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**2009 RULES OF THE  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. The quorum of the Committee shall be sixteen (16) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered.
3. 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.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report.
6. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by two-thirds of the members of the Committee.
7. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator designated by the author.

January 21, 2009

The Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees met on Wednesday, January 21, 2009 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 1:00 p.m. for the 2009 Session Joint Budget Briefings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Opening remarks were offered by Senator Jack Hill and Representative Ben Harbin, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Governor Sonny Perdue spoke before the Joint Appropriations Committees presenting them with a brief overview of his recommendations for the S.F.Y. 2009 Amended and S.F.Y. 2010 General Budgets.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the 2009 Amended ([HB 118](#)) and the 2010 General Budgets ([HB 119](#)).

8. Dr. Kenneth Heaghney, State Fiscal Economist – Economic Outlook and Revenue Estimating
9. Bart L. Graham, Commissioner – Dept. of Revenue
10. Susan Hart-Ridley, Director – Ga. State Financing and Investment Commission
11. Kathy Cox, State School Superintendent – Dept. of Education
12. Holly Robinson, Director – Early Care and Learning
13. Noel Holcomb, Commissioner – Dept. of Natural Resources
14. Dr. Carol Couch, Director – Environmental Protection Division
15. Chris Clark, Executive Director – Ga. Environmental Facilities Auth.
16. Judge Steve Goss, President – Council of Superior Court Judges
17. Tommy Floyd, D.A., President – Prosecuting Attorneys' Council
18. Mack Crawford, Director – Public Defenders

Any documents offered in support of the testimony given can be found in Committee files. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Golden of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

**2009 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Roll Call Sheet**

**Date:**           **Wednesday, January 21, 2009**

**Meeting:**       **Senate Appropriations Full Committee**

<b>Hill-Chairman</b>	Mullis
<b>Goggans-Vice Chairman</b>	Murphy
<b>Golden-Secretary</b>	Pearson
Balfour	Rogers
Bulloch	Seabaugh
Cowsert	Seay
Douglas	Smith
Fort	Staton
Grant	Tarver
Hamrick	Tate
Harp	Thomas
Heath	Thompson, S.
Henson	Tolleson
Hooks	Unterman
Jackson	Wiles (Ex-Officio)
Moody	Williams

January 22, 2009

The Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees met on Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 9:00 a.m. for the 2009 Session Joint Budget Briefings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Ben Harbin, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Opening remarks were offered by Representative Harbin and Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the S.F.Y. 2009 Amended General Budget ([HB 118](#)) and the S.F.Y. 2010 General Budget ([HB 119](#)).

19. James Donald, Commissioner – Dept. of Corrections
20. Albert Murray, Commissioner – Dept. of Juvenile Justice
21. Gena Evans, Commissioner – Department of Transportation
22. Dick Anderson, Executive Director – Ga. Regional Transportation Authority
23. Terri Slack, Chief Operating Officer – State Road & Tollway Authority
24. Col. Bill Hitchins, Commissioner – Dept. of Public Safety
25. Ken Stewart, Commissioner – Dept. of Economic Development
26. Dr. Erroll Davis, Chancellor – Board of Regents (University System of Georgia)
27. Ronald Jackson, Commissioner – Technical College System of Georgia

Any documents offered in support of the testimony given can be found in Committee files. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Golden of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

**2009 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Roll Call Sheet**

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<b>Hill-Chairman</b>	Mullis
<b>Goggans-Vice Chairman</b>	Murphy
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January 23, 2009

The Joint Senate and House Appropriations Committees met on Friday, January 23, 2009 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 9:00 a.m. for the 2009 Session Joint Budget Briefings. Members present from the Senate are shown on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Opening remarks were offered by Senator Hill and Representative Ben Harbin, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The following persons testified before the Joint Committees regarding the S.F.Y. 2009 Amended General Budget ([HB 118](#)) and the S.F.Y. 2010 General Budget ([HB 119](#)).

