

Senate Finance Committee

January 15, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Seabaugh, 28th, Williams, 19th, Heath, 31st, Jones, 10th, Chance, 16th, and Johnson, 1st.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rogers, 21st, at 3:06 p.m.

HR 900 (Speaker Richardson, 19th) Taxation; comprehensive revision; abolish most state and local taxes; fair tax; provide-CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, briefed the committee members on HR 900. After brief discussion of the bill, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any questions.

There being no further business, Chairman Rogers, 21st, adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

January 28, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Monday, January 28, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman, and Senators Seabaugh, 28th, Heath, 31st, Golden, 8th, Williams, 19th, Chance, 16th, Jones, 10th, Johnson, 1st, Shafer, 48th, and Thompson, 33rd.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

SR 687 (Seabaugh, 28th) Ad valorem taxation; local replacement option; provide for procedures conditions, and limitation-CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Senator Seabaugh, 28th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions. No vote was taken on the bill.

Ken Steele, Mayor of Fayetteville, spoke in favor of the bill.

Larry Hansen, City Manager of Valdosta, spoke in favor of the bill

Bill Floyd, Mayor of Decatur, spoke in favor of the bill

Clint Mueller, ACCG, spoke in favor of the bill

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

January 31, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Thursday, January 31st, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman, and Senators Shafer, 48th, Golden, 8th, Seabaugh, 28th, Thompson, 33rd, Goggans, 7th, Jones, 10th, Williams, 19th, Chance, 16th, and Heath, 31st.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rogers, 21st, at 3:06 p.m.

SR 687 (Senator Seabaugh, 28th) Ad valorem taxation; local replacement option; provide for procedures, conditions, and limitation-CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Senator Seabaugh, 28th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Seabaugh, 28th, made a motion to “**Do Pass by Substitute**”. Chance, 16th, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

February 5, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman, and Senators Heath, 31st, Chance, 16th, Jones, 10th, Goggans, 7th, Seabaugh, 28th, Golden, 8th, and Williams, 19th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

SB 159 (Senator Staton, 18th) Homestead Exemptions; change date of filing applications

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Staton, 18th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Senator Chance, 16th, made a motion to “**Do Pass by Substitute**”. Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SR 686 (Senator Johnson, 1st) Ad valorem taxation; freezing values of existing residential real property; provide conditions/limitations-CA (PF)

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called Senator Williams, 19th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked for a motion.

Seabaugh, 28th, moved to “**Do Pass**” and Chance, 16th, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Clint Mueller with ACCG spoke in favor of the bill

Gwen Hall with GMA spoke in favor of the bill

Allen Essig with GBPI spoke in favor of the bill

SR 796 (Rogers, 21st) Ad valorem tax reform; freeze valuation of real property except certain adjustments; procedures, conditions, limitations for certain increases

Chairman Rogers, 21st, spoke to the bill. After explaining how the bill will work he asked were there any questions. After brief discussion Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion to “**Do Pass by substitute**”. Senator Chance, 16th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

February 11, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Monday, February 11, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Jones, 10th, Chance, 16th, Heath, 31st, Williams, 19th, Johnson, 1st, Seabaugh, 28th, and Golden, 8th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

HB 926 (O'Neal, 146th) Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code; define term

Chairman Rogers, 21st, spoke to the bill. After brief discussion, Johnson, 1st, made a motion to **"Do Pass."** Golden, 8th, seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

SB 181 (Carter, 13th) Motor Vehicles; provide imposition of fee by motor vehicle rental companies; definitions; procedures, conditions and limitations

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Carter, 13th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chance, 16th, made a motion to **"Do Pass by substitute"**. Williams, 19th, seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Rusty Sewell spoke in favor of the bill

SR 859 (Rogers, 21st) Ad valorem taxes; repeal the levy of state ad valorem taxes except in the case of an emergency-CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, spoke to the bill. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked for a motion. Williams, 19th, made a motion to **"Do Pass"**. Seabaugh, 28th, seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

February 19, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Goggans, 7th, Johnson, 1st, Jones, 10th, Seabaugh, 28th, Shafer, 48th, Chance, 16th, Golden, 8th, and Williams, 19th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

SB 397 (Senator Bulloch, 11th) Bonds; issuance/validation; change certain provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Bulloch, 11th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Goggans, 7th, made a motion to “**Do Pass**”. Golden, 8th, seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Walter Maddox spoke in favor of the bill.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

February 27, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Seabaugh 28th, Chance, 16th, Shafer, 48th, Williams, 19th, Johnson, 1st, Jones, 10th, Heath, 31st, and Goggans, 7th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.

