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(Audio / Video)

SC Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman **Luke Rankin** (RINO-Horry)

continues his 2017-2018 obstruction of SC Personhood Bill **S .217**:

- 1) **Truncated** Senate Judiciary Committee meeting Feb 6; did not reach **S .217** on **Agenda**
 - 2) **Cancelled** Senate standing Judiciary Committee meeting **Feb 13**
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In the six Tuesdays since the 2018 Session of the SC Legislature convened on January 9, as of tomorrow February 13, Chairman **Luke Rankin** will have called Senate Judiciary Committee meetings on only two (Jan 30 and Feb 6) of these six dates, and **S .217**, the SC Personhood Bill, will have been discussed in only one - Jan 30.

So instead of passing the bill out of the Senate Judiciary Committee when it first appeared on the **Agenda** on May 2, 2017 , Senator **Rankin** has now successfully delayed passage out of his Judiciary Committee until at least February 20, 2018 - using the committee process to kill the bill while minimizing his legislative record "fingerprints" on its

death.

Read more details of Senator [Luke Rankin](#)'s delaying tactics, "slow-walking" [S . 217](#) last year through the entire 2017 Legislative Session [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).

Before the beginning of the 2018 Session, stated goals were to have [S . 217](#) favorably passed out of Senate Judiciary Committee by [January 16](#); assigned Special Order status under Senate Rules Committee by [January 30](#); passed with no "exceptions" amendments by full SC Senate by [April 10](#), and passed with no "exceptions" amendments by full SC House by the last day of the regular 2018 Session, [May 10](#). **However, we are now about one month behind this timetable .**

More SC Personhood Bill S217 News :

1) Brave, bold, Recall Motion by Senator [Shane Martin](#) (R-Spartanburg), Christian, Baptist Deacon, SC Personhood Bill [S .217](#) co-sponsor, on Tuesday, Feb 6 in full Senate chamber, to pull [S .217](#) directly out of the Republican-majority [14 R, 9 D] [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) , and onto the Senate calendar. The [Recall Vote](#) failed: 10 Ayes [10 R, 0 D] - 34 Nays [16 R, 18 D].

2) [Amendment](#) to SC Personhood Bill [S .217](#) proposed by five Senators co-sponsoring [S .217](#) intended to "clarify" certain "cases" (life of the mother, contraceptives, in vitro) broadcast publicly by e-mail on Feb 8 by Personhood South Carolina, described as a "GOOD CLARIFYING AMENDMENT TO BE SUPPORTED", is actually flawed and if attached to [S .217](#) as written would undermine Personhood principle in the bill.
[Christians for Personhood's initial recommendation ([Feb 2](#)) for Amendment language was sent to

these same Senators ahead of the Feb 6 Senate Judiciary Committee meeting;
revised recommended

Amendment language (Feb 8) was sent to these same Senators ahead of the
anticipated (now cancelled)

Feb 13 Senate Judiciary Committee meeting.] Christians are asked to please pray
only principled

Personhood amendment language will actually be offered at the next meeting of
the Senate Judiciary

Committee (February 20th ?) by Senators co-sponsoring SC Personhood Bill S .
217.

Note: By definition, there are no "exceptions" to Human (Natural) Personhood:

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>

Personhood Report: In Law, No Exceptions to Human Personhood

<http://christiansforpersonhood.com/index.php/2018/01/30/personhood-report-in-law-no-exceptions-to-human-personhood/>

Personhood Report: No Exceptions to Personhood

<http://christiansforpersonhood.com/index.php/2018/01/29/personhood-report-no-exceptions-to-personhood/>

If there are any "EXCEPTIONS" to Personhood, then we no longer have Personhood, nor a
Personhood Bill.

Further reporting on February 6 Judiciary Committee meeting :

Truncated Judiciary Committee meeting February 6; did not reach S .217 on
Agenda:

- Instead of the normal two-hour meeting, 11am - 1 pm, at the very beginning of
calling the meeting

to order (late), Chairman Luke Rankin announced an early adjournment at 12
noon to accommodate

the Senate Democrat Caucus being able to listen to a speaker on taxes, at the

request of Senate Minority

(Democrat) Leader Senator [Nikki Setzler](#) (D-Lexington). This may be heard on audio and seen

on video below. The meeting lasted less than one hour. While most had likely expected the meeting

to last the normal length (two hours), some knew of the shortened meeting in advance.

