Comm in 5/1/2018 Senate Journal: [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm)

/// Senator Cash rose to explain Amdt to Senate body, and was able to address paragraphs (B) and (C) of Section 1-1-340, before Senator Massey spoke and essentially explained Dem's were not going to allow a vote on S217 bill overall (by re-contesting).

Senator Cash then moved for adoption of Jud Comm Amdt, which passed on 38 Y - 2 N Roll Call vote

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E-mail below sent out May 22, 2018

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ri600Date: Tue, 22 May 2018  
From: Christians for Personhood  
Subject: SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3C:

Christians for Personhood ( CP )  
Columbia, South Carolina  
May 22, 2018

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3C:

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[ Report sent previously by text ]

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3C:

Personhood Bill S217 vs Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake "pro-life" replacement amdt to H3548  
vs SCCL's euthanasia Dismemberment Bill H3548

/// Tues, May 1, around 5:30pm, pro-euthanasia H3548 Dismemberment Bill came before Senate on Special Order. Senator Cash proposed Amdt No. 11 to add all language of Personhood Bill S217; to all text of Dismemberment Bill H3548; plus one add'l sentence proscribing dismemberment of baby in case of providing medical treatment to prevent death of pregnant woman

/// See Amdt No. 11 text in 5/1/2018 Senate Journal  
- [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm)

/// SC Legislature archived video: <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/archives.php> ; click on: "Tuesday, May 1, 2018 2:00 pm - Senate"; slide to video time 3:23:00 to locate start of H3548 debate

/// Senator Cash began: "This is a Personhood amendment to the Dismemberment Bill." With certain interruptions, Senator Cash completed his prepared remarks, which included a variety of important topics, about video time 4:09:00

/// After questions, Senator Hutto moved to table Amdt No. 11; Roll Call vote was 30 Y - 11 N

/// In 20 years since Personhood first intro'd in SC Senate in 1998, this was first vote on complete Personhood Bill language (albeit in form of amdt to another bill) on SC Senate floor

/// History of Personhood Legislation in SC (1998 to 2016)  
- <http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2016-11-12-History-of-Personhood-Legislation-in-South-Carolina-1998-2016.pdf>

/// Earlier Personhood Bill passed full SC House April 14, 2005  
[ H3213 - [http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess116\\_2005-2006/bills/3213.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess116_2005-2006/bills/3213.htm) ],  
albeit with fatal flaw "morning after pill"  
"exception" in case of rape. The "morning after pill" (Plan B) functions both as  
contraceptive and as abortifacient,  
and so undermines personhood principle

/// Plan B is an abortion pill  
- <https://www.texasrighttolife.com/plan-b-is-an-abortion-pill/>  
Aug 19, 2011

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Christians for Personhood ( CP )  
Columbia, South Carolina  
May 16, 2018

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3B:

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[ Report to be sent by text also ]

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3B:

Personhood Bill S217 vs Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake "pro-life" replacement  
amdt to H3548  
vs SCCL's euthanasia Dismemberment Bill H3548

/// On Tues, May 1, with the pro-euthanasia H3548 Dismemberment Bill  
before the Senate on  
Special Order, Senator Cash's Amdt No. 11 proposing to add all language  
contained in Personhood Bill S217;  
to all text of Dismemberment Bill H3548; plus one additional sentence  
proscribing dismemberment of baby  
in case of providing medical treatment to prevent death of pregnant woman,  
was tabled on Roll Call vote  
of 30 Y - 11 N on Senator Hutto's Motion to Table.

/// See Senate Journal for 5/1/2018 - [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm)

/// As previously reported, voting No against tabling Amdt No. 11 were 11  
Republicans: Alexander, Cash, Climer,  
Corbin, Cromer, Gambrell, Goldfinch, Martin, Rice, Timmons, Verdin

/// As a matter of record, EIGHT of these 11 also voted on February 6, 2018  
to RECALL S217 Personhood Bill  
from Senate Judiciary Committee, where S217 was being "slow-walked"  
(obstructed, delayed) by Personhood  
opponent, Chairman Senator Luke Rankin (RINO-Horry). Senator Martin's  
Recall Motion failed on a 10 Y - 34 N  
Roll Call vote