28. B. J. Walker, Commissioner – Dept. of Human Resources
29. Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner – Dept. of Community Health
30. Wrap up - Trey Childress, Director – Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget

Any documents offered in support of the testimony given can be found in Committee files. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

**2009 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Roll Call Sheet**

**Date:**           **Friday, January 23, 2009**

**Meeting:**       **Senate Appropriations Full Committee**

<b>Hill-Chairman</b>	Mullis
<b>Goggans-Vice Chairman</b>	Murphy
<b>Golden-Secretary</b>	Pearson
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January 26, 2009

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Monday, January 26, 2009 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 10:30 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

**Adoption of 2009 Senate Appropriations Committee Rules** – A motion was made “**Do pass**” by Heath of the 31<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, passed by unanimous vote.

**SB 1 by Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup> and others** - Zero-Base Budgeting Act; provide for the application

This bill defines that beginning January of 2011, and each year thereafter, the Governor’s budget report required to be submitted to the General Assembly, must use zero-base budgeting on at least one-quarter of the report. This report provides for analysis of departmental and program objectives, consideration of alternative funding levels and departmental priority lists encompassing all alternative funding levels.

The Office of Planning and Budget determines which programs will be submitted using zero-base budgeting recommendations; however, no program will be required to use zero-base budgeting more than once every four years.

Senator Shafer of the 48<sup>th</sup>, author of the bill, explained it to the Committee.

After a brief discussion and questions for further clarification on the definition of zero-based budgeting, a motion was made by Bulloch of the 11<sup>th</sup> that **SB 1** “**Do pass**”, seconded by Smith of the 52<sup>nd</sup>. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Golden of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

**2009 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Roll Call Sheet**

**Date:** Monday, January 26, 2009

**Meeting:** Senate Appropriations Full Committee

<b>Hill-Chairman</b>	Mullis
<b>Goggans-Vice Chairman</b>	Murphy
<b>Golden-Secretary</b>	Pearson
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March 3, 2009

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 11:00 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

**HB 118 by Richardson of the 19<sup>th</sup> and others** - Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

A Bill to amend an Act providing appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, known as the “General Appropriations Act,” approved May 14, 2008, as House Bill 990, Act No. 705 (Ga. L. 2008, Vol. I, Book II).

Chairman Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup> presented the senate version of HB 118 to the Committee by providing an overview of the Detail Report identifying and explaining all differences between the House and Senate version. He further discussed the importance of maintaining the State’s Triple AAA Bond Rating as well as outlining the designation of portions of the federal stimulus package funding.

Following questions, a motion was made by Hooks of the 14<sup>th</sup>, that **HB 118**, “**Do pass by substitute**,” seconded by Bulloch of the 11<sup>th</sup>. The bill passed unanimously.

**SB 122 by Goggans of the 7<sup>th</sup> and others** – State Employees Insurance; divide the Georgia Retiree Health Benefit Funds into two funds; define certain terms

This Bill divides the Georgia Retiree Health Benefit Fund into two funds. It creates the Georgia State Retiree Health Benefit Fund which provides for the cost of Georgia’s state retirees post-employment health insurance benefits and the Georgia School Retiree Health Benefit Fund, which shall provide for the cost of Georgia’s public school teachers and public school employees post-employment health insurance benefits. Additionally, it provides that on July 1, 2009, the Georgia Retiree Health Benefit Fund shall cease to exist and all funds held will be identified by the source of the contributions and then transferred to the appropriate newly-created fund.

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The Department of Community Health will be the trustee of both funds, as it had been for the one original fund, and the commissioner will be each fund's administrator.

Goggans of the 7<sup>th</sup>, author of the bill, summarized the intent of the bill. There were no questions. A motion was made by Balfour of the 9<sup>th</sup> that **S.B. 122 "Do pass by substitute,"** seconded by Thomas of the 54<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous vote.