Audio - Beginning of February 6 Senate Judiciary Committee Meeting: Chairman, Senator Luke Rankin

[http://christianlifeandliberty.net/DS_21285 \(2\).WMA](http://christianlifeandliberty.net/DS_21285(2).WMA) [Must copy and paste web address into browser]

[Audio - 0:57]

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Select Year: 2018

[Tuesday, February 6, 2018 11:00 am](#)

[Senate Judiciary Committee -- Judiciary Committee](#)

Agenda

Gressette Senate Office Building, Room 105

Video - 55:55

- In addition, instead of being first, as [S .217](#) was on the January 30 Judiciary Committee Meeting [Agenda](#),

on the February 6 Judiciary Committee [Agenda](#), set under the authority of Chairman Luke Rankin, [S .217](#)

was listed for consideration after three Workers' Compensation Commission appointments, and after two

bills related to the failed VC Summer nuclear plant project. The consequence of this lower priority for [S .217](#)

on the [Agenda](#) in combination with the truncated meeting and early adjournment, was [S .217](#) was never

taken up at all on February 6th.

Further reporting on February 6 Recall attempt to pull S.217 out of Judiciary Committee and place the bill on the Senate calendar :

- Brave, bold, Recall Motion by Senator [Shane Martin](#) (R-Spartanburg), Christian, Baptist Deacon, SC Personhood Bill [S .217](#) co-sponsor, on Tuesday, Feb 6 in full Senate chamber, to pull [S .217](#) directly out of the Republican-majority [14 R, 9 D] [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) , and onto the Senate calendar. The [Recall Vote](#) failed: 10 Ayes [10 R, 0 D] - 34 Nays [16 R, 18 D].

- In the afternoon, Tuesday, February 6, in the full SC Senate chamber, experienced (3rd term in office), Christian, pro-Personhood Senator [Shane Martin](#) made a bold, surprise motion during the daily Motion Period to RECALL [S .217](#) Personhood Bill directly out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and onto the full Senate calendar. Unfortunately, only 10 Senators supported this courageous act to bypass the obstruction of Senator Luke Rankin and others.

The 10 Senators (all Republicans) who voted Feb 6 [FOR](#) the Recall ([Ayes](#)) of S217 are:

Alexander, Cash, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Gambrell, Martin, Peeler, Rice, and Timmons.

The 34 who voted [AGAINST](#) the Recall ([Nays](#)) were 16 Republicans and 18 Democrats:

16 Republicans

Bennett, Campbell, Campsen, Climer, Goldfinch, Gregory, Grooms, Hembree, Leatherman, Massey, Rankin, Senn, Shealy, Talley, Turner, Young

18 Democrats

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

This Roll Call vote is recorded in the February 6, 2018 Senate Journal [here](#). [Senator Verdin had leave.]

The Official Archived Video of the SC Senate for February 6, 2018 can be viewed [here](#):

South Carolina Legislature

Video Archives by meeting time

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/archives.php>

Select Year: 2018

[Tuesday, February 6, 2018 2:00 pm](#)

[Senate -- Senate](#)

SC State House - Senate Chamber

Video - 1:39:50

Begin viewing 1:14:45 - Lt Gov Bryant: "We are now in the Motion Period. Senator from Spartanburg, for what purpose do you rise?"

Senator Shane Martin: "Rise to make a Motion.

Lt Gov Bryant: "Please state your Motion."

Senator Shane Martin: "My Motion is to pull Senate Bill 217, the Personhood Bill, out of the Committee on Judiciary, and place it on the calendar."

continued... [Includes a Roll Call vote on a Motion to Adjourn, which failed 19 Ayes - 21 Nays]

Begin viewing 1:20:15 - Senator Luke Rankin [To speak in opposition to Senator Martin's Recall Motion]

[Excerpts: Senator Rankin comments 1:20:15 - 1:24:20]

- "... I'm not here to speak for or against the merits of this bill, but what I am here to speak on, are the merits, or perhaps if you don't like what has developed thus far, the demerits, of the effort to consider this bill."

