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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 The Honorable Patrick B. Harris  
Chairman  
Joint Appropriations Legislative Review Committee  
P. O. Box 11867  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Harris:

Your Letter has been referred to me for reply. You have stated that on June 27, 1983, the Joint Appropriations Review Committee considered the Governor's recommendation for the 1984 Social Services Block Grant Plan. You have further stated that the recommendation was discussed but no motion was made for the Committee to approve or disapprove. You have inquired if the lack of a motion and, therefore, the lack of a vote constitutes approval or disapproval. You note that the Committee has not formally adopted any particular set of rules.

It would appear that there has not been approval or disapproval of the Governor's recommendation. Senate Rule 44 states that the Senate shall be governed by Jefferson's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure. House Rule 6.6 states that the House prefers Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

In Jefferson's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure at page 147 it is stated that Where the Committee has had a question under consideration but rises without concluding on the matter, the Chairman reports that they 'have come to no resolution thereon'.

Therefore, it would appear that as no action was taken as to the Governor's recommendation, the matter has not been approved or disapproved. There has instead been 'no resolution' of the matter.

Sincerely,

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