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# Video

# Is SC Senator Luke Rankin Ethical?

Or Did Rankin Misuse His Position as Senate Judiciary Chairman to Deceptively Change His Vote on Personhood Bill (2/20/2018)?

### Is Luke Rankin Ethical?

https://youtu.be/iGUOQfHfJbo Video - 3:44 June 21, 2020

Furthermore, is Senator Luke Rankin still <u>continuing</u> to <u>LIE</u>, <u>DISSEMBLE</u> and <u>DECEIVE</u> TO THIS DAY about his past actions regarding the Personhood Bill?

See February 25, 2018 Report:

SC Senate Judiciary Committee, Tuesday, February 20, 2018



Eleven Republican Senators raised their hands on this <u>Third</u> of three repeated votes in <u>favor</u> of Motion for a Favorable Report [ as Amended ] of S.217 Personhood Act of SC out of SC Senate Judiciary Committee, Tuesday, February 20, 2018,

Senators Young, Shealy, Rankin, Massey, Turner, Cash, Gambrell, Climer, Goldfinch, Rice, Talley (Plus, Senator Cash announced he had proxy vote for Senator Timmons)

There were <u>13 Republican</u> votes (Senator Timmons by Senator Cash proxy), and 9 Democrat votes being cast on each Motion today.

On this Third vote on the Motion for Favorable Passage, one "Republican" [ sic ] Senn abstained, and all 9 Democrats voted against Favorable Passage.

**TOTAL**: 12 Yes votes, for Favorable Passage [ as Amended ]; 9 No votes against; 1 Abstained

\*\*\* Note: On the first two votes conducted on the Motion for a Favorable Report, Judiciary Committee Chairman Luke Rankin vote AGAINST Favorable Passage [First vote of three votes: 0:57 video time; Second vote of three votes: 1:50 video time]. Therefore, it appears by misusing his authority and power as Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman, Senator Rankin was able to conduct multiple re-votes on the same Motion, and changed his vote after he learned Senator Senn was abstaining (which meant there would not be sufficient votes to defeat the measure). So on the Third vote of the three votes [2:41 video time], Senator Rankin changed the way he had just voted twice, and voted for Favorable Passage. This is all visible on the video of this series of three re-votes on the Motion for Favorable Passage.

Vote #1: Rankin voted No (0:57) Vote #2: Rankin voted No (1:50) Vote #3: Rankin voted Yes (2:41)

IS LUKE RANKIN ETHICAL? Or should a formal Ethics Committee/Commission Complaint be filed against Luke Rankin for misusing his authority and power as Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman to manipulate the voting of the SC Senate Judiciary Committee in such a way as to provide for himself personal political cover?

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# Fake, Pretend "Pro-Life" [sic] Luke Rankin

VS.

# Pro-Personhood, Pro-Life

John Gallman

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Jesus Christ is Lord Romans 10:9, <u>KJV</u> 1 Timothy 6:15, KJV

Jesus says:
"Thou shalt do no murder,..."
Matthew 19:18, KJV

Being "Pro-Life" is agreeing with God on the Sanctity of Human Life which HE HAS CREATED (Genesis 1:27; Exodus 20:13, KJV)

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# Lying, Dissembling, Deceiving, Luke Rankin is NOT Pro-Life:

Example #2 (of many):

# Is SC Senator Luke Rankin Ethical?

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June 21, 2020

1) This video is from SC Senate Judiciary Committee Meeting on February 20, 2018, excerpted from the official SC Legislature archived video. The SC Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Luke Rankin (R - Horry), is deliberating on Personhood Bill S217.

<u>Note</u>: When searching SC Legislative website ( <u>scstatehouse.gov</u> ) for <u>Archived video</u>, be sure to "**Select Year:**" <u>2018</u>, then cursor down to, and click on:

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 11:00 am Senate Judiciary Committee -- Full Judiciary 1:54:06

- 2) In this meeting of the SC Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Luke Rankin, there were **13 Republican votes** being cast (Senator Timmons' vote by proxy by Senator Cash), and **9 Democrat votes** being cast, for a total of 22 on each Motion.
- 3) Immediately before the time this video starts, "Republicans" [ sic ] Rankin and Senn had just voted WITH the 9 Democrats:
  - a) AGAINST a Motion to TABLE the Motion to Recommit (bury/kill) the Personhood Bill to Subcommittee; and
  - b) FOR a Motion to RECOMMIT (bury/kill) the Personhood Bill to Subcommittee.

So **Rankin** and **Senn** had already voted **AGAINST** the Personhood Bill, with the 9 Democrats, **TWICE**, immediately prior to the beginning of this video. However in both cases, there were also 11 Pro-Personhood Republican votes supporting the Personhood Bill, resulting in 11 - 11 tie votes in both cases; so each Motion failed.

