

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 25th, 2006**

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its first meeting of the 2006 Session on Wednesday, January 25th, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator Thomas-54th, Chairman
Senator Greg Goggans, 7th, Secretary
Senator David Adelman, 42nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator Preston Smith, 52nd
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order, and asked Senator Goggans to take the roll. Chairman Thomas asked the committee members to look over the committee rules in their folders and then asked if any member would like to make a motion on the adoption of the rules. Senator Adelman made a motion to adopt the rules, and Senator Balfour seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of adoption of the rules.

The following bills were discussed:

[SB 435](#) (Thomas, 54th) - *County Directors of Family/Children Services; appointment; change provisions*

Chairman Thomas presented the bill. Gina Simpson, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources, explained the bill and spoke in favor of the bill. Gary Nagel, of the Department of Human Resources, spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion if there were no further matters for discussion. A Motion of Do Pass was made by Senator Balfour and Senator Butler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0) in favor of ***Do Pass***.

[SB 435](#) *Do Pass*

With no further business, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 1:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 31st, 2006

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its second meeting of the 2006 Session on Tuesday, January 31st, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:48pm. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order and took the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

[SB 330](#) (Thomas, 54th) - *Emergency Medical Provider; include pre-hospital healthcare/medical transportation*

Chairman Thomas introduced the bill. Courtney Terwilliger, of the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Kristofer Schleicher, of Rural/Metro Ambulance, and Ben Henson, of EMS Macon, spoke in favor of the bill. Kirk McGhee, of the Georgia Association of Health Plans, spoke in opposition the bill. Ben Henson, of EMS Macon, was recognized by Chairman Thomas to answer questions of the committee members. Chairman Thomas ended the discussion saying that the bill needed to be studied more, and stated the committee would not take a vote on the bill, but would look at the bill again at the next meeting of the committee.

With no further business, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE Wednesday, February 8th, 2006

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its third meeting of the 2006 Session on Wednesday, February 8th, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:35pm. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Goggans, 7th, Secretary
Senator David Adelman, 42nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator Preston Smith, 52nd
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order asked Senator Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

SR 785 (Johnson, 1st) - *Joint Comprehensive State Trauma Services Study Committee; create*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Johnson to introduce the resolution to the committee. Senator Johnson, the author of the resolution, introduced and spoke in favor of the resolution. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone else would like to speak for or against the resolution. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion if there were no further matters for discussion. A motion of Do Pass was made by Senator Henson, and Senator Unterman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

SR 785 *Do Pass*

SR 789 (Stephens, 27th) - *Community Health, Dept. of; Health/ Strategies Council; urge to revise Perinatal (Obstetric/Newborn Level 1) Service Area 3; Forsyth County*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Stephens-27th to introduce the resolution to the committee.

Senator Balfour left the meeting.

Senator Stephens, the author of the resolution, introduced and spoke in favor of the resolution. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone else would like to speak for or against the resolution. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion if there were

no further matters for discussion. A motion of Do Pass was made by Senator Henson and Senator Tate seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

SR 789 *Do Pass*

SR 435 (Butler, 55th) - **System of Stroke Care; urge Ga. to pass legislation to establish system**

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Butler to introduce the resolution to the committee.

Senator Butler, the author of the resolution, introduced and spoke in favor of the resolution.

Senator Hill entered the meeting.

Ashley Bell, of the American Stroke Association, spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion if there were no further matters for discussion. A motion of Do Pass was made by Senator Tate and Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

SR 435 *Do Pass*

SB 330 (Thomas, 54th) - **Emergency Medical Provider; include pre-hospital healthcare/medical transportation**

Chairman Thomas said that the parties involved in this bill were working on an agreement, and that any further action on the bill would wait until the next meeting of the committee.

SB 211 (Harp, 29th) - **Optometrists; pharmaceutical agents for treatment purposes**

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Harp to introduce the resolution to the committee. Senator Harp, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Dr. John Witlow, an Optometrist and with the Georgia Optometric Association, spoke in favor of the bill. Paul Ajamion, of Omni Eye Services, spoke in favor of the bill. Lasa Joiner, of the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, spoke in opposition to the bill. Dr. John Goddard, an Ophthalmologist and with the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, spoke in opposition to the bill. Dr. Billie Jackson, a Dermatologist, spoke in opposition to the bill. Dr.