"The effort thus far, has been to have a Subcommittee, which met a number of times,..."
[Correction : The Subcommittee actually met TWO TIMES: March 30, 2017 and April 26, 2017.]

"The Subcommittee reported its bill in the first full Committee meeting which we had last Tuesday [Jan 30] ..."

[Correction : The S.217 Subcommittee report was first on the [Agenda of the Senate Judiciary Committee](#)

meeting on May 2, 2017, during the week before the end of the regular 2017 Session on May 11, 2017.]

OVER NINE MONTHS EARLIER.]

[Re: Jan 30 Jud Comm meeting] "We had an hour and I think 30 minutes of discussion on this bill, and if you didn't like

what happened at the end of that hour and 30 minutes of discussion on that bill, which was to carry over further consideration

of that bill, by a vote of 19 to 4, then you don't like the committee process, perhaps, and you want to bypass that, and you

want to come straight to the floor."

[Correction : The official minutes of the Senate Judiciary Committee record the carry over vote was 18 to 5.]

"I'm not here for or against the merits of the bill. I am against an effort, to effectively, to hijack the committee process.

If we can't wait ONE WEEK to have a bill considered in the Committee, which is vested with the jurisdiction to consider

that bill, then you may as well check out of the Committee process. Let's bypass the Committee, and let's just bring it

all to the floor."

[Comment : The Judiciary Committee last considered S.217 on January 30, and now it looks like it will not

be considered again, at the earliest, until February 20, THREE WEEKS later !]

"I submit to ya, that's what this [Recall] effort is, bypassing the committee process."

[Comment : This bill [S .217](#) was filed January 10, 2017. Senator Rankin took well over two months until March 22, 2017

to even assign the bill to a Subcommittee, and he appointed a pro-"abortion" Subcommittee Chairwoman, who then

took almost the rest of the 2017 Session to conduct TWO Subcommittee hearings, March 30 and April 26, 2017.]

"A vote to carry this over today, rather to set this and recall it, is a slap to this Senate, and a slap to the committee process ."

[Senator Rankin END - 1:24:20]

continued...

Begin viewing 1:25:00 - Senator Shane Martin [To speak in favor of his Recall Motion]

[Excerpts: Senator Martin comments 1:25:00 - 1:29:00]

"... I saw an opportunity today to be recognized in the Motion Period, which I may never get again,
but I took the opportunity, I didn't have a chance to talk to anybody about it."

"So I rise today, I didn't know this was gonna happen, but I've been here in this Senate long enough, and one of my issues is protecting life and protecting unborn children. That's what this bill does. Senator Cash, I believe, Senator from Anderson, is here mainly for that issue, ... a lot of people are. I've watched the committee process, I respect the committee process, but I also watch **filibusters by committee** happen all the time. This issue of **personhood** has been around ever since I've been in the Senate. ... We can't continue to wait, and go through more filibusters by committee." [emphasis added]

"So that's why I rise today. I want to get this out of committee where it's languished for years and years. I know we're just in 2018, and we had one meeting, and I appreciate that, but I feel the next meeting is gonna be more of the same, so until we take the time to debate this issue, that's why I'm doing what I'm doing. I apologize for not giving you notice, because I couldn't give you notice. If I gave you notice, I wouldn't have gotten recognized in the Motion Period."

"So that's why I rise today. I just ask, continue my Motion, Mr. President, and ask for a roll call vote."

[Senator Martin END - 1:29:10]

continued...

Begin viewing 1:25:00 - Senator Margie Bright Matthews [To speak in opposition to Senator Martin's Recall Motion]

[Excerpts: Senator Bright Matthews comments 1:29:10 - 1:31:25]

"... I was the Subcommittee Chair for this committee. Last year we had several, extensive, two hour plus meetings where we heard citizens and persons for and against S.217.

