

1 your right hand.

2 (The motion was granted.)

3 SENATOR PEELER: Thank you. I  
4 appreciate your willingness to serve.

5 Next candidate.

6 MS. CASTO: Next candidate is  
7 Pansy King-Reid from Fort Mill. This is the 5th  
8 Congressional seat as well. The term expires 2016.

9 SENATOR PEELER: Good morning.

10 MS. KING-REID: Good morning.

11 (Pansy King-Reid was duly sworn, after  
12 which testimony commenced at 11:08 a.m.)

13 SENATOR PEELER: Would you like to  
14 share with the committee why you'd like to serve?

15 MS. KING-REID: Well, I'm not a  
16 graduate of the College of Charleston. I'm a  
17 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University in  
18 Charlotte, North Carolina which is a liberal arts  
19 college. And I feel like I can bring diversity to  
20 the Board. When I was helping with Johnson C.  
21 Smith, I was a philanthropist. I gave over  
22 \$250,000 a year for six years. And now that I'm a  
23 marketing director, I feel like that I can help the  
24 College of Charleston do the same thing.

25 SENATOR PEELER: I was looking over the

1 information. You're currently a marketing director  
2 for Chestnut Law Firm.

3 MS. KING-REID: Yes.

4 SENATOR PEELER: In Gainesville,  
5 Florida?

6 MS. KING-REID: Our home office is  
7 based in Gainesville, Florida.

8 SENATOR PEELER: But you work in Fort  
9 Mill now?

10 MS. KING-REID: I live -- based in  
11 South Carolina, yes.

12 SENATOR PEELER: And it shows you  
13 haven't filed a tax return in the last five years?

14 MS. KING-REID: No, I haven't.

15 SENATOR PEELER: How did you get by  
16 with that?

17 MS. KING-REID: I was a stay-at-home  
18 mom, and alimony and child support, basically child  
19 support.

20 SENATOR PEELER: So your home address  
21 is?

22 MS. KING-REID: 130 Melbourne Drive  
23 Fort Mill, South Carolina.

24 SENATOR PEELER: And your name is Pansy  
25 Ellen Louise King?

1                   MS. KING-REID: Pansy Ellen Louise  
2 King-Reid. I was divorced. I'm a Reid, so I'm  
3 Pansy King Reid.

4                   SENATOR PEELER: Is that what's on your  
5 driver's license? Have you had a chance to change  
6 that yet?

7                   MS. KING-REID: No, I haven't because  
8 what happened, when I went to get my driver's  
9 license back in South Carolina, I had a Virginia  
10 driver's license, and it just popped up Pansy King  
11 because I got my license in South Carolina, but my  
12 Social Security card and everything says Reid.

13                   SENATOR PEELER: Thank you, ma'am.

14                   Any other -- Mr. Whitmire.

15                   REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE:  
16 Ms. King-Reid, can you give me, or us, your vision  
17 for the College of Charleston as far as what you  
18 want to see in the future?

19                   MS. KING-REID: Well, what I would like  
20 to see is more diversity on the Board. And I feel  
21 like what I can bring is diversity. I'm a  
22 minority. I'm an African-American woman, and my  
23 views may be a little different, but I won't go in  
24 there trying to change anything. I feel like you  
25 need to be mentored into anything that you go into.

1 So I would sit down and discuss things with the  
2 Board and see what I can see, what I can bring to  
3 them.

4 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Can you  
5 expound on what you mean by your views might be  
6 different?

7 MS. KING-REID: Well, by me being an  
8 African-American woman and having two -- two  
9 teenagers, one a sophomore in college and one that's  
10 about to go to college, my views may be coming from  
11 more so as a parent and raising teenagers.

12 I just know higher education is  
13 everything to my family. And sometimes young  
14 people don't have the proper things to get into  
15 college, and as a Board member, I can bring the  
16 aspects of maybe sitting down with some of the  
17 students that are trying to get in there that can't  
18 afford to go, and we come up with different ways to  
19 help them get into college.

20 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Do you know  
21 if there are any African-American members on the  
22 Board presently? I don't know.

23 MS. KING-REID: I think it's one.

24 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: One. All  
25 right, thank you.