Edward Young spoke in opposition to the bill. Clint Austin, of the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, spoke in opposition to the bill. Aubrey Villines, of the Georgia Optometric Association, spoke in opposition to the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if there was any further discussion on the bill. Chairman Thomas then assigned the bill to a subcommittee for further study. The subcommittee would be chaired by Senator Smith, with Senator Hill and Senator Henson also presiding on the subcommittee.

With no further business, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Monday, February 13th, 2006**

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its fourth meeting of the 2006 Session on Monday, February 13th, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:40pm. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Goggans, 7th, Secretary
Senator David Adelman, 42nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator Preston Smith, 52nd
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order and asked Senator Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

[SB 330](#) (Thomas, 54th) - *Emergency Medical Provider; include pre-hospital healthcare/medical transportation*

Chairman Thomas introduced the bill and recognized Courtney Terwilliger, of Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), to speak in favor of the bill. Kristofer Schleicher, of Rural/Metro Ambulance, spoke in favor of the bill. Kirk McGhee, of the Georgia Association of Health Plans, spoke in opposition to the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion, and Senator Unterman asked to present a substitute for the bill for a vote. Chairman Thomas obliged, and Senator Unterman made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Unterman, Senator Henson, and Senator Butler. The nays were Senator Adelman, Senator Balfour, Senator Goggans, Senator Grant, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, and Senator Tate. Failing to reach a majority, the motion of Do Pass by substitute did not sustain.

Chairman Thomas asked if there is another motion. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass, and Senator Goggans seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Adelman, Senator Butler, Senator Goggans, Senator Grant, Senator Henson, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, and Senator Tate. The nays were Senator Balfour and Senator Unterman. Having reached a majority, the motion of *Do Pass* succeeded.

[SB 330](#) *Do Pass*

SB 507 (Thomas, 54th) - **Physicians for Rural Areas; priority for certain specialties; revise provisions**

Chairman Thomas, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. No one else spoke on the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion. Senator Balfour made a motion of Do Pass, and Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (10-0) in favor of ***Do Pass***.

SB 507 Do Pass

Senator Balfour-9th and Senator Henson-41st left the meeting.

SB 422 (Unterman, 45th) - **Chiropractors; definitions; scope of practice; increase penalty for improper practice – HEARING ONLY**

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Unterman to introduce the bill. Senator Unterman, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Dr. James Anchors, of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners, spoke in favor of the bill. Dr. Todd Schmidt, of the Georgia Orthopedic Society, spoke in opposition to the bill. Dr. Arnold Berry, of the Georgia Society of Anesthesiology, spoke in opposition to the bill. Joe Donnelly, of the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, spoke in opposition to the bill. Guy Riekeman, Brian McAulay, and Robert Scott, of Life Chiropractic University, spoke in favor of the bill. Robert Highsmith, of the Georgia Chiropractic Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 15th, 2006

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its fifth meeting of the 2006 Session on Wednesday, February 15th, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:47pm. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Goggans, 7th, Secretary

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order and asked Senator Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

SB 480 (Unterman, 45th) - Georgia Qualified Medication Aides Act; provide for delegation of certain nursing tasks; Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Unterman to introduce the bill. Senator Unterman, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill and introduced a substitute for the bill. Gina Simpson, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources, spoke in favor of the bill. Mary Lou Ron, Director of the Mental Health Division of the Department of Human Resources, spoke in favor of the bill. Roberta Schulfie, of the Department of Human Resources, spoke in favor of the bill. Pat Nobbie, of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chairman Thomas asked if there is any member of the committee would like to make a motion. Senator Unterman made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute, and Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (6-0) in favor of ***Do Pass by Substitute***.

SB 480 Do Pass by Substitute

Senator Unterman-45th and Senator Henson-41st left the meeting.

SB 123 (Whitehead, 24th) - Pharmacist; written objection; not required to prescribe drugs to induce abortion

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Whitehead to introduce the bill to the committee. Senator Whitehead, the author of the bill, introduced, spoke in favor of the bill, and

introduced a substitute for the bill. Wayne Oliver, of the Georgia Pharmacy Association, spoke in opposition to the bill. Carrie Cusiak, an Assistant Professor at Emory University, spoke in opposition to the bill. Shelly Senterfitt, of the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault, spoke in opposition to the bill. Frank Mulcahy, of the Georgia Catholic Conference, spoke in favor of the bill. Kelli James, of the Georgia Family Council, spoke in favor of the bill. Dr. Tamer Middleton, a family physician, spoke in opposition to the bill. Kevin Harris, of the Georgia Right to Life, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chairman Thomas asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak. With too few members to have quorum, Chairman Thomas said that a vote on the bill would take place at the next meeting. With no further business, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 22nd, 2006