/// See Senate Journal for 2/6/2018 - [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180206.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180206.htm)

/// The EIGHT who voted for both Cash Amdt No. 11 on May 2, AND voted for  
Senator Martin Recall Motion on  
Feb 6, 2018 are: Alexander, Cash, Corbin, Cromer, Gambrell, Martin, Rice,  
Timmons

/// Verdin was on leave Feb 6. Freshman Senators Climer and Goldfinch did  
not vote for Feb 6 Recall, however  
they are considered strong supporters of Personhood Bill. So these 11  
together are considered strongest supporters

of Personhood legislation among 27-seated member Republican Senate  
Caucus

/// Senators Davis and Peeler also voted for Martin Recall Motion Feb 6,  
however neither voted for Cash Amdt No. 11  
on May 1 ///

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E-mail below sent out May 13, 2018

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ri600Date: Sun, 13 May 2018  
From: Christians for Personhood  
Subject: SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3A:

Christians for Personhood ( CP )  
Columbia, South Carolina  
May 13, 2018

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3A:

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[ Report to be sent by text also ]

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3A:

Personhood Bill S217 vs Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake "pro-life"  
replacement amdt to H3548  
vs SCCL's euthanasia Dismemberment Bill H3548

/// On Tues, May 1, with the pro-euthanasia H3548 Dismemberment Bill before the Senate on Special Order, the vote to table Senator Cash's Amdt No. 11 occurred about 6:45pm. Amdt No. 11 proposed to add all language contained in Personhood Bill S217; to all text of Dismemberment Bill H3548, plus one additional sentence proscribing dismemberment of baby in case of providing medical treatment to prevent death of pregnant woman

/// The Roll Call vote to Table was 30 Y - 11 N, and so Amdt No. 11 was tabled (killed). See Senate Journal for 5/1/2018 - [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm) /// Voting Yes to table Amdt No. 11 were 16 R's and 14 D's. These 16 Republicans were: Bennett, Campbell, Campsen, Davis, Gregory, Grooms, Hembree, Leatherman, Massey, Peeler, Rankin, Senn, Shealy, Talley, Turner, Young

/// Of these 16 Republicans voting Yes to table, 8 are listed as cosponsors of S217 ([https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/bills/217.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/bills/217.htm)): Gregory, Grooms, Hembree, Peeler, Shealy, Talley, Turner, Young

/// The one Democrat cosponsoring S217 (Williams) also voted to table Amdt No. 11 /// Voting No against tabling Amdt No. 11 were 11 R's. These 11 Republicans were: Alexander, Cash, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Gambrell, Goldfinch, Martin, Rice, Timmons, Verdin

/// Of these 11 Republicans voting No against tabling Amdt No. 11, 10 of the 11 (all except Alexander) are listed as cosponsors of S217

/// In summary, S217 Personhood Bill has 19 cosponsors (18 R, 1 D); and of these, 10 R's voted No against tabling; and of these, 8 R's, 1 D voted Yes to table

/// So 10 of 19 cosponsors of S217 voted in favor; and 9 of 19 cosponsors of S217 voted against, adding language of S217 Personhood Bill to language of H3548 Dismemberment Bill as per Amdt No. 11. ///

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E-mail below sent out May 10, 2018

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Date: Thu, 10 May 2018

From: Christians for Personhood

Subject: SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3:

Christians for Personhood ( CP )

Columbia, South Carolina

May 10, 2018

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report  
#3:

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[ Report sent previously by text ]

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #3:

Personhood Bill S217 vs Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake "pro-life"  
replacement amdt to H3548

vs SCCL's euthanasia Dismemberment Bill H3548

/// On Wed, May 2, Senator Cash offered six amdt's (No. 12 to No.  
17) to H3548 Dismemberment Bill.

