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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RULES
2009**

1. A quorum for the Committee shall be seven (7) members.
2. The Chair shall determine bills and resolutions to be considered and the order in which such are called. The Chair also has the discretion as to which amendments to accept and to their germaneness.
3. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by the principal author or a legislator whom he/she may designate. In the event more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appears first in the list of authors.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chair.
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. The Chair shall have the authority to refer bills and resolutions to subcommittees for study. Such subcommittees shall have the authority to make recommendations to the full Committee; but no measure will be returned to the full Senate except after consideration by full Committee.

THE JOINT SENATE AND HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 606 of the CLOB, January 15, 2009.

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Pearson, 51^s
Murphy, 27th
Butterworth, 50th
Brown, 26th
Buckner, 44th
Chance, 16th
Hooks, 14th
B. Jackson, 24th
Mullis, 53rd
Rogers, 21st
Tarver, 22nd
C. Thompson, 5th
Harp, 29th

Senate Chairman Pearson and House Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. The joint Senate and House Committee meeting was suspended to take up Senate business. The rules of the committee were discussed. Senator Mullis made a motion to adopt the Rules and Senator Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried 12-0; Senator Rogers was not present for the vote.

NOTE: **Senator Rogers, 21st**, arrived at 2:45 p.m.

Chairman Pearson introduced Keith Hatcher from the Georgia Realtor's Association; Kurt Cannon, President of the Home Builders Association; and Deron Hicks, General Counsel for Home Builders Association, to recap the December 10, 2008 hearing to discuss the State of the Housing issue. Chairman Pearson and Chairman Stephens assigned subcommittees to discuss potential legislation on a housing tax credit to be led by Rep. Dixon and Sen. Chance; property tax reduction to be led by Rep. Pruett and Sen. Murphy; and Regulatory Reform to be led by Rep. Neal and Sen. B. Jackson.

The Georgia Economic Development Association spoke to the committee to present their goals for the Legislative Session.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jim Butterworth of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 341 of the State Capitol, January 27, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Pearson, 51st, Chairman
- Murphy, 27th, Vice-Chair
- Butterworth, 50th, Secretary
- Buckner, 44th
- Chance, 16th
- Hooks, 14th
- B. Jackson, 24th
- Mullis, 53rd
- Rogers, 21st
- Tarver, 22nd
- Harp, 29th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Senators Brown, 26th, and C. Thompson, 5th, were absent.

NOTE: **Senator Thompson, 5th**, arrived at 1:20 p.m.
Senator Hooks, 14th, left at 1:30 p.m.

This was an informational meeting to discuss Sustainable Energy in Georgia. The Speakers included; Polly Sattler, President of Sustainable Business Partners; Keith Freeman, Vice President/CTO of One World Sustainable; Gloria Hardegree, the President of Eco-Logical; Mark Qualmann from Winter Construction; and Paul A. Hester, CEO of Americas Waste-to-Energy LLC.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jim Butterworth of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 606 of the CLOB, February 4, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Pearson, 51st, Chairman
- Murphy, 27th, Vice-Chair
- Butterworth, 50th, Secretary
- Hooks, 14th
- Rogers, 21st
- Tarver, 22nd
- Harp, 29th, Ex-Officio
- Sims, 12th, Ex-Officio

NOTE: The Senate Economic Development and the House Regulated Industries Committees are responsible for the Lottery Oversight.

Chairman Pearson, 51st, called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. Senators Brown, 26th, Buckner, 44th, Chance, 16th, B. Jackson, 24th, Mullis, 53rd, Tarver, 22nd, and C. Thompson, 5th, were absent.

NOTE: **Senator Sims, 12th**, was added to the committee as an Ex-Officio member
Senator Tarver, 22nd, arrived at 1:17 p.m.