4) As this video starts, voting begins on the final Motion for Favorable Passage of the Personhood Bill. Chairman Luke Rankin no doubt expects the same 11 - 11 tie vote outcome as occurred on the two previous Motions, i.e., Rankin and Senn joining WITH 9 Democrats to result in an 11 - 11 tie vote, which would cause the Motion for Favorable Passage to fail, and kill the bill. However, Rankin runs into a problem. Senn abstains instead of voting No, leaving only 10 possible votes No (Rankin plus 9 Democrats) to the Republicans 11 Yes votes. This plays out as Rankin calls for THREE different votes on same Motion for Favorable Passage:

Vote #1: Rankin voted No (0:57)

Vote #2: Rankin voted No (1:50)

So **Rankin** voted **TWICE against** passage of Personhood Bill, but when he realized he did not have the votes to kill the bill, he **MISUSED** his power as Chairman, called for **THIRD** ( **unneeded** ) vote, using that to **CHANGE HIS VOTE** to give himself personal political cover in a losing cause.

Vote #3: Rankin voted Yes (2:41)

IS LUKE RANKIN ETHICAL? Is it ethical to misuse the power of one's position as Chairman to make the whole Committee vote again <u>unnecessarily</u>, for the purpose of allowing oneself the opportunity to CHANGE ONE'S VOTE after seeing the outcome?

So the actual final vote was 12 - 9 \*\*\*, not 11 - 9 as erroneously announced by Chairman Luke Rankin after the third vote was taken.

\*\*\* Note: See also this Report and these official Minutes of the SC Senate Judiciary Committee for February 20, 2018.

# Furthermore, is Senator Luke Rankin still continuing to LIE, DISSEMBLE and DECEIVE TO THIS DAY about his past actions regarding the Personhood Bill?

# YES.

## LUKE RANKIN IS **NOT** PRO-LIFE!

Here is Lying Luke Rankin's June 14 video posted on his campaign facebook page.

#### LukeRankinSC Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/lukerankinsc

### 'Luke Rankin - I DO SUPPORT THE HEARTBEAT BILL - AND ALWAYS HAVE'

Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/lukerankinsc/videos/i-do-support-the-heartbeat-bill-and-always-have/258056975636564/Posted June 14, 2020

Lying Luke Rankin claims he got the Personhood Bill out of his (Senate Judiciary) Committee in his June 14 campaign video.

Lying Luke Rankin doing what he does well - dissembling and deceiving once again!

Lying, Deceiving, Dissembling Luke Rankin states:

"I am Pro-Life [ sic - LIE ]. I have a strong record supporting my Pro-Life position [ sic - Rankin's pro-selective child-murder position is NOT PRO-LIFE!!! ]

Lying, Deceiving, Dissembling Luke Rankin states in regard to the Personhood Bill:

"On my watch and from my Committee, I advanced the Personhood Bill. I assigned it to a Subcommittee and I got it out [ sic - LIE, LIE, LIE !!! ] of the full Committee, then it went to the Senate."

The TRUTH is, Chairman Luke Rankin tried repeatedly to kill the Personhood Bill, however his efforts and personal vote to Recommit the Personhood Bill back to Subcommittee failed; and the first two votes on the final Motion for Favorable Passage, when he personally voted TWICE AGAINST the Motion for Favorable Passage, also failed to defeat the bill; and so, seeing then he did not have the votes to kill the Personhood Bill in his Committee, he misused his authority and power as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and unnecessarily called for a third vote on the Motion for Favorable Passage, and CHANGED HIS VOTE for the purpose of providing himself personal political cover, WHICH LUKE RANKIN IS EVEN NOW EXERCISING AND DEMONSTRATING IN THIS JUNE 14 FACEBOOK CAMPAIGN VIDEO, AND IN A TEXT SENT TODAY JUNE 22 FROM info@lukerankinsc.com ( see below ) !!!

Look at this text received from **info@lukerankinsc.com** this Monday morning, June 22, the day before the Primary Run-off: [emphasis added]

I helped pass the strongest pro-life legislation in recent history. I also voted for the Personhood Bill. I have not yet been able to take a vote on the Heartbeat Bill but will do so when it comes to the Senate Floor.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Luke

info@lukerankinsc.com responding [above] to text sent to <info@lukerankinsc.com> previously:

From: [ omitted ]

Sent: Saturday, June 20, 2020 8:27 AM To: Luke Rankin <info@lukerankinsc.com>

Subject:

'Columbia Christians For Life disputes Rankin campaign statements'

Myrtle Beach SC News June 17, 2020

https://myrtlebeachsc.com/columbia-christians-for-life-disputes-rankin-campaign-statements/

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The truth is Chairman Luke Rankin did all he could to kill the Personhood Bill, and it advanced out of his Committee IN SPITE OF Luke Rankin's efforts, because Luke Rankin did not have the votes to Recommit the Personhood Bill back to Subcommittee, nor did he have the votes to defeat the Motion for Favorable Passage. The Personhood Bill advanced to the full Senate DESPITE Chairman Luke Rankin's efforts to stop it, NOT, as he gives the impression, because of his efforts and advocacy. Once again, Lying, Dissembling, Deceiving Luke Rankin fails the TRUTH Test!