[Correction : The Subcommittee actually met TWO TIMES : March 30, 2017 (almost 1 1/2

hours of testimony)

and April 26, 2017 (approx. 1 3/4 hours of testimony). NEITHER Subcommittee hearing took over two hours

of testimony . During the Subcommittee meeting on April 26, 2017, Senator Bright Matthews (attorney) abused

her power as Chair and skipped over at least two Pro-Personhood speakers on the sign-up list, including a

Christian woman with 34 years experience as Director of the Care Pregnancy Center, who was prepared to

speak on her experience dealing with clients regarding the DAMAGE DONE TO WOMEN BY "ABORTION".

So this Pro-Personhood testimony was blocked from being heard in the April 26, 2017

Subcommittee Hearing

by Senator Rankin's pro-"abortion" chairwoman.]

"I think what we're doing here is a disrespect to our own deliberative process. We've only had this in our Committee once.

It was at the top of the agenda this morning [Feb 6] behind the Workers' Compensation folks that we had to approve.

[Correction : The S.217 Subcommittee report was first on the Agenda of the Senate Judiciary Committee

meeting on May 2, 2017, during the week before the end of the regular 2017 Session on May 11, 2017.]

OVER NINE MONTHS EARLIER.]

"... Let me explain to you, ... it came out in the first committee meeting that there's a lot of confusion about what a fertilized egg is,

versus an embryo, and a .. fetus. This bill specifically says, and it was brought out in subcommittee and committee, that this bill,

if you look at science, is fraught with a lot of problems. It says that a fertilized egg should be given the rights of a person. Don't you

realize that a fertilized egg happens when a man and a woman come together, and only a small percentage of those enter the uterus?

They have to enter the uterus before they can even become an embryo and then a fetus. It became apparent to me, and my Subcommittee

meetings, that a lot of people didn't understand the science of what this bill says. It's fraught with a lot of problems. I ask you to allow

the process to work and send this, make this stay in committee until we work out the problems."

[Note: The SC Personhood Act (S .217) passed favorably out of the S217 Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Wednesday,

April 26, shortly before 11am, by a vote of 3 Yeas (Rice , Gambrell , Talley) to 2 Nays (Bright Matthews , McLeod).]

Glory to God !

– SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217) passes Senate Judiciary Subcommittee favorably by 3Y-2N vote – April 26, 2017

<http://christiansforpersonhood.com/index.php/2017/04/28/glory-to-god-sc-personhood-act-s-217-passes-senate-judiciary-subcommittee-favorably-by-3y-2n-vote-april-26-2017/>

[Senator Bright Matthews END - 1:31:25]

continued... [Includes a second Roll Call vote on a Motion to Adjourn, which failed 21 Ayes - 22 Nays]

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180206.htm#p25

The vote on the Recall Motion then took place, which failed 10 Ayes - 34 Nays

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180206.htm#p25

Having failed to received the necessary votes, the Senate refused to recall S. 217.

Statement by Senator GROOMS

Let me be clear -- I support S. 217 and want it to become law. My vote today was against a procedural motion only.

The motion, while noble in its intent, was misguided. Unfortunately, because of the nature of the Senate, had today's

sudden attempt to bypass the committee process over the objection of the committee chairman would have ensured

one thing only -- the certain failure of S. 217. Full, open, and transparent vetting of the people's business is essential

to good government, and is a bedrock principle upon which our state and our very nation were founded. I remain in favor

of the Bill, and in our common goal of protecting the life of the most innocent among us.

E-mail below sent out February 5, 2018:

From: Christians for Personhood

Subject: (Video) SC Personhood Bill S.217 "Carried Over" by 18-5 vote in Senate Judiciary Committee Jan. 30, 2018;

Next meeting Tues., Feb. 6

Christians for Personhood (CP)

Columbia, South Carolina

February 5, 2018

(**Video**) SC Personhood Bill **S .217** "Carried Over" by 18-5 vote in

Senate Judiciary Committee Jan. 30, 2018; Next meeting **Tues. ,
Feb. 6**



Names of all 23 Senate Judiciary Committee members (14 R, 9 D) may be viewed [here](#) .