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its sixth meeting of the 2006 Session on Wednesday, February 22nd, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Goggans, 7th, Secretary
Senator David Adelman, 42nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator Preston Smith, 52nd
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order and asked Senator Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

SB 123 (Whitehead, 24th) - *Pharmacist; written objection; not required to prescribe drugs to induce abortion*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Whitehead to introduce the bill to the committee. Senator Whitehead-24th, the author of the bill, introduced, spoke in favor of the bill and introduced a substitute for the bill. Senator Butler introduced an amendment. Senator Henson introduced and then withdrew an amendment.

Senator Hill stepped out of the meeting.

Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion. Senator Butler made a motion to Amend. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to **Amend**. The committee members engage in another discussion about the substitute to the bill presented by Senator Whitehead.

Senator Unterman, Senator Adelman, and Senator Tate arrived at the meeting.

Chairman Thomas asked if a member of the committee would like to make a motion. Senator Goggans made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Grant seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Balfour, Senator Butler, Senator Goggans, Senator Grant, Senator Smith, and Senator Unterman. The nays were Senator Adelman,, Senator

Henson, and Senator Tate. Having attained a majority (6-3), the motion of *Do Pass by Substitute* was successful.

[SB 123](#) *Do Pass by Substitute*

Senator Hill returned to the meeting.

[SR 853](#) (Hill, 32nd) - *Hospital Health Care Standards Commission; create*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Hill to introduce the resolution. Senator Hill, the author of the resolution, introduced and spoke in favor of the resolution. Senator Hill introduced a substitute for the bill. Chairman Thomas asked for a motion if there were no further matters for discussion. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Unterman seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Adelman, Senator Balfour, Senator Goggans, Senator Grant, Senator Henson, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, Senator Tate, and Senator Unterman. Senator Butler was the only nay. Having attained a majority of votes (9-1), the motion of *Do Pass by Substitute* was successful.

[SR 853](#) *Do Pass by Substitute*

[SB 423](#) (Unterman, 45th) - *Ray Biddie/Gene Mullis Act; regulate patient care dialysis technicians; provide licensing requirements; renewal/reinstatement of licenses*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Unterman to introduce the bill to the committee. Senator Unterman, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Unterman introduced a substitute for the bill. Chris Starr, of the National Kidney Foundation, spoke in favor of the bill. George Harper, of the Georgia Association of Kidney Patients, spoke in favor of the bill. James Price, a Registered Nurse who works with dialysis patients, spoke in favor of the bill, but has some concerns about its language. Deborah Moye, a dialysis patient and with the Georgia Association of Kidney Patients, spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Jeff Mullis of the 53rd spoke in favor of the bill, since the bill is named in honor of his father. Senator Unterman introduced an amendment. Chairman Thomas asked if any member of the committee would like to make a motion if there was no further business. Senator Unterman made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute, with the amendment included in the substitute. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (10-0) in favor of *Do Pass by Substitute*.

[SB 423](#) *Do Pass by Substitute*

Senator Adelman left the meeting.

SB 77 (Unterman, 45th) - *Feticide; parental notification; define/eliminate terms; provide reports*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Unterman to introduce the bill to the committee. Senator Unterman, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Unterman introduced a substitute for the bill. Carol Swift, of the Georgia Right to Life, spoke in favor of the bill. Kevin Harris, of the Georgia Right to Life, spoke in favor of the bill. Shelly Senterfitt, of the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, spoke in opposition to the bill. Senator Grant said that he had never seen the language that was in the substitute and asked, at the appropriate time, to make a motion to put the bill in a subcommittee for further study. Senator Adelman and Senator Henson agreed with Senator Grant and also asked for a similar motion. Bob Keller, of the Prosecuting Attorneys Council of Georgia, spoke in favor of the bill. Tamer Middleton, a family physician, spoke in opposition to the bill. Jamie Self, of the Georgia Family Council, spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Henson asked to make a motion to put the bill in a subcommittee for further study, or to make a motion to table the bill until the next meeting of the committee. Chairman Thomas did not recognize either motion, and expressed that he felt a vote on this bill today was appropriate. Chairman Thomas asked if any member had any other motions. Senator Unterman made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Balfour seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Balfour, Senator Goggans, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, and Senator Unterman. The nays were Senator Butler, Senator Grant, Senator Henson, and Senator Tate. Having reached a majority (5-4), the motion of *Do Pass by Substitute* was successful.