SB 472 (Senator Shafer, 48th) Anti-cigarette Smuggling Act; digital based cigarette stamp processes

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Shafer, 48th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Senator Williams, 19th, made a motion to “**Do Pass**” and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SB 493 (Senator Thompson, 5th) Redevelopment Powers; computation of tax allocation increments of districts

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Thompson, 5th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Senator Williams, 19th, made a motion to “**Do Pass**”. Chance, 16th, seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

SR 996 (Senator Weber, 40th) Counties/Municipalities; local board of education; authorize to use tax funds for redevelopment purposes/programs-CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Weber, 40th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Senator Goggans, 7th, made a motion to “**Do Pass by Substitute**”, and Johnson, 1st, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Bruce Bowers, representing various developers and banks, spoke in favor of the bill.

HB 1014 (Representative Royal, 171st) Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan; Certain provisions; revise and change

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Seabaugh, 28th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Senator Chance, 16th, made a motion to “**Do Pass**”. Senator Heath, 31st, seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

March 5, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman, and Senators Golden, 8th, Heath, 31st, Williams, 19th, Goggans, 7th, Seabaugh, 28th, and Jones, 10th.

SR 1024 (Senator Weber, 40th) Education Improvement Districts; provide by local law the creation/comprehensive regulation-CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Weber, 40th, to speak to the bill. Weber, 40th, explained the goal of this resolution is to address facilities' needs of schools. The dramatic rise in the cost of construction has caused facilities' needs to be more difficult for school systems to meet. The needs have traditionally been met by ESPLOST funds and bonds; ESPLOST funds are not always enough. This resolution would allow communities to tax their school boards the way in which they see fit. Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any questions, hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Williams, 19th, moved to **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

SB 538 (Senator Powell, 23rd) Ad valorem taxes; provide homestead exemption; full value for certain senior citizens; educational purposes

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Senator Powell, 23rd, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any questions. Heath, 31st, offered an amendment so that the amount of property to be exempt will be five acres as there were three in the bill. Heath, 31st, offered an amendment to change the age of a senior citizen from 70 to 65. Heath, 31st, offered an amendment to remove the term “senior citizen” and replace with wording to describe a person over 65.

Chairman Rogers, asked for a motion on the amendments. Heath, 31st, moved do pass the amendments. Williams, 19th, seconded.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion. Williams, 19th, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Senator Shafer, 48th, arrived at 9:11 a.m.
Senator Jones, 10th, left meeting at 9:25 a.m.
Senator Shafer, 48th, left meeting at 9:26 a.m.

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Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Chip Rogers, 21st, Chairman

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

March 18, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Williams, 19th, Johnson, 1st, Seabaugh, 28th, Goggans, 7th, Golden, 8th, Thompson, 33rd, Heath, 31st, Jones, 10th, Shafer, 48th, and Chance, 16th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

HR 1246 (Representative Richardson, 19th) The Property Tax Reform Amendment; enact - CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Richardson, 19th, to speak to the bill. After much discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, offered a committee substitute.

NOTE: Gwen Hall with GMA spoke in favor of the bill
Clint Mueller with ACCG spoke in favor of the bill

After brief discussion of the committee substitute, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any questions. Hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

NOTE: No vote taken

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

March 19, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Goggans, 7th, Johnson, 1st, Seabaugh, 28th, Shafer, 48th, Jones, 10th, Golden, 8th, Chance, 16th, Heath, 31st, Thompson, 33rd, and Williams, 19th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

HR 1246 (Representative Richardson, 19th) The Property Tax Reform Amendment; enact-CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, spoke on the substitute of bill. After brief discussion, Seabaugh, 28th, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1244 (Representative Martin, 47th) Income tax credit; teleworking; extend time period

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Martin, 47th, to speak to the bill. Martin, 47th, explained that this bill will cut the income tax rate for all income brackets. The rates will be cut by 10 percent over five years. Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions, hearing none, he asked for a motion.