**SB 158 by Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup> and others** – General Assembly; fiscal bills; requirements for fiscal notes regarding legislation

This bill requires that any bill having a significant fiscal impact on the anticipated revenue or expenditure levels of any state entity shall be filed by the twentieth day of session, and that the sponsor of such legislation shall request a fiscal note. Additionally, the bill creates new language stating that the requirement of a fiscal note does not apply to amendments, substitutes, or conference committee reports; provided, however, that a fiscal note may be requested on a majority vote of the committee, or house considering the measure. Finally, the bill requires fiscal notes to include a reliable estimate in dollars of the net impact of the bill or a cost-benefit analysis reflecting the cost and any savings or financial benefits that would be realized by the state entity or local government affected.

Hill of the 32<sup>nd</sup> introduced the bill and a discussion ensued in which many members had questions and requested further clarification on when and why fiscal notes are required.

Grant of the 25<sup>th</sup> noted a misspelled word on the original bill; therefore, the Committee offered an amendment with the correction.

A motion was then made by Douglas of the 17<sup>th</sup>, that **SB 158**, **"Do pass as amended"**, seconded by Thomas of the 54<sup>th</sup>. The bill passed with 23 votes for and 6 opposed (Balfour, 9<sup>th</sup>, Henson, 41<sup>st</sup>, Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>, Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Tarver, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>).

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**SB 206 by Goggans of the 7<sup>th</sup> and others** – Governor; require tax expenditure reviews as part of budget report

This bill requires that the Governor's budget report, prepared by the Office of Planning and Budget, shall be provided to the General Assembly within five days after organization and include an entire tax expenditure review for the state. The report must detail each tax expenditure item.

Goggans of the 7<sup>th</sup>, who authored the bill, explained the bill in detail. There were no questions. Harp of the 29<sup>th</sup> offered a motion that **SB 206**, "**Do pass**", seconded by Mullis of the 53<sup>rd</sup>. Unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Golden of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

**2009 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Roll Call Sheet**

**Date:**           **Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

**Meeting:**       **Senate Appropriations Full Committee**

<b>Hill-Chairman</b>	Mullis
<b>Goggans-Vice Chairman</b>	Murphy
<b>Golden-Secretary</b>	Pearson
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March 26, 2009

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Thursday, March 26, 2009 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 8:15 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

An announcement was made by the Chair that he was removing H.B. 350 from the Committee agenda and placing it in a study committee for further review and consideration of a substitute being presented by the author. He appointed Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup>, Chair, Goggans of the 7<sup>th</sup> and Seabaugh of the 28<sup>th</sup> to serve as the Study Committee.

**HB 44 by Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup> and others** - Budget Act; application of zero-based budgeting

This bill requires that beginning with the 2010 Governor's budget report, zero-base budgeting will be used for no more than one-third nor less than one-quarter of all programs in the most recently passed General Appropriations Act. The Office of Planning and Budget will determine which programs will be submitted using zero-base budgeting. No program will be required to use zero-base budgeting more often than once every three years; however, each program must use it at least once every four years.

Rep. Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill to the Committee. There were no questions. A motion was made by Heath of the 31<sup>st</sup> that **HB 44**, "**Do pass**", seconded by Seabaugh of the 28<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous vote.

**HR 161 by Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup> and others** – White, Mr. John Jerome; compensate

This resolution authorizes the Dept. of Administrative Services to pay the sum of \$709,090.00 through a 20-year annuity, non-assignable, to Mr. John Jerome White for his loss of liberty as a result of his 28-year incarceration on a wrongful conviction.

Rep. Hugley of the 133<sup>rd</sup>, presented the bill to the Committee, outlining the sequential events of this wrongful conviction case as well as the state's role in determining how much compensation should be awarded for taking away one's liberty.

In December of 2007, through the Innocence Project's intervention into his case and sufficient DNA evidence, the State of Georgia concluded that he was indeed innocent of the crime of conviction and was released from custody. Many questions ensued expressing concerns over subsequent convictions.

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At this time, Chairman Hill instructed the Senate Compensation Study Committee made up of Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>, Chair, Staton of the 18<sup>th</sup> and Pearson of the 51<sup>st</sup> to present the Committee with its report findings and recommendations. Sen. Tate, Chair, presented the report, reviewing the details of Mr. White's wrongful imprisonment and the Study Committee's intended recommendations which included two additional requirements; unannounced, periodic drug testing and fulltime employment. Many questions and a lengthy discussion followed.