SB 77 Do Pass By Substitute

Senator Henson then asked to be recognized for a motion to table SB 77. Chairman Thomas recognized his motion and asked if any member would like to second the motion. Senator Butler seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Butler, Senator Grant, Senator Henson, and Senator Tate. The nays were Senator Balfour, Senator Goggans, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, and Senator Unterman. Failing to attain a majority of votes (4-5), the motion to Table the bill was defeated.

Senator Adelman returned to the meeting.

SB 429 (Schaefer, 50th) - *Abortions; access to certain medical equipment; perform certain medical procedures; penalty for violations*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Schaefer to introduce the bill to the committee. Senator Schaefer, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Connie Ambrecht, of Sonography Now, spoke in favor of the bill. Dr. Carrie Cusiak, an Assistant Professor at Emory University, spoke in opposition to the bill. Dr. Kathleen Raviele, an OB/GYN, spoke in favor of the bill. Shelly Senterfitt, of the Georgia Network to End

Sexual Assault, spoke in opposition to the bill. Carol Swift, of the Georgia Right to Life, spoke in favor of the bill. Jamie Self, of the Georgia Family Council, spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Schaefer-50th to address the committee. Senator Goggans introduced an amendment. Senator Smith introduced an amendment. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Goggans made a motion to Amend. Senator Unterman seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Goggans, Senator Balfour, and Senator Unterman. The nays were Senator Adelman, Senator Butler, Senator Grant, Senator Henson, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, and Senator Tate. Having failed to attain a majority of votes (3-7), the motion to Amend failed. Senator Smith made a motion to Amend, and Senator Grant seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (10-0) in favor of **Amend**. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. The motion was seconded by Senator Unterman. The yeas were Senator Balfour, Senator Goggans, Senator Grant, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, Senator Tate, and Senator Unterman. The nays were Senator Adelman, Senator Butler, and Senator Henson. Having attained a majority of votes (7-3), the motion was ***Do Pass by Substitute*** was successful.

[SB 429 Do Pass by Substitute](#)

With no further business at hand, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 28th, 2006**

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its seventh meeting of the 2006 Session on Tuesday, February 28th, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Goggans, 7th, Secretary
Senator David Adelman, 42nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator Preston Smith, 52nd
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order and asked Senator Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

[SB 349](#) (Thomas, 54th) – ***Students' Health; provide parents with information on meningococcal meningitis***

Chairman Thomas introduced the bill to the committee and spoke on behalf of the bill which would provide parents with information on meningococcal meningitis. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion. Senator Smith made the motion of Do Pass. Senator Hill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of Do Pass.

[SB 349](#) ***Do Pass***

[SB 422](#) (Unterman, 45th) – ***Chiropractors; definitions; scope of practice; increase penalty for improper practice***

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Unterman to introduce the bill to the committee. Senator Unterman, introduced and spoke in favor of the legislation which would change the scope of chiropractic practice, and offered a substitute. Mark Bernardy with the Georgia Radiological Society spoke in support with the recommendation for three changes, including interpretation, self-referral and vicarious liability. Speaking in opposition to the legislation were Barry Doublestein, D.O., Georgia Osteopathic Medical Association; D. Ann Travis, M.D., Georgia Academy of Family Practice; Michael Greene, M.D., Medical Association of Georgia and Rick Ward with the Georgia Academy of Pediatricians. Robert Highsmith, attorney with Holland and Knight and

representing the Georgia Chiropractic Association (GCA), spoke in support of the legislation. Aubrey Villines with the GCA also answered questions from the Committee. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Unterman moved that the bill be passed as amended. Senator Goggans seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of Do Pass by Substitute.

[SB 422](#) *Do Pass by Substitute*

[SB 211](#) (Harp, 29th) – *Optometrists; pharmaceutical agents for treatment purposes*

Chairman Thomas asked Senator Preston Smith to give the subcommittee report on SB 211.

Sen. Smith gave the subcommittee report on SB 211, which would allow optometrists to prescribe four specific antibiotic drugs for their patients. Sen. Smith said that the subcommittee had talked with numerous individuals including optometrists and that the bill, as written, was not acceptable and recommended a “do not pass” vote. Following questions, the Committee gave the Senate a Do Not Pass recommendation.

