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## **RULES**

### **STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY 2007-2008**

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be four (4) members.
2. A bill or resolution will be considered only after notification of the principal author or others whom he/she may designate. The principal author shall be the legislator whose name appears first on the list of authors.
3. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
4. The Committee will not consider for the first time any measure originating in the Senate the final five (5) days of the session, except upon written petition signed by not less than five (5) members of the Committee.
5. The rules of the Senate shall prevail in all matters not covered by Committee rules.
6. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by three-fourths of the members of the Committee provided that written notice has been given 48 hours prior to the Committee meeting.
7. Any member(s) of the Committee who disagrees with the majority report of the Committee shall have the privilege to file a minority report.
8. Subcommittees shall have the authority to consider measures assigned to them and to make recommendations thereon to the full Committee, but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by full Committee.

**STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, January 29, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Chair  
Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vice-Chair  
Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>  
Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>

**Note: Senators Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>, and Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**SB 360 (Sen. Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>) Detention; housing state inmates; increase the minimum reimbursement rate paid to counties**

Senator Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke to the bill. Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, offered a substitute to Section 1, page 1, lines 14-15 to reconsider the previous language that had been struck and change the word “an” to be “additional.” Joe Williams, Powell Goldstein LLP; Neil Childers, Legal Affairs Officer for Fulton County; Mike Yeager, Sheriff of Coweta County; Howard Sills, Sheriff of Putnam County, and Terry Norris, Georgia Sheriffs’ Association, spoke in support of the bill. Mr. Brian Owens, Assistant Commissioner, spoke on behalf of the Department of Corrections. Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that the **Substitute “Do pass”**. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The substitute passed 4-0. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **SB 360 “Do pass by Substitute.”** Senator Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0.

**Note: Senator Regina Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, was not present for the vote.**

**Note: Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Curt Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup> arrived at 1:35 p.m.**

**SB 366 (Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>) Inmates; telecommunications devices; prohibit receiving/possessing; provide definition**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, introduced the bill. Mr. Brian Owens, Assistant Commissioner Department of Corrections, spoke to the bill. Jennifer McMullen and Chuck McMullen, Corrections Corporation of America spoke in support of the bill. Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, deferred the vote to perfect the language.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Valencia Seay of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, February 12, 2008.

**MEMBER PRESENT:** Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Chair

**Note: Senators Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>, R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, C. Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Due to language in bills on the agenda being perfected and the lack of a quorum, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Johnny Grant of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, February 19, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Chair  
Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>

**Note: Senators Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>, R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and C. Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Due to the lack of a quorum, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Johnny Grant of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, February 20, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Chair  
R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vice-Chair  
Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>

**Note: Senators C. Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, called roll and seven members were present.

**HB 967 (Representative Martin, 47<sup>th</sup>) Certificate of need program; prisons and other secure correctional institutions; exempt**

Representative Martin, 47<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. Mr. Brian Owen, Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and Dr. Michael Ashe, Georgia Correctional Health Care spoke in support of the bill. Senator Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that **HB 967 “Do pass.”** Senator Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-1 with Senator R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, casting a dissenting vote.

**SR 753 (Senator Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>) Property Conveyance; City of Thomaston; Upson County**  
Senator Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **SR 753 “Do pass.”** Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0.

**SB 366 (Senator Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>) Inmates; telecommunications devices; prohibit receiving/possessing; provide definition**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. Mr. Michael Nail of the Department of Corrections spoke in support of the bill. Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, offered an amendment. Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that the **Substitute “Do pass”**. Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The substitute passed 6-0. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **SB 366 “Do pass by Substitute.”** Senator Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Valencia Seay of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, February 26, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Chair  
Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>

**Note: Senators Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>, R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and C. Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup> and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup> were absent.**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, called roll and four members were present.

**SB 502 (Senator Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>) Parole Board; certified parole officers employed who leave the board under certain conditions may retain their badges**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. No one was present to speak to the bill. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **SB 502 “Do pass.”** Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 3-0.