Senators pictured above in January 30 Senate Judiciary Committee meeting, Gressette Bldg, Room 105,

L-R, starting with back row:

Senator Tom Young (R-Aiken)

Senator Katrina Shealy (R-Lexington)

Senator Kevin Johnson (D-Clarendon)

Senator Brad Hutto (D-Orangeburg)

Senate Staff person

Senator Luke Rankin, Chairman (R-Horry)

Senate Staff person

Senator Gerald Malloy (D-Darlington)

Senator Shane Massey (R-Edgefield)

Senator Ross Turner (R-Greenville)

Senator Marlon Kimpson (D-Charleston)

Senator Margie Bright Matthews (D-Colleton)

[Missing from back row: Ronnie Sabb (D-Williamsburg), Senator Chip Campsen (R-Charleston)

- Note: both these were present for most of the meeting; the only absent Senator was Thomas McElveen (R-Sumter)]

Senators pictured, L-R, in front row:

Senator Richard Cash (R-Anderson)

Senator Sandy Senn (R-Charleston)

Senator Mia McLeod (D-Richland)

Senator Mike Fanning (D-Chester)

Senator Mike Gambrell (R-Anderson)

Senator Wes Climer (R-York)

Senator Stephen Goldfinch (R-Georgetown)

Senator Rex Rice (R-Pickens)

Senator Scott Talley (R-Greenville)

Senator William Timmons (R-Greenville)

All 46 South Carolina Senators may be viewed [here](#) . [Note: Senator John Courson under indictment has been suspended]

Recent Action Jan 30 and Upcoming Meeting Feb 6 :

- On January 30, the SC Personhood Bill [S .217](#) was listed first on the Senate Judiciary Comm.

[Agenda](#) and was discussed for just over 1 1/2 hours before the 18-5 vote to "Carry Over" the [S .217](#) bill until the next meeting.

- The next Senate Judiciary Committee meeting is [Tuesday , February 6 ,](#) beginning at 11:00 am, and [S .217](#) is again on the [Agenda](#) , but this time is not listed at the top.

Senate Meeting Schedule

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/meetings.php?chamber=S>

Tuesday, February 6

11:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Judiciary Committee

[Agenda Available](#)

Live Broadcast

Live Broadcast - Audio Only

The February 6 meeting is again in the Senate Gressette Bldg, Rm 105 (seats approx. 100).

[The Senate Gressette Bldg is located to immediate rear of the SC State House, on the southwest side.]

Please come early (recommend 10am or earlier) and help pack the room with praying Christian Pro-Personhood supporters.

It is likely Planned Parenthood supporters will be coming as well, and it is important for the 23 Senate members

[14 R, 9 D] of the [Judiciary Committee](#) to see a strong Pro-Personhood

presence [Note: Of the 14 Republican

members of the [Judiciary Committee](#), only 10 have signed on as co-sponsors of [S.217](#) - Rice, Turner, Young,

Timmons, Talley, Shealy, Goldfinch, Climer, Gambrell, Cash. [Note: There are also 10 other co-sponsors

of [S.217](#) as well, who are not on the Senate Judiciary Committee, for a total of 20 (19 R, 1 D) [S.217](#) co-sponsors

in the SC Senate, which presently consists of 45 (27 R, 18 D) sitting SC Senators.]

[Republican Senate Majority Leader](#), and [Chairman](#) of the [Senate Rules Committee](#), Senator Massey has not

signed on as a [S.217](#) co-sponsor, but has stated he will vote for the bill when he has the opportunity.

[Chairman](#) of the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) Senator [Rankin](#) has not yet agreed to support [S.217](#).

Senator [Senn](#) stated publicly in the January 30 Senate Judiciary Committee meeting:

"I am a Republican, pro-life, and [Roman] Catholic. I do not want to vote against a bill that encourages

pro-life, but this bill is so far out of bounds as far as its constitutionality, I don't

think it can be retrieved,..."

[View South Carolina Legislature archive [video](#) [Begin video time 54:40 Senator Senn comments on her [opposition](#) to SC Personhood Bill [S.217](#)]

Senator [Campsen](#) has been a long-time [opponent](#) of Personhood legislation (although when SC Personhood legislation was first introduced in [February 1998](#), then-Representative Campsen was actually a [co-sponsor](#) !?).