1           SENATOR ALEXANDER: Mr. Chairman.

2           SENATOR PEELER: Senator Alexander.

3           SENATOR ALEXANDER: Thank you.

4           And thank you for your willingness to  
5   serve and for being here this morning. I wanted to  
6   go back. I want to know if I understood correctly.  
7   You have a South Carolina driver's license now?

8           MS. KING-REID: Oh, yes. I've had a  
9   South Carolina driver's license.

10          SENATOR ALEXANDER: It's just not the  
11   correct name?

12          MS. KING-REID: Yes. You're right.

13          SENATOR ALEXANDER: Okay. And it  
14   reflects -- your driver's license reflects the  
15   address that's on your information here?

16          MS. KING-REID: Yes.

17          SENATOR ALEXANDER: As far as the part  
18   of the filling out of the information, is the state  
19   Ethics Commission state -- statement of economic  
20   interest. Are you aware of that form?

21          MS. KING-REID: Yes. I filled that  
22   out.

23          SENATOR PEELER: Would you get with --

24          SENATOR ALEXANDER: Mr. Chairman, the  
25   form I've got before me, I've got the form, but I

1 see nothing marked on the form whatsoever.

2 MS. KING-REID: Ms. Julie Price had  
3 called me, and I submitted it. I had left that  
4 out. I didn't know that -- I put it in the packet,  
5 but I spoke with her and she put it back in there.

6 SENATOR ALEXANDER: Well, I've got --  
7 we just need to get staff, if we could -- I mean,  
8 we've got the form.

9 MS. CASTO: We've got the form. She  
10 did not -- she filled out the first page, and that  
11 is all that is complete.

12 SENATOR ALEXANDER: But there's nothing  
13 that's related to any of the questions. Are you  
14 aware -- did you fill out one of the forms that  
15 has -- did you answer the questions, or did you  
16 just do the first page?

17 MS. KING-REID: I think I did.

18 SENATOR PEELER: Do you want to show it  
19 to us?

20 MS. CASTO: You have it in your packet,  
21 don't you? Didn't Julie give you a copy of --

22 SENATOR PEELER: We'll just take a few  
23 minutes, for the record.

24 (Off-the-record conference.)

25 MS. KING-REID: You're talking about

1 page 1?

2 SENATOR ALEXANDER: Mr. Chairman, I'm  
3 talking about pages 2, 3, and 4.

4 MS. KING-REID: I have page 1 and 2  
5 filled out. The one that's -- the interests.

6 SENATOR ALEXANDER: And if you don't  
7 have it --

8 MS. KING-REID: No, I don't. I didn't  
9 have any interests to anything.

10 SENATOR ALEXANDER: I think for the  
11 record, Mr. Chairman, we need to get that  
12 completed.

13 SENATOR PEELER: Yeah. You need to  
14 complete that.

15 MS. KING-REID: Okay.

16 SENATOR ALEXANDER: Okay. Thank you.  
17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 SENATOR PEELER: Ms. Henderson.

19 REPRESENTATIVE HENDERSON: Thank you,  
20 Senator Peeler.

21 I'm trying to be consistent with my  
22 questions, and so I won't ask you what your  
23 involvement with the College of Charleston has been  
24 since you're not a graduate, which we have a lot of  
25 people that apply for different boards. So my

1 question then would be actually, what drew you --  
2 what's your interest in the College of Charleston,  
3 specifically, that would -- you know, led you to  
4 really feel like, you know, I want to be with the  
5 College of Charleston and not Francis Marion or  
6 Lander, you know, some other school.

7 MS. KING-REID: Well, once -- I  
8 visit -- I work in Charleston a lot. And so I was  
9 down there and just visiting the College of  
10 Charleston and -- and I just struck an interest  
11 because it's a liberal arts school like the college  
12 that I graduated from. And I had a couple of -- my  
13 sister's friends, they graduated from there. And  
14 just talking to them and just, you know,  
15 visiting the school. And I feel like I would be an  
16 asset to them.

17 REPRESENTATIVE HENDERSON: Thank you.

18 MS. KING-REID: Thank you.

19 SENATOR PEELER: I want to get back to  
20 your driving record and your driver's license.

21 You currently have five points on your  
22 driver's license, and in the last eight years,  
23 you've moved several times; is that correct?