This was an informational meeting to discuss video lottery terminals, executive bonus, and the funds, by percentage, that are to be transferred to the education fund per the Georgia Code. Ms. Margaret DeFrancisco, President of the Georgia Lottery Corporation, spoke to the Joint Committee. The Lottery Board Chair, Tony Campbell, was present along with board members: James F. Braswell, Rayna Casey, Ann Crowder, Celeste Osborn, and John Watson.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jim Butterworth of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 307 of the CLOB, February 12, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Murphy, 27th, Vice-Chair
 Butterworth, 50th, Secretary
 Chance, 16th
 B. Jackson, 24th
 Tarver, 22nd
 Harp, 29th, Ex-Officio
 Sims, 12th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Murphy, 27th, called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. Senators Brown, 26th, Buckner, 44th, Hooks, 14th, Mullis, 53rd, Pearson, 51st, Rogers, 21st, and C. Thompson, 5th, were absent.

SB 117 (Senator Powell, 23rd) Made in Georgia Program; revise provisions; provide rules and regulations

Senator Powell, 23rd, presented the bill and offered a substitute which would exclude local, city, and county governments from the web site up keep. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Harp, 29th, made the motion to adopt the committee substitute. Sen. Chance, 16th, seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Sen. Chance, 16th, made the motion that **SB 117 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.”** Senator Harp, 29th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jim Butterworth of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 310 of the CLOB, February 19, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Pearson, 51st, Chairman
- Buckner, 44th
- Hooks, 14th
- Tarver, 22nd
- C. Thompson, 5th
- Harp, 29th, Ex-Officio
- Sims, 12th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Pearson, 51st, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. Senators Murphy, 27th, Butterworth, 50th, Brown, 26th, Chance, 16th, B. Jackson, 24th, Mullis, 53rd, and Rogers, 21st, were absent.

SB 101 (Senator Cowsert, 46th) Torts; limit liability for certain drug/medical device manufacturers and sellers under certain circumstances; definitions; exceptions

Sen. Cowsert, 46th, presented the bill. Mr. Charles Craig and Mr. Bill Kitchens, from Georgia Bio, spoke in support of the bill. Mr. Ken Stewart, Commissioner of Georgia Department of Economic Development, spoke in favor of the bill. Mr. Tom Mazziotti, from Greenberg Traurig, spoke in favor of the bill. Ms. Allison Wall, from Georgia Watch, spoke against the bill. Mr. Bill Clark, Gil Gainer, Andy Childers, and Gene Brooks, from the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association spoke against the bill.

NOTE: **Senator Butterworth, 50th, and Senator Mullis, 53rd**, arrived at 1:40 p.m.
Senator B. Jackson, 24th, arrived at 1:45 p.m.

This was an informational hearing and Chairman Pearson did not call for a vote.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Chip Pearson of the 51st, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 307 of the CLOB, February 24, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Pearson, 51st, Chairman
- Murphy, 27th, Vice-Chair
- Chance, 16th
- Hooks, 14th
- Tarver, 22nd
- C. Thompson, 5th
- Harp, 29th, Ex-Officio
- Sims, 12th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Pearson, 51st, called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. Senators Butterworth, 50th, Brown, 26th, Buckner, 44th, B. Jackson, 24th, Mullis, 53rd, and Rogers, 21st, were absent.

NOTE: **Senator Jackson, 24th**, arrived at 1:20 p.m.
Senator Buckner, 44th, arrived at 1:21 p.m.
Senator Mullis, 53rd, arrived at 1:25 p.m.
Senator Butterworth, 50th, arrived at 1:26 p.m.