Douglas of the 17<sup>th</sup>, requested an amendment to the resolution that would reduce the annuity by \$100,000 to be paid to the estate of the victim. Several members expressed opinions to the proposed amendment. The final consensus being that, lacking legal constitutional authority, it was not the charge of the Senate Appropriations Committee to re-try the case but to only determine the amount of the compensation.

At this time, Chairman Hill discontinued questions and directed the Committee to vote. He directed a vote on the amendment presented by Douglas of the 17<sup>th</sup>. The motion failed with 7 votes in favor and 9 votes opposed.

The Chairman then directed the Committee to vote on the Senate Subcommittee Report on [HR 161](#). The motion was tied with 10 votes in favor and 10 opposed. The motion failed.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

**2009 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Roll Call Sheet**

**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Meeting:** Senate Appropriations Full Committee

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March 30, 2009

The Senate Appropriations Committee met on Monday, March 30, 2009 in Room 341 State Capitol, convening at 11:00 a.m. Members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Jack Hill, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Business was conducted as follows:

The Chair recognized Harp of the 29<sup>th</sup> for a motion to reconsider the Committee's action from the last meeting on H.R. 161, the Compensation Resolution, seconded by Tate of the 38<sup>th</sup>. The vote was 14 in favor of reconsideration of HR 161 and 8 opposed.

Chairman Hill then stated that the Committee would be voting only to reconsider the Senate Compensation Subcommittee Report to HR 161 which retains the House monetary award but adds a random drug testing and employment clause. He announced that he would not allow questions again since the bill had been extensively debated in a previous meeting.

Harp of the 29<sup>th</sup> then made a motion to amend the substitute from the original compensatory amount of \$709,090 to \$500,000, seconded by Mullis of the 53<sup>rd</sup>. Several questions followed. The motion to amend the substitute to H.R. 161 to read \$500,000 passed with 13 in favor and 5 opposed.

Douglas of the 17<sup>th</sup> then moved to amend the amendment to allow \$50,000 of the \$500,000 annuity be awarded to the victim's estate. The Chair ruled that since the amendment had already been voted on in a previous meeting, the Committee would not accept the amendment.

The Chair then directed the committee to vote on the Senate Compensation Subcommittee Report to HR 161 amended to \$500,000. A motion was then made by Harp of the 29<sup>th</sup>, that [HR 161](#), "**Do pass by substitute**", seconded by Mullis of the 53<sup>rd</sup>. The resolution passed with 12 in favor and 8 opposed.

**[HB 119 by Richardson of the 19<sup>th</sup> and others](#)** – General Appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

A Bill to make and provide appropriations for the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

Chairman Hill presented HB 119 Budget Highlights and discussed the designation of some of the federal stimulus funds as well as the prudent utilization of these funds.

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He highlighted various differences and budget cuts by department in the Senate Committee Substitute. At the conclusion of a brief discussion, minimal questions and comments, a motion was made by Mullis of the 53<sup>rd</sup> that [HB 119](#), “**Do pass by Substitute**”, seconded by Harp of the 29<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous vote.

The Chair then asked if the Committee had received the Substitute to H.B. 350 by Martin of the 47<sup>th</sup> and others, a bill that was on the agenda to be considered. Having received no substitute before the Committee, the bill could not be taken up; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Angela Touhy, Recording Secretary

**2009 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Roll Call Sheet**

**Date:** Monday, March 30, 2009

**Meeting:** Senate Appropriations Full Committee

<b>Hill-Chairman</b>	Mullis
<b>Goggans-Vice Chairman</b>	Murphy
<b>Golden-Secretary</b>	Pearson
Balfour	Rogers
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May 20, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bill which was not acted upon in the Senate Appropriations Committee during the 2009 Legislative Session:

[H.B. 350](#)

I also submit my completed minutes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angela W. Touhy, Recording Secretary  
Senate Appropriations Committee