Amdt No. 12 exposed the pro-euthanasia aspect of H3548 and

attempted to close the "Euthanasia first (Kill the Baby first); then Dismember the Baby" loophole, by proscribing first killing the unborn child, and then dismembering the child

/// However, even that change was opposed by Senator Grooms, who served as point man for H3548, reporting H3548 was supported WITHOUT amdt by National Right to Life, SC Citizens for Life, SC Baptist Convention, SC (Roman) Catholic Conference, and the SC Assn of Pregnancy Centers. These groups support legislation which incrementally regulates child-murder. NONE are supporting Personhood Bill S217

/// After about 3 1/2 hrs of debate, Cash Amdt No. 12 was defeated on 7 Y - 30 N Roll Call vote. See Senate Journal for 5/2/2018 - [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180502.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180502.htm)

/// On the previous day, Tues, May 1, when H3548 came up on the Special Order portion of the Senate Calendar (about 5:30pm) Senator Cash proposed Amdt No. 11, which added all of the language contained in Personhood Bill S217; to all the text of Dismemberment Bill H3548, plus one additional sentence proscribing dismemberment of the baby in the case of providing medical treatment to prevent the death of pregnant woman

/// The debate lasted about 1 1/2 hrs, and then Cash Amdt No. 11 was tabled on a 30 Y - 11 N Roll Call vote. See Senate Journal for 5/1/2018 - [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180501.htm)

/// Voting Yes to table Amdt No. 11 were 16 R's and 14 D's. Voting No against tabling were 11 R's

/// S217 Personhood Bill has 19 cosponsors (18 R, 1 D). Of these, 10 R's voted No against tabling. Of these, 8 R's, 1 D voted Yes to table. ///

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E-mail below sent out May 9, 2018

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ri600Date: Wed, 09 May 2018  
From: Christians for Personhood  
Subject: SC Personhood Bill S217 Update (May 9):

Christians for Personhood ( CP )  
Columbia, South Carolina  
May 9, 2018

## SC Personhood Bill S217 Update (May 9):

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[ Report sent previously by text ]

### Personhood Bill S217 Update (May 9):

The regular 2018 Session ends Thurs, May 10 (present Sine Die Res H5383 indicates there will be two short extended sessions, one later in May, one in June).

/// On Tues, May 8, by unanimous consent request of Sen Malloy, all Senate bills on Statewide Second Reading part of Senate Calendar were Recommitted to their respective Committees. This included S217 Personhood Bill. So if you look at May 8 Senate Calendar, you will see S217 listed (though contested), but if you look at May 9 Senate Calendar,

S217 is no longer there, it has been sent back to Sen Jud Comm.

- SC Senate Calendars - <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sessphp/sencal.php>

/// Also on Tues, May 8, two bills related to VC Summer nuclear issue were placed for Special Order in Senate (H4375, H4379). There was no Roll Call vote for either bill to be set for Special Order; Sen Majority Leader Massey made the motions, and it happened. This is what CAN happen when there is the WILL to make something happen

/// If the Senate so WILLED to END child-murder by "abortion", instead of recommitting S217 back to Jud Comm, the Senate could have set S217 for Special Order.

/// If you look at current version of Sine Die Resolution - House Bill 5383

- [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/bills/5383.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/bills/5383.htm) - current plans are for

SC General Assembly (House and Senate) to come back into special session May 23 & 24; then to adjourn again, and then come back again June 27 & 28.

Key point: In BOTH periods, authorized in H5383 for consideration by the SC Legislature is "introduction, receipt, and consideration of legislation concerning the V.C. Summer Nuclear units and related matters"

/// The time limits are self-imposed. The Sine Die Res must be approved by 2/3 of each chamber (House approved initial version of H5383 by 110 Y - 0 N vote yesterday), and it can be changed by 2/3 vote in each chamber

/// If SC's Legislature so WILLED, Personhood could also be in the Sine Die Resolution !!!

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iri600Date: Tue, 08 May 2018  
From: Christians for Personhood  
Subject: SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4, 2018 - Report #2:

Christians for Personhood ( CP )  
Columbia, South Carolina  
May 8, 2018

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4,  
2018 - Report #2:

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[ Report sent previously by text ]

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report #2:

Personhood Bill S217 vs Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake "pro-life" replacement amdt to H3548  
vs SCCL's euthanasia Dismemberment Bill H3548

/// The Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake "pro-life" replacement amdt language which supplanted the euthanasia Dismemberment Bill language was adopted on a 24 Y - 1 N vote about 9:45pm Wed night, May 2. About one hour later before adjourning for the night, the Senate gave Second Reading (28 Y - 10 N) to H3548, which was now

a much different bill, although not a Personhood or true "pro-life" bill. This Hutto/Hyde fake "pro-life" bill did NOT establish Personhood, and had several child-murder "exceptions" for rape, incest, life and serious health risk of mother.