Further Reporting on January 30 Senate Judiciary Committee meeting :

- The committee room (Gressette Room 105, below) was filled to its approx. 100-seat capacity.

(It was also reported a separate overflow room had approx. 70 in attendance.)



([Video](#)) Senate Judiciary Committee meeting Jan 30, 2018, SC Personhood Bill [S.217](#):

South Carolina Legislature

Video Archives by meeting time

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Select Year: 2018

[Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:00 am](#)

[Senate Judiciary Committee -- Judiciary Committee](#)

Agenda

Gressette Senate Office Building, Room 105

Video - 1:50:43

- Several Senators spoke on the SC Personhood Bill [S .217](#) Jan 30, both supporters and opponents.

[Selected approx. video times listed below facilitate viewing of selected comments of various Senators as identified;

however, during some of the time periods listed below, more than only the identified Senator may have spoken.]

- Selected comments by [Supporters](#) of the SC Personhood Bill [S .217](#) included:

1) [Senator Richard Cash \(R-Anderson\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 9:25 - 17:55; and 1:29:30 - 1:31:50]

[Founder and former executive director of Personhood South Carolina]

2) [Senator Rex Rice \(R-Pickens\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 30:50 - 31:15; and 1:38:10 - 1:39:40]

3) [Senator Stephen Goldfinch \(R-Georgetown\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 32:30 - 33:40; and 38:40 - 39:25]

4) [Senator William Timmons \(R-Greenville\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video time: 43:30 - 46:25]

[Attorney, former Asst. Solicitor for 13th Circuit - good explanation of use of Personhood Act of SC as a vehicle to challenge Roe v Wade]

5) [Senator Wes Climer \(R-York\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 1:00:00 - 1:02:00; and 1:13:40 - 1:14:15; and 1:27:30 - 1:28:00]

6) [Senator Katrina Shealy \(R-Lexington\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 1:24:50 - 1:27:30; and 1:13:40 - 1:14:15; and 1:28:00 - 1:29:30; and 1:37:30 - 1:37:35 (Senator Shealy's Motion to carry [S .217](#) bill over)]

- Selected comments by [Opponents](#) of the SC Personhood Bill [S .217](#) included:

1) [Senator Margie Bright Matthews \(D-Colleton\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 2:20 - 8:10; and 33:45 - 38:35; and 1:02:00 - 1:03:00]

[Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Luke Rankin's (R-Horry) hand-picked pro-child-murder-by-"abortion" chairwoman of the 5-man Subcommittee which passed [S .217](#) out of Subcommittee by a [3Y-2N vote](#) last year, [April 26, 2017](#). During the Subcommittee meeting on April 26, 2017, Senator Bright Matthews (attorney) abused her power as Chair and skipped over at least two Pro-Personhood speakers on the sign-up list, including a Christian woman with 34 years experience as Director of the Care Pregnancy Center, who was prepared to speak on her experience dealing with clients regarding the DAMAGE DONE TO WOMEN BY "ABORTION". So this Pro-Personhood testimony was blocked from being heard in the April 26, 2017 Subcommittee Hearing by Senator Rankin's pro-"abortion" chairwoman.]

2) [Senator Luke Rankin \(R-Horry\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 8:10 - 10:00; and 31:15 - 32:30 and 57:10 - 59:15; and 1:10:00 - 1:11:00; and 1:34:00 - 1:37:30 (includes Senator Rankin's "I will take just a second to complain somewhat" comments, and ending with his comments about following the examples of Kansas and Missouri, whose statutes subjected their implementation to Supreme Court decisions); and 1:37:35 - 1:39:40 (includes 18-5 vote to carry over; incorrectly reported

by Senator Rankin as 19-4 vote)]