With no further business at hand, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 4:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 2nd, 2006**

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its eighth meeting on Thursday, March 2nd, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54 th , Chairman	Senator Johnny Grant, 25 th
Senator Renee Unterman, 45 th , Vice-Chairman	Senator Judson Hill, 32 nd
Senator Greg Goggans, 7 th , Secretary	Senator Preston Smith, 52 nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9 th	Senator John Wiles, 37 th (ex-officio)

Vice-Chairman Unterman called the meeting to order and asked Senator Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

SB 78 (Williams, 19th) – **Dental Hygienist; direct supervision; additional exception in certain settings**

Vice-Chairman Unterman recognized Senator Williams to introduce the bill to the committee. Senator Williams, the author of the bill, introduced, spoke in favor of the bill and introduced a substitute for the bill. Vice-Chairman Unterman asked if anyone would like to make a motion. Senator Grant made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Balfour seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (6-0) in favor of ***Do Pass by Substitute***.

SB 78 Do Pass by Substitute

Chairman Thomas and Senator Smith arrived late to the meeting.

Vice-Chairman handed over the presiding of the meeting to Chairman Thomas.

SB 607 (Smith, 52nd) – **Physicians; prohibit certain activities in business establishments**

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Smith to introduce the bill. Senator Smith introduced and spoke in favor of the bill, but mentioned one change he would like to make to the bill. Jay Morgan, representing The Minute Clinic and The Little Clinic, spoke in opposition to the bill. David Cook, Medical Association of Georgia, spoke in favor on the bill. Demetrius Mazacoufa of the Georgia Nurses Association spoke in

opposition to the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Hill seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Goggans, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, Senator Unterman, and Senator Wiles. The nays were Senator Balfour and Senator Grant. Having attained a majority of votes (5-2), the motion of *Do Pass by Substitute* was successful.

SB 607 Do Pass by Substitute

SB 603 (Thomas, 54th) – *Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; enactment of rules/regulations; practitioner; revise definition*

Chairman Thomas introduced the bill and recognized David Cook of the Medical Association of Georgia to present the information and speak in favor of the bill. Dr. Rick Wherry and Tom Bauer, of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians, spoke in favor of the bill. Demetrius Mazacoufa, of the Georgia Nurses Association, spoke in opposition to the bill. Lisa Harbin, a nurse practitioner, spoke in opposition to the bill. Dr. Jim McNatt, of the Georgia Medical Board, spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Balfour introduced three amendments. Senator Hill introduced three amendments. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Balfour made a motion of Do Pass for his first, second and third amendments. Senator Hill seconded the motions. The vote was unanimous (7-0) in favor of *Do Pass* of all three amendments. Senator Hill made a motion of Do Pass for his first, second and third amendments. Senator Balfour seconded the motion on the first amendment. The vote was unanimous (7-0) in favor of *Do Pass* on the first amendment. No member of the committee offered a second to Senator Hill's motion on his second amendment. Senator Smith seconded the motion on the third amendment. The vote was unanimous (7-0) in favor of *Do Pass* of the third amendment. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Wiles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of *Do Pass by Substitute*.

SB 603 Do Pass by Substitute

With no further business at hand, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 7th, 2006**

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its ninth meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, in room 450 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Greg Goggans, 7th, Secretary
Senator David Adelman, 42nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator Preston Smith, 52nd
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th
Senator John Wiles, 37th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order and asked Senator Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

[SB 565](#) (Staton, 18th) – *Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission; establish; provide for composition; membership; duties*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Staton to introduce the bill. Senator Staton, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Hill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

[SB 565](#) *Do Pass*

[SB 648](#) (Cagle, 49th) – *Community Health, Dept. of; medical assistance benefits to ineligible individuals; establish comprehensive program to monitor/detect*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Cagle to introduce the bill. Senator Cagle introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Adelman made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Grant seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

[SB 648](#) *Do Pass*

Senator Tate arrived at the meeting

Senator Smith asked for SB 587 to be taken off the agenda for this meeting.