/// The two Roll Call votes above are listed in Senate Journal for 5/2/2018

- [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180502.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180502.htm)

/// Earlier same day, Wed, May 2 (beginning after 3:30pm and continuing into evening), Senator Cash cont'd to offer several Amdt's (he began with his first major Amdt Tues evening, May 1) to H3548 Dismemberment Bill, which was then still in its pro-euthanasia form; "Redefining How to Kill Babies", allowing dismemberment of unborn children after first euthanizing (murdering) them inside the womb, by sticking a long needle into baby's heart with an injection, to stop the heart, intentionally causing death. This sick legislation advocated by SC Citizens for "Life" is NOT Pro-Life !!!

/// Amdt No. 12 offered by Senator Cash exposed the pro-euthanasia aspect of H3548 and attempted to close the "Euthanasia first (Kill the Baby first); then Dismember the Baby" loophole, by adding language to also proscribe "... after first killing a living unborn child, knowingly to dismember an unborn child and extract him one piece at a time from the uterus..."

/// None of the several Amdt's proposed by Senator Cash to H3548 on Wed, May 2 were adopted; text of each one may be seen in Senate Journal ///

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E-mail below sent out May 7, 2018

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ri600Date: Mon, 07 May 2018  
From: Christians for Personhood  
Subject: SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4, 2018 -  
Report #1A:

Christians for Personhood ( CP )  
Columbia, South Carolina  
May 7, 2018

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4,  
2018 - Report #1A:

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[ Report sent previously by text ]

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 - Report  
#1A:

Personhood Bill S217 vs Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake  
"pro-life" replacement amdt to H3548  
vs SCCL's euthanasia Dismemberment Bill H3548

/// As previously reported, after four unsuccessful Cloture  
votes during 10 hrs or so of Dem's filibuster  
which began about 2:20pm Thurs May 3, sometime  
before 1am Fri May 4 the Repub super-majority  
Senate voted 24 Y - 21 N to kill / Recommit back to Med  
Aff Comm, the Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake  
"pro-life" replacement amdt language which had  
supplanted the euthanasia Dismemberment Bill  
language,

making H3548 now a much different bill, though not a Personhood or true "pro-life" bill either; this Hutto/Hyde fake "pro-life" bill did NOT establish Personhood, and had several child-murder "exceptions" for rape, incest, life and serious health risk of mother

/// Cloture vote #4 (25 Y - 20 N) was just ONE vote short of 26 votes needed, and RINO's Leatherman and Rankin had again joined the 18 Dem's to block cloture, AS THEY BOTH HAD DONE ON THREE PREVIOUS CLOTURE VOTES

/// After Cloture vote #4 failed, then Hutto moved to kill / Recommit Hutto / Hyde version of H3548 back to Med Aff Comm, which passed, 24 Y - 21 N. Joining 18 Dem's to Recommit H3548 were: Campsen, Gregory, Leatherman, Massey, Rankin, Shealy

/// RANKIN the DISSEMBLER: "SC Democrats kill Senate GOP's abortion ban with days-long (sic - hrs) filibuster"

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article210444234.html> - "State Sen. Luke Rankin of Horry, said he voted to end debate on the bill after seeing that Malloy and other senators weren't going to leave. With just three legislative days left, he noted, a prolonged filibuster would have prevented other important bills, such as those addressing South Carolina's nuclear fiasco, from passing."

/// RANKIN did NOT vote to end debate in FOUR Cloture votes ! HE AND LEATHERMAN WERE ONLY TWO REPUB'S (RINO's) WHO VOTED TO KEEP DEM FILIBUSTER GOING ALL 4 CLOTURE VOTES !!