NOTE: Allen Essay with the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute spoke against the bill.

Johnson, 1st, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

March 20, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Thursday, March 20, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Thompson, 33rd, Seabaugh, 28th, Heath, 31st, Williams, 19th, Shafer, 48th, Johnson, 1st, Golden, 8th, and Goggans, 7th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

HB 1065 (Representative Royal, 171st) Sales tax; local charter schools; capital outlay projects; authorize

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Royal, 171st, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Senator Heath, 31st, made a motion to “**Do Pass**” and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1024 (Representative Williams, 4th) Municipal and county recreation systems; minimum and maximum tax; provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Williams, 4th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Seabaugh, 28th, moved “**Do Pass**” and Williams, 19th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 831 (Representative Setzler, 35th) Public Charter School Capital Financing Act; enact

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Setzler, 35th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked for a motion.

Williams, 19th, made a motion to “**Do Pass**” and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Senator Thompson, 33rd, left at 3:19 p.m.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked if there were any more questions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Chip Rogers, 21st, Chairman

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

March 26, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Jones, 10th, Thompson, 33rd, Golden, 8th, Johnson, 1st, Seabaugh, 28th, Goggans, 7th, Heath, 31st, Chance, 16th, and Shafer, 48th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

HB 1133 (Representative Casas, 103rd) Education; student scholarship organizations; provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Casas, 103rd, to speak to the bill. Casas, 103rd, explained that this legislation provides that each student scholarship organization must obligate 90 percent of its annual revenue for scholarships and tuition grants and maintain separate accounts for scholarship funds and operating funds. Casas, 103rd, also explained that this is not considered a voucher bill and does not detract from public funds.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions; hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Johnson, 1st, moved to “**Do Pass**” and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion passed with 6 yeas and 3 nays from Thompson, 33rd, Golden, 8th, and Jones, 10th.

NOTE: Jeff Hubbard with the Ga. Association of Educators spoke against the bill
Lydia Glaze, a parent, spoke in favor of the bill

HR 1276 (Representative Royal, 171st) Bona fide large forest land conservation use property; special assessment and taxation; provide - CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Royal, 171st, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked for a motion. Goggans, 7th, moved to “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Heath, 31st, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1211 (Representative Royal, 171st) Georgia Bona Fide Large Conservation Use Act of 2008, enact

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Royal, 171st, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked for a motion. Seabaugh, 28th, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Golden, 8th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 977 (Representative Knox, 24th) State insurance premium taxes; certain high deductible health plans; exempt

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Senator Hill, 32nd, to speak to the bill. Hill, 32nd, explained that this legislation will provide for plan portability and incentives for insurance providers to reward healthy living and gym membership. After further discussion, Johnson, 1st, made a motion to “**Do Pass**” and Golden, 8th, seconded. Motion carried with 7 yeas and 1 nay from Jones, 10th.

NOTE: Senator Chance, 16th, left at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: Mark Baggett with MAG spoke in favor of the bill
Michael Wardrip spoke in favor of the bill
AARP spoke against bill
Families First spoke against bill
American Cancer Society spoke against bill

HB 272 (Representative Lewis, 15th) Sales and use tax; natural or artificial gas sales; provide phased-in exemption

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Lewis, 15th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Seabaugh, 28th, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Shafer, 48th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1168 (Representative O’Neal, 146th) Excise tax; public accommodation furnishings; change certain provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Mills, 25th to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Senator Heath, 31st, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Senator Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1046 (Representative Mills, 25th) Watercraft; held in inventory for resale; exempt from taxation; provide

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Mills, 25th, to speak to the bill. Mills, 25th, explained that this legislation will provide that from January 1, 2009, and concluding December 31, 2010, watercrafts held in inventory for resale shall continue to be exempt from ad valorem taxation.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions; hearing none, he asked for a motion. Thompson, 33rd, moved “**Do Pass**” and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1100 (Representative Stephens, 164th) Income tax credit; qualified film, video, or digital productions; revise and change