SB 602 (Smith, 52nd) – *Human Resources, Dept.; mental health; require privatization of one/more state facilities; provide contracts*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Smith to introduce the bill. Senator Smith, author of the bill, introduced the bill, offered a substitute, and spoke in favor of the bill. Roberta Schulte, of the Department of Human Resources, spoke in opposition to the bill. Senator Seth Harp of the 29th spoke to the committee in favor of the bill because of the interest it would possibly proved in Columbus, GA area. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Hill made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Goggans seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Balfour, Senator Goggans, Senator Hill, Senator Smith, and Senator Wiles. The nays were Senator Adelman, Senator Butler, Senator Grant and Senator Tate. Having obtained the majority of the votes (5-3), the motion of *Do Pass by Substitute* was successful.

SB 602 *Do Pass by Substitute*

With no further business at hand, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 14, 2006**

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its tenth meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, in the Senate Mezzanine. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, Vice Chairman
Senator Greg Goggans, 7th, Secretary
Senator David Adelman, 42nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Preston Smith, 52nd
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order and asked Senator Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

[HB 1112](#) (Smith, 113th) – *Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; licensing; change provisions*

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Bob Smith to introduce the bill. Representative Smith, the author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Helena Solodar, and Katherine Pollard, of the Georgia Academy of Audiology, spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Butler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0) in favor of ***Do Pass***.

[HB 1112](#) *Do Pass*****

Senator Tate arrived to the meeting.

[HB 801](#) (McCall, 30th) – *Physical therapists; licenses; eliminate certain requirement*

Chairman Thomas recognized Wayne Garner and Anne Thompson, of the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, to introduce and speak in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas assigned the bill to a subcommittee chaired by Senator Hill to include Senator Goggans and Senator Tate.

HB 1066 (Manning, 32nd) – **Metabolic and genetic disorders; system for screening newborns; change provisions**

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Judy Manning to introduce the bill. Representative Manning, author of the bill, introduced the bill and spoke in favor of the bill. Gina Simpson, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources, Dr. Stuart Brown and Mary Henson, of Public Health, Dr. Fernhoff, of Emory University, Mike O’Conner, of March of Dimes, all spoke in favor of the bill. Amy Hughes, of Memorial Health, spoke in favor of the bill as long as it was amended to allow a private provider to be involved. Senator Thomas and Senator Goggans both introduced amendments. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Goggans made a motion of Do Pass on his amendment. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0) in favor of ***Do Pass*** of the amendment. Senator Unterman made a motion of Do Pass on the amendment offered by Senator Thomas. Senator Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (8-0) in favor of ***Do Pass*** of the amendment.

Senator Balfour left the meeting.

Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Unterman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0) in favor of ***Do Pass by Substitute***.

HB 1066 **Do Pass by Substitute**

HB 1092 (Manning, 32nd) – **Suicide prevention Program; create**

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Manning to introduce the bill. Representative Manning, author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Ellyn Jeager, of the National Mental Health Association of Georgia, spoke in favor of the bill. Stan Jones, of Inner Harbor, spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Unterman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (7-0) in favor of ***Do Pass***.

HB 1092 **Do Pass**

With no further business at hand, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, March 21, 2006**

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its eleventh meeting on Tuesday, March 21st, in the Senate Mezzanine. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Don Balfour, 9th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Steve Henson, 41st
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order.

The following bills were discussed:

[HB 801](#) (McCall, 30th) – *Physical therapists; licenses; eliminate certain requirement*

Chairman Thomas asked Senator Hill to report from the subcommittee he chaired. Senator Hill said the committee recommended that the bill Do Pass. Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Tom McCall to introduce the bill. Representative McCall introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Balfour made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

[HB 801](#) *Do Pass*

[HB 832](#) (McCall, 30th) – *Physician's assistants; handling of professional samples*

Chairman Thomas recognized Chairman McCall to introduce and speak in favor of the bill. Tom Bauer, of the Georgia Association of Physician Assistants, spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Balfour made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Grant seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

[HB 832](#) *Do Pass*

[HB 1223](#) (Brown, 69th) – *County Board of Health; contacts; revise certain provisions*

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Jeff Brown to introduce the bill. Representative Brown introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. The Senate committee offered a substitute to the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to

make a motion. Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Butler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous (5-0) in favor of *Do Pass by Substitute*.

