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Senate Urban Affairs Committee Rules

Introduction:

Each member of the Committee should be mindful of the Senate Rules especially regarding attendance.

1. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with the Senate.
2. A Quorum of the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
3. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees in turn shall have the authority to make recommendations on such measures to the full Committee at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
6. A bill or resolution will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or other legislator whose name appears first or second on the list of authors or co-sponsors, unless the author or co-sponsor has made other arrangements with the Chairman.
7. Precedence of motions shall be as set out in the Senate Rules.
8. No member of the Committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy.
9. Members may not abstain from voting unless the member or any member of the Senator's immediate family has a direct pecuniary interest in the result of such vote which interest is distinct, unique or peculiar to the Senator or the Senator's immediate family.
10. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report if they so desire.
11. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
12. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate as adopted shall govern.

MINUTES OF THE SENATE URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Senate Urban Affairs Committee held its first meeting of the 2007 Session on Thursday, February 15th, in room 455 (Mezzanine) of the Capitol. Chairman David Adelman called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator Dan Weber, Vice Chairman
Senator Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr., Secretary
Senator Gloria Butler
Senator Steve Henson
Senator Judson Hill
Senator Emanuel Jones
Senator Nan Orrock
Senator Chip Rogers
Senator Valencia Seay
Senator Doug Stoner
Senator Horacena Tate
Senator Curt Thompson
Senator John Wiles

After welcoming remarks, Chairman Adelman reviewed the agenda. Chairman Adelman announced Committee members will not be required to bring amendments to proposed legislation to the Chairman 24 hours before a meeting; however, the Chairman requested that members provide proposed amendments to the other members before committee meetings to give all members adequate time to prepare for the meeting. Senator Henson moved to adopt the 2007 Urban Affairs Committee Rules. The motion passed unanimously and the 2007 Rules were adopted.

As the first item on the agenda, Chairman Adelman announced that he has authored [SR 130](#) and [SB 89](#) which provide for the creation of a new form of local government called townships. Chairman Adelman noted the bipartisan cosponsors and support from rural and urban legislators.

Chairman Adelman introduced Harry Hayes from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government. Dr. Hayes thanked Chairman Adelman for allowing him to attend the meeting and introduced colleagues, Dr. Jim Ledbetter and Betty Hudson.

Dr. Hayes provided the Committee with an overview on the topic of townships. Following discussion and questions, Chairman Adelman requested the Committee bring their comments regarding SR 130 and SB 89 to the next meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr., Secretary

/s/ Karla Johnson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 28, 2007

The Senate Urban Affairs Committee held its second meeting of the 2007 Session on Wednesday, February 28th, in room 455 (Mezzanine) of the Capitol. Chairman David Adelman called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator Dan Weber, Vice Chairman
Senator Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr., Secretary
Senator Nan Orrock
Senator Valencia Seay
Senator Doug Stoner
Senator Horacena Tate
Senator Curt Thompson
Senator John Wiles

Chairman Adelman introduced a substitute to [SB 89](#). After thoroughly discussing the substitute and directing the members' attention to material changes, Chairman Adelman entertained questions and comments from Committee members and other interested parties.

Senator Wiles asked if it were possible to de-annex from one county and re-annex to another.

Senator Weber inquired about the possibility of having adjacent townships. Senator Weber continued his scenario of adjacent townships and asked, whether, two Townships should be required to notify each other. After lengthy discussion, Chairman Adelman announced that he would like to address the issues raised by Senator Weber before the Committee voted on the bill.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr., Secretary

/s/ Karla Johnson, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE SENATE URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 8, 2007

The Senate Urban Affairs Committee held its third meeting of the 2007 Session on Thursday, March 8th, in room 455 (Mezzanine) of the Capitol. Chairman David Adelman called the meeting to order at 2: 15 pm. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator Gloria Butler
Senator Gail Davenport
Senator Vincent Fort
Senator Steve Henson
Senator Judson Hill
Senator Nan Orrock
Senator Valencia Seay
Senator Doug Stoner
Senator Horacena Tate

Chairman Adelman thanked everyone for attending and recognized Jeff Lainer from Legislative Counsel for his diligent work on the pending legislation. Chairman Adelman reviewed the agenda and advised the Committee of the two pieces of legislation to consider, [SR 130](#) and [SB 89](#). Chairman Adelman announced that SR 130 is unchanged and introduced a substitute for SB 89.

Chairman Adelman then entertained questions and comments from Committee. After much discussion, Chairman Adelman asked if any member of the Committee would like to make a motion for [SB 89](#). Senator Henson made a motion of Do Pass by Substitute, and Senator Stoner seconded the motion. Senators Fort and Seay voted against the bill. The bill passed 6-2 in favor of *Do Pass by Substitute*.

Senator Fort moved for an amendment to delete lines 13 through 15 on page 5. The amendment failed as it did not receive a second.

NOTE: **Senator Davenport** arrived at 2:55 p.m.

Chairman Adelman then entertained a motion on SR 130. A Do Pass motion was made by Senator Henson on [SR 130](#). Senator Stoner seconded the motion. Senators Fort, Seay, and Davenport voted against the bill. The bill passed 6-3 in favor of *Do Pass*.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronald B. Ramsey, Sr., Secretary

/s/ Karla Johnson, Recording Secretary

September 12, 2007

The Honorable Bob Ewing
Secretary of the Senate
Georgia General Assembly
Room 353 Capitol Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Senate Urban Affairs Committee

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I am returning the following bill assigned to the Senate Urban Affairs Committee for the 2007 Session of the General Assembly:

[Senate Bill 332](#)

No action was taken on the above-mentioned legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karla Johnson
Recording Secretary
Senate Urban Affairs Committee

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Enclosures