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Stephens, 164th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Senator Seabaugh, 28th, moved “**Do Pass**” and Thompson, 33rd, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 957 (Representative Stephens, 164th) Sales and use tax exemption; certain qualified nonprofit job training organizations; extend sunset date

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Stephens, 164th, to speak to the bill. There was no discussion on bill. Goggans, 7th, moved “**Do Pass**” and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 851 (Representative Peake, 137th) Income tax credit; historic structures rehabilitation; change calculation method

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Peake, 137th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion Senator Shafer, 48th, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Johnson, 1st, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1023 (Representative Tumlin, 38th) Sales and use tax; government contractors; overhead materials; extend sunset exemption

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Tumlin, 38th, to speak to the bill. Tumlin, 38th, explained that this bill would assist Lockheed. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked for a motion. Thompson, 33rd, moved “**Do Pass**” and Heath, 31st, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1035 (Representative Smith, 129th) Motor fuel tax; certain public transit and public campus transportation system; extend expiration date

Chairman Rogers, 21st, presented the bill. After brief discussion, Seabaugh, 28th, moved “**Do Pass**” and Thompson, 33rd, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1274 (Representative Knight, 126th) Income tax credit; real property donations; change certain provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Shafer, 48th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Johnson, 1st, moved “**Do Pass**” and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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There being no further business, Chairman Rogers, 21st, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

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Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

HB 1081 (Representative O’Neal, 146th) Ad valorem tax; property; change certain definitions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon O’Neal to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chance made a motion to **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

HB 1158 (Representative Stephens, 164th) Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission; certain reports; certain funds; provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Stephens, 164th, to speak to the bill. Stephens, 164th, explained that this legislation has been disconnected from HR 1246. Trauma funding will be subject to voter approval. It also seeks to expand the trauma system.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions; hearing none, he asked for a motion. Johnson, 1st, made a motion to **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Chance, 16th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 237 (Representative Martin, 47th) Sales and use tax; water pollution eliminating machinery exemptions; change certain provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Martin, 47th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Golden, 8th, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1110 (Representative Martin, 47th) Sales and use tax; certain sales of food and beverages to qualified food banks; extend exemption

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Martin, 47th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chance, 16th, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1159 (Representative Lunsford, 110th) Income tax credit; adoption of a qualified foster child; provide

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Lunsford, 110th, to speak to the bill. Lunsford, 110th, explained that this legislation will provide that a taxpayer be allowed a \$2000.00 credit against the tax for the adoption of a qualified foster child beginning with the year in which the adoption becomes final and ending when the adopted child attains the age of 18.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any more questions; hearing none, he asked for a motion. Williams, 19th, moved **“Do Pass”** and Thompson, 33rd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Senator Goggans, 7th, left at 8:48 a.m.

HB 1273 (Representative Fleming, 117th) Income tax credit; businesses; jobs in less developed areas; change provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, spoke briefly on the bill and asked for a motion. Chance, 16th, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 302 (Representative Mumford, 95th) Excise tax; public accommodation furnishings; change certain provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Mumford, 95th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Thompson, 33rd moved **“Do Pass”** and Golden, 8th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, announced, due to other meetings, the Senate Finance Committee will stand in recess until 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, reconvened the meeting at 12:08 p.m. Members present included, Chairman Rogers, 21st, and Senators Seabaugh, 28th, Williams, 19th, Golden, 8th, Goggans, 7th, Shafer, 48th and Heath, 31st.