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CP Note: These were the four Cloture votes ( the lesser of 26 votes, or 3/5 of those present and voting, needed for cloture):

Cloture #1: 23 Y - 22 N [ Republican Senators Campbell, Leatherman, Rankin, and Senn joined 18 Democrats to vote No ]

Cloture #2: 24 Y - 21 N [ Republican Senators Leatherman, Rankin, and Senn joined 18 Democrats to vote No ]

Cloture #3: 24 Y - 21 N [ Republican Senators Leatherman, Rankin, and Senn joined 18 Democrats to vote No ]

Cloture #4: 25 Y - 20 N [ Republican Senators Leatherman and Rankin joined 18 Democrats to vote No ]

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Additional information:

**RANKIN the DISSEMBLER:**

The State ( Columbia, SC )

'SC Democrats kill Senate GOP's abortion ban with days-long [ sic - hours-long ] filibuster'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article210444234.html>

[ excerpt ]

"State Sen. Luke Rankin of Horry, said he voted to end debate on the bill after seeing that Malloy and other senators weren't going to leave. With just three legislative days left, he noted, a prolonged filibuster would have prevented other important bills, such as those addressing South Carolina's nuclear fiasco, from passing."



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CP Note: Senator Luke Rankin (R-Horry) did NOT vote to end the Democrat filibuster on any of the FOUR Cloture votes taken between about 2:20 pm Thursday, May 3 when the

Democrat filibuster started with pro-"abortion" Democrat Senator Marlon Kimpson (D-Charleston) at the podium, and the ensuing approximate 10 hours before the H3548 bill was Recommitted ( killed ) back to the Senate Medical Affairs Committee.

This can be seen in the SC Senate Journal for May 3, 2018:

Senate Journal (5/3/18)

[http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122\\_2017-2018/sj18/20180503.htm](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180503.htm)

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The State ( Columbia, SC )

'How outnumbered Democrats defeated a GOP-backed bill to ban nearly all SC abortions'

[http://www.thestate.com/latest-news/article210453304.html#storylink=latest\\_side](http://www.thestate.com/latest-news/article210453304.html#storylink=latest_side)

May 04, 2018

[ excerpts, emphasis added ]

Facing a Democratic filibuster with no end in sight, the Republican-controlled Senate at 1 a.m. Friday **voted 24-21 to kill the proposed abortion ban**, which made exceptions only for cases of rape, incest or serious medical emergencies.

Banning abortion has been a priority of Republican candidates for governor and the state GOP during this election season. The proposal would have banned some 97 percent of the roughly 5,700 abortions performed in South Carolina each year.

The Friday collapse was a reversal from the **28-10 Senate vote late Wednesday night to pass the ban**.

But Democrats vowed to filibuster the third and final Senate vote. Senate Republicans gave in early Friday morning after four unsuccessful attempts to sit the Democrats down.

Ending the filibuster would have required 26 votes, but Republicans could get only 25 by 1 a.m. Friday.

The Senate has 18 Democrats.

"With three (legislative) days remaining and other issues

affecting a lot of South Carolinians that we have to address and no realistic opportunity of success in sight, we had to move on," said Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey, an Edgefield Republican who pushed to end the Democratic filibuster and ultimately voted to stop the debate.

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The proposal this year would have been the most restrictive ban of them all. That's because state Sen. Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg, **essentially dared Senate Republicans** on Wednesday night to drop their proposed ban on **rare "dismemberment" abortions** and instead vote for an outright ban on almost all abortions in the Palmetto State.

The Republicans liked his suggestion, voting 24-1 to adopt it just before adjourning for the night. **The vote amplified the abortion debate**, offering S.C. Republicans a chance to pass a law that could spark a court challenge to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision affirming a woman's right to an abortion.

continued...

"It was going to be enjoined immediately and challenged in court," Hutto said. "There was certainly a risk that it was going to pass, I understood that. But a risk that it was going to substantially change the law in South Carolina? Not unless Roe v. Wade is overturned, which I don't think is going to happen."

continued...

All 45 eligible senators were **present for the final vote at 1 a.m. Friday**. If the filibuster had continued into next week, it could have killed a number of other bills that still must pass the Senate. That includes a handful of proposals addressing South Carolina's \$9 billion nuclear fiasco.

"We didn't have the votes," Senate Majority Leader Massey said. "We weren't going to get the votes no matter when it was."

**A few Senate Republicans repeatedly voted against ending the Democratic filibuster, including Senate Judiciary Chairman Luke Rankin, R-Horry, and**

Senate President Pro Tempore  
Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence. Both are former  
Democrats .