**SR 1012 (Senator Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>) Public Property; conveyance; 10 counties**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, offered a substitute to correct a typographical error on line 24, page 10. Rod Bowlden, from the State Properties Commission, was present to speak to the bills. This resolution is to authorize the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Bartow County, Georgia; authorizing the conveyance by exchange of certain state owned real property in Brantley County, Georgia; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Bulloch County, Georgia; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned real property located in Cherokee County, Georgia; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Lowndes County, Georgia; authorizing the conveyance of certain state owned property in Mitchell County, Georgia; authorizing the conveyance of and easement over certain state owned real property located in Troup County, Georgia. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **SR 1012 “Do pass by substitute.”** Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 3-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Valencia Seay of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, March 4, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Chair  
R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vice-Chair  
Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Note: Senators Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, C. Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, and Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

**SB 386 (Senator Reed, 35<sup>th</sup>) Incarcerated Persons; tested for HIV and hepatitis prior to discharge; provide for notice; counseling**

Senator Reed, 35<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill and offered a substitute to remove the requirement for hepatitis testing. Senator R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, made a motion that **SB 386 “Do pass by substitute.”** Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Valencia Seay of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, March 18, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Chair  
Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>  
Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Note: Senators Cowsert 46<sup>th</sup>, Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, and C. Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 1: 00 p.m. The committee secretary called roll and four members were present.

**HR 1427 (Representative Hanner, 148<sup>th</sup>) Robert S. "Bob" Boney State Prison; dedicate**  
Representative Hanner, 148<sup>th</sup>, introduced the bill. No one spoke to the bill. Senator Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that **HR 1427 "Do pass"**. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 3-0.

**Note: Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, arrived at 1:04 p.m.**

**Note: Senator Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, arrived at 1:09 p.m.**

**Note: Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, arrived at 1:10 p.m.**

**HB 1116 (Representative Barnard, 166<sup>th</sup>) Probation Management Act of 2004; modify certain provisions**

Representative Barnard, 166<sup>th</sup>, introduced the bill and Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, offered a substitute. Mr. Michael Nail from the Georgia Department of Corrections spoke in favor of the substitute. Representative Barnard, 166<sup>th</sup>, objected to the substitute. Senator Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that **HB 1116 "Do pass"** as originally presented. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-1 with Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, casting a dissenting vote.

**HR 1310 (Representative Cole, 125<sup>th</sup>) State Properties Commission; enter into dispute agreements; real property in Butts, Lamar, and Monroe Counties; authorize**

Representative Cole, 125<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, offered a committee substitute. No one was present to speak to the bill. Senator Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **HR 1310 "Do pass by substitute."** Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Valencia Seay of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**STATE INSTITUTIONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE** met in Room 312 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, March 27, 2008.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Chair  
Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Fort, 39<sup>th</sup>  
Powell 23<sup>rd</sup>

Note: Senators Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, Stoner, 6<sup>th</sup>, R. Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Williams, 19<sup>th</sup>, and C. Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, were absent.

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, called the meeting to order at 9:36 p.m. The committee secretary called roll and four members were present.

**HR 1425 (Representative Barnard, 166<sup>th</sup>) State of Georgia property; certain counties; nonexclusive easements; authorize**

Chairman Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, introduced the bill. Mr. Frank Smith and Rod Bowlden from the State Properties Commission spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Powell, 23<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that **HR 1425 “Do pass”**. Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 3-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Valencia Seay of the 34<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

April 7, 2008

Mr. Bob Ewing  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol Bldg.  
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Dear Mr. Ewing,

I hereby submit the following bills upon which no action was taken by the Senate State Institutions and Property Committee during the 2008 Legislative session of the General Assembly.

[SB 108](#)

[SB 121](#)

[SB 129](#)

[SB 250](#)

[SB 287](#)

[SB 419](#)

[SR 25](#)

[SR 26](#)

[SR 377](#)

Sincerely,

/s/ Donna Yeomans  
Recording Secretary  
Senate State Institutions and Property Committee