HB 1244 (Representative Martin, 47th) Income tax credit; teleworking; extend time period

Chairman Rogers, 21st, spoke briefly on the bill and asked for a motion. Seabaugh, 28th, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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HR 1246 (Representative Richardson, 19th) The Property Tax Reform Amendment; enact-CA

Chairman Rogers, 21st, spoke briefly on the bill and asked for a motion. Heath, 31st, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Rogers, 21st, adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Chip Rogers, 21st, Chairman

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

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A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Monday, March 31, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Williams, 19th, Goggans, 7th, Heath, 31st, Seabaugh, 28th, Johnson, 1st, Chance, 16th, and Golden, 8th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

HB 1249 (Representative Lewis, 15th) Income tax credit; solar energy technology manufacturing facilities; provide

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Lewis, 15th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Heath, 31st, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1129 (Representative Lewis, 15th) Georgia Tourism Development Act; enact

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Lewis, 15th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Seabaugh, 28th, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Johnson, 1st, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 189 (Representative Smith, 131st) Sales and use tax exemption; certain properties; change provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Smith, 131st, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Johnson, 1st, moved “**Do Pass**” and Chance, 16th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Senator Jones, 10th, arrived at 8:23 a.m.
Senator Shafer, 48th, arrived at 8:31 a.m.

HB 1151 (Representative Knight, 126th) Income tax; exempt organizations; change provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Knight, 136th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chance, 16th, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Johnson, 1st, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1178 (Representative Black, 174th) Sales and use tax; liquefied petroleum gas; certain purposes; provide exemption

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Black, 174th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Goggans, 7th, moved “**Do Pass**” and Golden, 8th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1196 (Representative Stephens, 164th) Income tax credit; qualified investment; Seed-Capital Fund; provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Stephens, 164th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chance, 16th, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1274 (Representative Knight, 126th) Income tax credit; real property donations; change certain provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked were there any questions, hearing none, he asked for a motion. Heath, 31st, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Chance, 16th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1246 (Representative Peake, 137th) Income tax credit; certain business enterprises; include broadcasting

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Peake, 137th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Johnson, 1st, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Golden, 8th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1193 (Representative Burkhalter, 50th) Sales and use tax exemption; certain aquariums; change provisions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Martin, 47th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Johnson, 1st, moved “**Do Pass**” and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 670 (Representative Sims, 169th) Income tax credit; wood residuals; provide

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Sims, 169th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Williams, 19th, moved “**Do Pass by Substitute**” and Goggans, 7th, seconded. Motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 nay from Seabaugh, 28th.

HB 1078 (Representative O’Neal, 146th) Sales and use tax; change certain definitions

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Sims, 169th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Heath, 31st, moved “**Do Pass**” and Chance, 16th seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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There being no further business, Chairman Rogers, 21st, adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16th, Secretary

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

Senate Finance Committee

April 1, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Committee members present included Senator Rogers, 21st, Chairman and Senators Johnson, 1st, Seabaugh, 28th, Heath, 31st, Goggans, 7th, and Golden, 8th.

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

HB 948 (Representative Smith, 70th) Sales and use tax; certain school supplies; certain energy efficient products; provide exemption

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Smith, 70th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Seabaugh moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Heath, 31st, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 931 (Representative Benton, 31st) Authentic historical Georgia license plates; definition; increase time period

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Martin, 47th, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Johnson, 1st, moved **“Do Pass by Substitute”** and Seabaugh, 28th, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HB 1399 (Representative Smyre, 132nd) Excise tax; accommodations; consolidated government destination services fee; provide

Chairman Rogers, 21st, called upon Smyre, 132nd, to speak to the bill. After brief discussion, Chairman Rogers, 21st, asked for a motion. Johnson, 1st, moved **“Do Pass”**, hearing no second the motion failed.

There being no further business, Chairman Rogers, 21st, adjourned the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Chip Rogers, 21st, Chairman

/s/ Susan D. Henry, Recording Secretary

April 21, 2008

Mr. Bob Ewing
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Ewing,

I herewith submit the bills remaining in the Senate Finance Committee for the 2008 Session of the General Assembly.

These bills are as follows: [SR 5](#), [SR 21](#), [SR 282](#), [SR 361](#), [SR 863](#), [SR 965](#), [SB 118](#), [SB 260](#), [SB 288](#), [SB 509](#), [SB 530](#), [HB 405](#), [HB 447](#), [HB 1079](#) and [HB 1399](#).

Sincerely,

/s/ Susan Henry
Susan D. Henry
Recording Secretary
Finance Committee