[HB 1223](#) *Do Pass by Substitute*

[HB 1308](#) (Brown, 69th) – *Nursing homes; fees; change certain provisions*

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Brown to introduce the bill. Representative Brown, author of the bill, introduced the bill and spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Balfour made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

[HB 1308](#) *Do Pass*

[HB 907](#) (Reese, 27th) – *Wholesale Licensure and Prescription Medication Integrity Act; enact*

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Stacey Reese to introduce the bill. Representative Reese, author of the bill, introduced, spoke in favor of the bill, and offered a substitute to the bill. Bruce Skidgel, of Mckesson, spoke in opposition to the bill, but then in favor of the substitute offered by Representative Reese. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Thomas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of *Do Pass by Substitute*.

[HB 907](#) *Do Pass by Substitute*

[HB 1008](#) (Carter, 159th) – *“Georgia Hospice Law”; palliative care; amend provisions*

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Earl “Buddy” Carter to introduce the bill. Representative Carter, author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Sharon Dougherty, of the Department of Human Resources, spoke in opposition to the bill. Molly Herrin, of the American Cancer Society, spoke in opposition to the bill. Senator Henson asked to be recognized to make a motion to table the bill. Chairman Thomas recognized the motion. Senator Butler seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator

Butler, Senator Henson, and Senator Tate. The nays were Senator Balfour and Senator Grant. Having gained the majority of the votes (3-2), the bill was tabled.

[HB 1008](#) *was tabled*

[HB 1451](#) (Sheldon, 105th) – *Long-term Care Partnership Program; revise certain definitions*

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Donna Sheldon to introduce the bill. Representative Sheldon, author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. The Senate Committee offered a substitute to the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Tate seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of ***Do Pass by Substitute***.

[HB 1451](#) *Do Pass by Substitute*

[HB 873](#) (Walker, 107th) – *Physician’s assistants; public health or state of emergency; render assistance*

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Len Walker to introduce the bill. Representative Walker, author of the bill, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Tom Bauer, of the Georgia Association of Physician’s Assistants, spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Grant seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of ***Do Pass***.

[HB 873](#) *Do Pass*

[HB 1224](#) (Channell, 116th) – *Health Share Volunteers in Medicine Act; revise certain definitions*

Chairman Thomas recognized Laura Jones to introduce the bill. Laura Jones, of the Department of Community Health, introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Balfour made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Butler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of ***Do Pass***.

[HB 1224](#) *Do Pass*

HB 206 (Walker, 107th) – **Assisted living facilities; Levels I and II; provisions**

Chairman Thomas announced that this would be a Hearing Only on this bill, and that a vote would not be taken. At that point, the committee left the meeting except for Chairman Thomas. Senator Thomas said he was willing to stay as long as necessary for the bill to have a hearing. Representative Walker said that was unnecessary given the absence of the rest of the committee.

With no further business at hand, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Don Thomas, Chairman

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 22, 2006

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its twelfth meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd, in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54 th , Chairman	Senator Gloria Butler, 55 th
Senator Renee Unterman, 45 th , Vice-Chairman	Senator Johnny Grant, 25 th
Senator Greg Goggans, 7 th , Secretary	Senator Steve Henson, 41 st
Senator David Adelman, 42 nd	Senator Judson Hill, 32 nd
Senator Don Balfour, 9 th	Senator Preston Smith, 52 nd

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order and asked Senator Greg Goggans to take the roll.

The following bills were discussed:

[HB 1390](#) (Ehrhart, 36th) – ***State Board of Optometry; change certain provisions relating to creation***

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Earl Ehrhart to introduce the bill. Representative Ehrhart introduced and spoke in favor of the bill. Dr. Andrew Schatz, an Ophthalmologist, Dr. Baker Hubbard, and Ophthalmologist from Emory, Lasa Joiner, from the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, and Dr. Jim Wild, of the Medical Association of Georgia, spoke in opposition to the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Grant seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Butler, Senator Grant, Senator Goggans, and Senator Henson. The nays were Senator Balfour and Senator Smith. Senator Unterman stepped out just before the vote. With a majority of votes met (4-2), HB 1390 passed.

[HB 1390](#) ***Do Pass***

Senator Unterman returned to the meeting. Senator Balfour left the meeting. Senator Adelman and Senator Hill arrived to the meeting.

[HB 935](#) (Burmeister, 119th) – ***Advanced practice registered nurse; controlled substances; provisions***

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Sue Burmeister to introduce and speak in favor of the bill. Demetrius Mazacoufa, of the Georgia Nurses Association, spoke in favor of the bill. Representative Gail Buckner, 130th, spoke in favor of the bill. Dr. Jim McNatt of the Georgia Medical Boards spoke in opposition to the bill. Senator Smith

offered a substitute. David Cook, of the Medical Association of Georgia, spoke in opposition to the bill and in favor of the substitute. Chairman Thomas and Dr. Jim McNatt spoke in favor of the substitute. Representative Burmeister and Demetrius Mazacoufa spoke in opposition to the substitute. Senator Adelman asked to be recognized for a motion to have the committee recess until the next morning. Chairman Thomas did not recognize the motion. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion.

Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Hill seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Goggans, Senator Hill and Senator Smith. The nays were Senator Adelman, Senator Butler, Senator Grant, Senator Henson, and Senator Unterman. Failing to reach a majority (3-5), the motion of Do Pass by Substitute did not sustain.

Senator Hill and Senator Adelman left the meeting.

[HB 1054](#) (Stephens, 164th) – Controlled substances; certain classes; change provisions

Chairman Thomas recognized Wayne Oliver, of the Georgia Pharmacy Association, to speak in favor of the bill. Senator Smith presented an amendment to the bill. Wayne Oliver spoke in opposition to the amendment. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Smith made a motion to amend the bill. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The yeas were Senator Grant, Senator Goggans, Senator Henson, Senator Smith, and Senator Unterman. The nays were Senator Butler. With the majority of the votes (5-1) the amendment passed. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion on the bill. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (6-0) in favor of *Do Pass by Substitute*.

[HB 1054](#) Do Pass by Substitute

Senator Unterman left the meeting.

[HB 1178](#) (Hill, 180th) – Prescription Drugs; unused; medically indigent persons; establish program

Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Cecily Hill to introduce the bill. Representative Hill, author of the bill, introduced the bill and spoke in favor of the bill. The Senate Committee offered a substitute. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute. Senator Henson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of *Do Pass by Substitute*.

[HB 1178](#) Do Pass by Substitute

HB 1008 (Carter, 159th) – **“Georgia Hospice Law”; palliative care; amend provisions**

Senator Smith made a motion to remove the bill from the table. The motion was seconded by Grant. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of taking the bill off the table. Chairman Thomas recognized Representative Earl “Buddy” Carter to introduce the bill. Representative Carter, author of the bill, introduced, spoke in favor of the bill. Sharon Dougherty, of the Department of Human Resources, and Anthony Emmanuel, of the Georgia Hospice Association, spoke in opposition to the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if any member would like to make a motion. Senator Smith made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Hill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

HB 1008 Do Pass

HB 881 (Chambers, 81st) – **Dispensing opticians; apprenticeship program; amend requirements**

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Judson Hill to introduce and speak in favor of the bill. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion, if there were no questions on the bill. Senator Hill made a motion of Do Pass. Senator Grant seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (5-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

HB 881 Do Pass

HB 935 (Burmeister, 119th) – **Advanced practice registered nurse; controlled substances; provisions**

Senator Butler asked for a vote on the original or House version of HB 935, not the substitute that was voted down earlier in the meeting. Chairman Thomas said that he would accept such a motion. Senator Butler made a motion of Do Pass for HB 935. Senator Grant seconded that motion. The yeas were Senator Butler and Senator Grant. The nays were Senator Goggans, Senate Hill, and Senator Smith. Having failed to gain the majority of the votes (2-3), the bill did not pass.

With no further business at hand, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Friday, March 24, 2006

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held its Final meeting of the 2006 session on Friday, March 24th, on the Senate Floor. Chairman Don Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Members present at the meeting are as follows:

Senator Thomas, 54th, Chairman
Senator Renee Unterman, 45th, Vice-Chairman
Senator Greg Goggans, 7th, Secretary
Senator Don Balfour, 9th

Senator Johnny Grant, 25th
Senator Judson Hill, 32nd
Senator Preston Smith, 52nd

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order.

The following bills were discussed:

[SR 1270](#) (Hill, 32nd) – *Human Resources Dept. of; child welfare system; conduct multi-day state-wide conference*

Chairman Thomas recognized Senator Hill to speak to the resolution. Senator Hill, author of the resolution, introduced and spoke in favor of the resolution. Chairman Thomas asked if anyone would like to make a motion if there were no further matters for discussion. A motion of Do Pass was made by Senator Smith. Senator Balfour seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (6-0) in favor of *Do Pass*.

[SR 1270](#) *Do Pass*

With no further business at hand, Chairman Thomas-54th adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Greg Goggans, Secretary

/s/ Laurie Sparks, Recording Secretary