[In 2017, Senator Rankin waited over two months to even assign [S .217](#) to a Judiciary Subcommittee, until March 22, 2017, after then-Senator (now SC Lt Gov) Kevin Bryant had introduced [S .217](#) on the first day of the 2017 Legislative Session, January 10, 2017. Read more details of Senator Luke Rankin's delaying tactics, "slow-walking" [S .217](#) through the entire 2017 Legislative Session [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#). In 2018, the South Carolina Legislature convened on Tuesday, January 9, however the Senate Judiciary Committee was not called by the Chairman, Senator Luke Rankin (R-Horry), to meet on January 9, nor on January 16, nor on January 23 ! The January 30 meeting of Chairman Rankin's Senate Judiciary Committee was the first meeting in 2018. Under normal procedures, legislation should be sent from the SC Senate to the SC House by April 10, and the **END** of the regular 2018 Legislative Session of the SC Legislature is May 10. Has Senator Rankin already begun successfully "slow-walking" [S .217](#) in the 2018 Legislative Session to consume precious time needed for debate and passage ?]

3) [Senator Brad Hutto \(D-Orangeburg\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 18:00 - 23:15; and 1:03:45 - 1:05:55]

[Perhaps the most strident child-murder-by-"abortion" proponent in the SC Senate. His angry speech directed at a Christian Pro-Personhood Senator was insulting personally and therefore violated the spirit of [SC Senate Rule 52](#), "[Personal Attacks on Senators Not Permitted](#);...".

Nevertheless, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Luke Rankin took no action to correct this pro-"abortion" Democrat Senator from Orangeburg. Senator Hutto received his J.D. (Law) degree from [JESUIT](#) Georgetown University Law Center.]

4) [Senator Kevin Johnson \(D-Clarendon\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 23:15 - 24:15; and 42:10 - 43:30]

5) [Senator Gerald Malloy \(D-Darlington\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video times: 24:15 - 30:50; and 59:15 - 1:00:00; and 1:05:55 - 1:09:00; and 1:11:00 - 1:13:40; and 1:31:50 - 1:34:00; and 1:38:10 - 1:39:40]

6) [Senator Mia McLeod \(D-Richland\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video time: 39:25 - 42:10]

7) [Senator Ronnie Sabb \(D-Williamsburg\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video time: 46:40 - 54:35]

8) [Senator Sandy Senn \(R-Charleston\)](#) - View [video](#) [Video time: 54:40 - 57:10]

"I am a Republican, pro-life [sic], and [Roman] Catholic. I do not want to vote against

a bill that encourages pro-life, but this bill is so far out of bounds as far as its constitutionality , I don't think it can be retrieved ,..."

9) **Senator Marlon Kimpson (D-Charleston)** - View **video** [Video time: 1:14:35 - 1:24:50]

Establishment media errors in reporting on January 30, 2018 Senate Judiciary Committee meeting:

There was erroneous reporting in The State newspaper. Note how The State newspaper article erroneously reported the FALSE impression that "Personhood" legislation had been passed by other States and already ruled unconstitutional.

The State (Columbia, SC)

'Bill to likely ban all abortions delayed in South Carolina'

Jan 30, 2018

<http://www.thestate.com/news/state/south-carolina/article197391249.html>

Excerpt:

"The bill says life begins at conception, *** and at that moment an embryo has all the rights as any other citizen. **** Several senators, including Republicans, said similarly-worded legislation in other states has been found unconstitutional. " *****

*** No the bill does NOT say "life begins at conception" !!! The word conception is never used in the bill.

The bill says the RIGHT to life (due process, equal protection) is vested at fertilization !!!

**** No, the bill does NOT say an embryo has ALL the rights of another citizen, the bill says (only) the

RIGHT to LIFE is vested. The State article is incorrect about vesture of ALL citizen rights at conception (fertilization).

The Personhood bill **S .217** as written vests only the right to life at fertilization, not the

rights of liberty and property.

***** Missouri (effective 1988) and Kansas (2013) passed legislation which would recognize the rights of the unborn to be the same as "other persons", but subjected their statutes, in the text of the statutes themselves, to the "decisional interpretations ... by the United States Supreme Court ", and so child-murder-by-"abortion" continues in Missouri and Kansas to this day. No State in the U.S.A. has yet passed a real, true Personhood Bill or Amendment.