State Sen. Katrina Shealy, a vocal abortion opponent who has caught flak for voting - along with several other Republicans - to end the debate, said carrying on the debate into Friday was pointless.

"Everybody was willing to come back and debate the bill," the Lexington Republican said. "But it was at a point where the same things were being said over and over again. We just didn't have the votes. Why keep beating the issue over and over when you don't have the votes?"

continued...

Gov. Henry McMaster's office Friday said the Richland Republican was keeping an eye on the debate.

"This underscores the need to elect conservative Republicans that are willing to fight for the unborn, against the Democrats funded by the Planned Parenthood machine," McMaster said Friday on Facebook. "The people of South Carolina deserve better than this, which is why I ordered that NO state funds go to Planned Parenthood. I promise that I will continue to fight until the lives of every person - young and old, born and unborn - are protected in our great state.

continued...

Massey said he expects the Senate's strongest abortion opponents to be back next year with new proposals. But, he said, Senate Republicans should make sure they have the votes to win before setting up a debate on such a controversial issue.

"There might be a little more caution about jumping into something without having an exit strategy," he said.

**The State**

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E-mail below sent out May 6, 2018

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ri600Date: Sun, 06 May 2018  
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[ Report sent initially by text Fri, May 4, 2018 ]

SC Senate 'Abortion' Bills battle, May 1 - 4 -  
Report #1:

Personhood Bill S217 vs Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type  
fake "pro-life" replacement amdt to H3548  
vs SCCL's euthanasia Dismemberment Bill H3548.

/// There is far too much to cover in one text all that  
occurred between about 5:30pm Tues May 1  
when debate started on Dismemberment Bill H3548  
(Special Order), and sometime before 1am  
this morning Fri May 4 when Republican super-  
majority Senate voted to kill / Recommit back to  
Med Aff Comm, the Hutto "Hyde-Amdt"-type fake  
"pro-life" replacement amdt language which had

supplanted the euthanasia Dismemberment Bill language, making H3548 now a much different bill, though not a Personhood / true "pro-life" bill either.

/// This Hutto / Hyde amended replacement version of H3548 did NOT establish Personhood, and had several child-murder "exceptions" for rape, incest, life and serious health risk of mother.

/// The Dem's began their filibuster about 2:20pm Thurs May 3, and four cloture votes were taken over the next 10 hours or so, with these results (lesser of 26 votes or 3/5 of those present and voting

needed for cloture): Cloture #1: 23 Y - 22 N; Cloture #2: 24 Y - 21 N; Cloture #3: 24 Y - 21 N; Cloture #4: 25 Y - 20 N.

/// So Cloture vote #4 was just ONE vote short of the required 26. And in Cloture vote #4, RINO's Leatherman (Florence) and Rankin (Horry) again joined the 18 Dem's to block cloture.

/// After Cloture vote #4 (25 Y - 20 N) failed by just ONE vote from getting the needed 26 votes because RINO

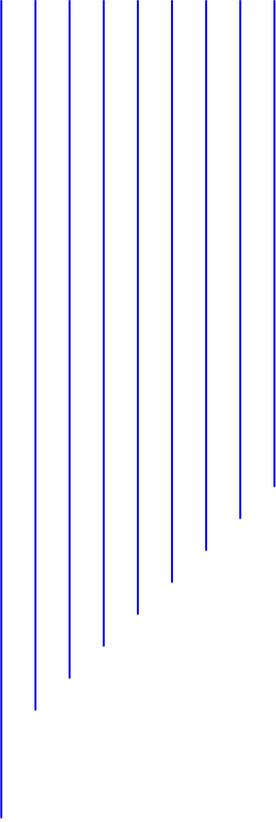
Senate President Pro Tem / Finance Comm Chair Leatherman and RINO Senate Judiciary Comm Chair Rankin

both voted NO to cloture, then Hutto moved to kill / Recommit H3548 back to Med Aff Comm, which passed,

24 Y - 21 N. Joining the 18 Dem's were: Campsen (Charleston), Gregory (Lancaster), Leatherman (Florence), Massey (Edgefield), Rankin (Horry), and Shealy (Lexington)

/// More to come...

/// Senate Journal (5/3/18) - <http://www>.

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