The truth is, on the final Motion to pass the Personhood Bill (2/20/2018) Luke Rankin first voted **TWICE AGAINST** the Personhood Bill, and then in a gross misuse of his power as Judiciary Chairman, called for a **THIRD** vote **AFTER** he saw he didn't have the votes to **kill** the Personhood Bill in his Committee, and then **CHANGED HIS VOTE** on the **THIRD** vote (on the same Motion!), to vote for the Personhood Bill.

These three votes can be seen on this short video extracted from the SC Legislature's <u>official archived video</u>, for viewers to see for themselves Luke Rankin's deception and misuse of power:

# Is Luke Rankin Ethical?

https://youtu.be/iGUOQfHfJbo Video - 3:44 June 21, 2020

This corrupt, deceiving, dissembling, liar of a 27-year incumbent politician needs to be removed from office by the voters of Horry County in SC Senate District #33!

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Additional information is also provided in this **February 25, 2018** Report.

Glory to God! – SC PERSONHOOD ACT (S.217) passes full Senate Judiciary Committee favorably by 12Y – 9N vote – February 20, 2018

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February 25, 2018

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See further information and documentation with connecting hyperlinks in this flyer:

[Flyer]

PERSONHOOD OPPONENT
SENATOR LUKE RANKIN (Horry)
IS NOT "PRO-LIFE"

'Pro-Life is Pro-Personhood'!

Luke Rankin <u>obstructs</u> Personhood, NOT Pro-Life !!!

http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2020-06-09-Luke-Rankin-flyer-2020.pdf

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### Video:

# Luke Rankin, Deceiver, Personhood Bill Opponent, Exposed!

Official SC Legislature Video of Senate Judiciary Committee Meeting, February 20, 2018, deliberating on Personhood Bill S217; unedited video, but with added explanation / commentary by "ACTNOW PAC"

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#### Republican for Horry County (Posted at facebook page)

The video below will be the most important 9 minutes you spend in regard to voting for John Gallman or the 28 year incumbent Luke Rankin." (continued, see link below)

ACTNOW PAC June 20, 2020

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#### **CCL Notes:**

- 1) This video and generally excellent explanation/commentary by "ACTNOW PAC", posted on the "Republican for Horry County" facebook page, is firsthand evidence of the dissembling, deceiving modus operandi of Luke Rankin; and proves his subsequent mischaracterization of his action taken on Personhood Bill is substantively a LIE.
- 2) In this February 20, 2018 meeting of SC Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Rankin, there were 13 Republican votes being cast (Senator Timmons' vote by proxy by Senator Cash), and 9 Democrat votes being cast, for a total of 22 on each motion.
- 3) First vote in the video is on a Motion to Table a Motion to Recommit (bury/kill) the Personhood Bill S217 back to Subcomm (instead of advancing the bill out of full Judiciary Committee to the full SC Senate). The vote failed on 11 11 tie vote; Personhood Bill opponents "Republicans" [sic] Rankin and Senn joining the 9 Democrats against the Motion to Table the Motion to Recommit.

4) Next is voting on a Motion to Recommit (kill/bury) the Personhood Bill. It too failed on 11 - 11 tie vote; Rankin and Senn again joining the Democrats, to Recommit the Bill; and the 11 remaining Republicans voting against the Motion to Recommit.

5) Then comes THREE votes on the same Motion to Favorably Pass the Personhood Bill. Chairman Rankin misused his authority by *unnecessarily* taking a third vote *so he could change his vote*, after Senator Senn abstained throwing off Rankin's count to kill the Bill. The third vote was actually 12 - 9\*\*\*, not 11 - 9.

*** See this Report and these official Minutes	of the SC Senate Judiciary Committee for February 20, 2018.
Horry County Christians, please vote for Pro-Personhood John Gallman ( <a href="http://gallmanforsc.com/">http://gallmanforsc.com/</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GallmanForSC/">https://www.facebook.com/GallmanForSC/</a> ) for Senate District #33 in Run-off on June 23.	
Please share this flyer with others in Horry County!	
Columbia Christians for Life  ChristianLifeandLiberty.net  Columbia, SC	



'Powerful SC lawmaker fighting for political life in combative GOP primary runoff'

https://www.postandcourier.com/politics/powerful-sc-lawmaker-fighting-for-political-life-in-combative-gop-primary-runoff/article 70ae65a8-b176-11ea-b9c8-9be76e3ae124.html
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