Further errors or omissions in the article:

- 1) The 20 co-sponsors of S .217 are not all Republicans, there is one Democrat, so far - Senator Kent Williams. There should be more, including Senator Darrell Jackson, a pastor, and Senator Glenn Reese, a present or former Baptist deacon.
- 2) The article fails to mention Gov McMaster, Lt Gov Bryant, and another candidate for SC Gov on 2018, Yancy McGill all spoke at the Personhood Day event Wednesday, January 24 at the SC State House.
- 3) Lastly, the article does not mention 2018 SC GOP candidate Catherine Templeton does NOT support the Personhood Bill S .217, because she supports "exceptions" to a ban on child-murder, i.e., her un-Biblical, immoral, and unconstitutional position, is to allow the continued murder of certain children in the womb based upon the circumstances of their conception. By definition therefore, Catherine Templeton is NOT "pro-life". Even Webster's and Black's Law dictionaries define "Person" as "A human being."

Personhood Report: In Law, No Exceptions to Human Personhood

<http://christiansforpersonhood.com/index.php/2018/01/30/personhood-report-in-law-no-exceptions-to-human-personhood/>

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'STANDING IN THE GATE'

SC Senator [Richard Cash](#) speaking on Point of Personal Interest [[Re: Calling for Senate floor debate on Personhood Bill](#)]
at Senate podium, Thursday, January 25, 2018

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South Carolina Legislature

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Thursday, January 25, 2018 11:00 am

Senate -- Senate

Senator Richard Cash presentation [View video from 37:50 - 44:00, approx. six minutes]

State House, Senate Chamber

Excerpt [Begin 42:40]:

Senator Cash :

"There are many important issues that we will debate in the Senate. There are some urgent issues that we need to debate, but nothing is more important, and nothing is more urgent, than debating the Personhood Bill."

"It is not a Republican issue.

It is not a Democratic [sic - Democrat] issue.

It is not a black issue.

It is not a white issue.

It is not even just a woman's issue or a man's issue.

It is fundamentally at its core, a human rights issue."

"So I ask at the first available opportunity, that we deal with this question: 'Who qualifies as a member of the human community, and is deserving of legal protection?' It is a question that this body needs to debate fully on this Senate floor and to vote on. Thank you very much."

Senator Cash's remarks to be printed in the permanent record of the Senate Journal, January 25, 2018:

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess122_2017-2018/sj18/20180125.htm#p3

Senator CASH rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator DAVIS, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator CASH, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

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Senate Meeting Schedule

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Tuesday, January 30

11:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Judiciary Committee

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The SC Personhood Bill [S.217](#) is listed first on the SC Senate Judiciary Committee meeting [Agenda](#) for Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 11am in the Senate Gressette Bldg, Rm 105 (seats approx. 100).

[The Senate Gressette Bldg is located to immediate rear of the SC State House, on the southwest side.]

Please come early (recommend 10am) and help pack the room with Christian, Pro-Personhood supporters.

As you arrive, recommend you sit as close to the front of the room as possible. [Personhood South Carolina](#) will be providing "**PERSONHOOD NOW**" stickers at the door of Room 105, which you may place on your lapel.

It is likely Planned Parenthood supporters will be coming as well, and it is important for the 23 Senate members [14 R, 9 D] of the [Judiciary Committee](#) to see a strong Pro-Personhood presence [Note: Of the 14 Republican members of the [Judiciary Committee](#), only 10 have signed on as co-sponsors of [S.217](#) - Rice, Turner, Young, Timmons, Talley, Shealy, Goldfinch, Climer, Gambrell, Cash. [Note: There are also 10 other co-sponsors of [S.217](#) as well, who are not on the Senate Judiciary Committee, for a total of 20 (19 R, 1 D) [S.217](#) co-sponsors in the SC Senate, which presently consists of 45 (27 R, 18 D) sitting SC

Senators.]

Republican Senate Majority Leader, and Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, Senator Massey has not signed on as a S.217 co-sponsor, but has stated he will vote for the bill when he has the opportunity.

Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee Senator Rankin, and Senator Senn have not yet agreed to support S.217.

Senator Campsen has been a long-time opponent of Personhood legislation (although when SC Personhood legislation was first introduced in February 1998, then-Representative Campsen was actually a co-sponsor !?).

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