24 MS. KING-REID: Yes, sir. I was --  
25 my -- my driving record, I have two speeding



1 tickets on there in Georgia, and the tickets  
2 were -- my nieces have sickle-cell, and I was  
3 trying to get to the hospital. That's why the two  
4 tickets that are on there. So about three months  
5 ago, I took the class at York Tech to get my points  
6 back.

7 SENATOR PEELER: According to the  
8 records, I think it shows seven speeding tickets.

9 MS. KING-REID: Seven?

10 SENATOR PEELER: On the ten-year  
11 driving record.

12 MS. KING-REID: Oh. The last two that  
13 I received were in Georgia.

14 SENATOR PEELER: You could give  
15 Danica Patrick a run for her money.

16 MS. KING-REID: I --

17 SENATOR PEELER: Just say yes.

18 MS. KING-REID: Yes. Actually, I like  
19 her so...

20 SENATOR PEELER: Okay. Let's go back  
21 to the Chestnut Law Firm.

22 MS. KING-REID: Yes.

23 SENATOR PEELER: Does that law firm  
24 have an office in South Carolina?

25 MS. KING-REID: No. They don't have an

1 office in South Carolina.

2 SENATOR PEELER: Are you paid? Do you  
3 receive a salary?

4 MS. KING-REID: Yes.

5 SENATOR PEELER: How long have you been  
6 working there?

7 MS. KING-REID: I've been working for  
8 the Chestnut Law Firm six months.

9 SENATOR PEELER: Have you filed a tax  
10 return?

11 MS. KING-REID: Yes. This year.

12 SENATOR PEELER: 2012. Okay. Any  
13 other questions or comments?

14 SENATOR MCGILL: Mr. Chairman, I've got  
15 a question. I want to go back to this \$250,000. I  
16 want to get a better feel.

17 You're in marketing?

18 MS. KING-REID: Yes.

19 SENATOR MCGILL: And you helped raise  
20 funding for your alma mater?

21 MS. KING-REID: Yes. Actually, we  
22 didn't raise it. I was married at the time, and my  
23 ex-husband, we -- well, we raised it, but we gave  
24 it in his name.

25 SENATOR MCGILL: All right.

1 MS. KING-REID: But I'm in marketing  
2 now. That's what I do.

3 SENATOR MCGILL: You're a good  
4 communicator.

5 MS. KING-REID: Thank you.

6 SENATOR MCGILL: Yes, you are.

7 SENATOR PEELER: Mr. Whitmire.

8 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Thank you,  
9 Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, there's a lot of red  
10 flags here, but, you know, there have been other  
11 candidates with not so golden driving records. But  
12 I guess what concerns me the most is not filing a  
13 tax return over the last four -- three or four  
14 years. However, you know, I still feel like maybe  
15 we should report her out favorably and just see  
16 where things go. I don't know if that's enough to  
17 disqualify her or not, but that's just me.

18 MS. KING-REID: Excuse me, sir.

19 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Yes.

20 MS. KING-REID: According to my -- I  
21 was married, and my ex-husband, they said I didn't  
22 have to file a tax return because you don't file a  
23 tax return on child support.

24 REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Okay. All  
25 right.

1                   SENATOR PEELER: Okay. If you were  
2 fortunate enough to be elected, do you plan on  
3 staying in Fort Mill for a while?

4                   MS. KING-REID: Oh, yes. South  
5 Carolina is my home.

6                   SENATOR PEELER: Okay. All right. And  
7 would you drive under the speed limit when you  
8 attend the meetings?

9                   MS. KING-REID: Yes, yes.

10                  SENATOR PEELER: Thank you. Any other  
11 questions or comments?

12                  Hearing none, what's the desire of the  
13 committee?

14                  SENATOR MCGILL: Move for favorable  
15 report.

16                  SENATOR PEELER: Motion is a favorable  
17 report.

18                  (The motion was seconded.)

19                  SENATOR PEELER: And a second is heard.  
20 All in favor, please raise your right hand.

21                  (The motion was granted.)

22                  SENATOR PEELER: Thank you. Appreciate  
23 your willingness to serve.

24                  Next candidate.

25                  MS. CASTO: The last candidate for the