SB 101 (Senator Cowsert, 46th) Torts; limit liability for certain drug/medical device manufacturers and sellers under certain circumstances; definitions; exceptions

Sen. Cowsert, 46th, presented the bill and introduced a substitute to remove defective drugs from immunity and limits claims for punitive damages. Mr. Andy Childers, from the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, spoke in opposition to the bill and the substitute. Mr. Dean Sheehan, from Georgia Tech Research and Development, spoke in favor of the bill. Ms. Julie Curlin from Medical College of Georgia and Chris Cumiskey, from University of Georgia spoke in support of the bill. Senator Murphy, 27th, made the motion to adopt the substitute. Sen. Chance, 16th seconded the motion. The motion passed 12-0. Sen. Jackson, 24th, made a motion that **SB 101 "DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE."** Senator Chance, 16th, seconded the motion. The bill failed 5-7.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Chip Pearson of the 51st, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 307 of the CLOB, March 5, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Pearson, 51st, Chairman
- Murphy, 27th, Vice-Chair
- Butterworth, 50th, Secretary
- Hooks, 14th
- B. Jackson, 24th
- Mullis, 53rd
- Rogers, 21st
- Tarver, 22nd
- C. Thompson, 5th
- Sims, 12th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Pearson, 51st, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. Senators Brown, 26th, Buckner, 44th, Chance, 16th, and Harp, 29th, were absent.

HB 427 (Representative Stephens, 164th) Enterprise zone; certain criteria for pervasive property; provide

Mr. Jim Finch, Deputy Commissioner of DCA, presented the bill. No one spoke to the bill. Senator Rogers, 21st, made the motion that **HB 427 “DO PASS.”** Senator Mullis, 53rd, seconded the motion. The bill passed 9-0.

NOTE: **Senator Rogers, 21st**, left at 9:23 a.m.
Senator Brown, 26th, arrived at 9:27 a.m.

SB 226 (Senator Crosby, 13th) Truth in Music Advertising Act; prohibition against the advertising/conducting of certain live musical performances

Senator Crosby, 13th, presented the bill. Ms. Dee Dee Kenniebrew from The Crystals spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Mullis, 53rd, made the motion that **SB 226 “DO PASS.”** Senator Brown, 26th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 9-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jim Butterworth of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 310 of the CLOB, March 9, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Pearson, 51st, Chairman
- Murphy, 27th, Vice-Chair
- Butterworth, 50th, Secretary
- Buckner, 44th
- B. Jackson, 24th
- Tarver, 22nd
- Harp, 29th, Ex-Officio
- Sims, 12th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Pearson, 51st, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. Senators Brown, 26th, Chance, 16th, Hooks, 14th, Mullis, 53rd, Rogers, 21st, and C. Thompson, 5th, were absent.

NOTE: **Senator Mullis, 53rd**, arrived at 9:50 a.m.
Senator Rogers, 21st, arrived at 9:52 a.m.
Senator Chance, 16th, arrived at 9:59 a.m.

[SB 243](#) (Senator Pearson, 51st) Georgia Lottery Corporation; provide certain prerequisites prior to employees receiving certain types of compensation
Senator Pearson, 51st, presented the bill. Senator Tarver offered an amendment to line 16 to change the percentage to 30%. Senator Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed 10-0. Senator Jackson, 24th, made the motion that **SB 243 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITITE.”** Senator Butterworth, 50th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 10-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jim Butterworth of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE met in Room 307 of the CLOB, March 26, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Pearson, 51st, Chairman
- Murphy, 27th, Vice-Chair
- Butterworth, 50th, Secretary
- Buckner, 44th
- Chance, 16th
- Hooks, 14th
- B. Jackson, 24th
- Mullis, 53rd
- Harp, 29th, Ex-Officio

Chairman Pearson, 51st, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. Senators Brown, 26th, Rogers, 21st, Sims, 12th, Tarver, 22nd, and C. Thompson, 5th, were absent.

NOTE: **Chairman Pearson, 51st**, left at 2:11 p.m.
Senator Murphy, 27th, chaired the meeting

HB 492 (Representative Neal, 1st) Time-share projects and programs; private residence clubs; provide definitions

Representative Neal, 1st, presented the bill and offered a substitute. Senator Mullis, 53rd, made the motion that **HB 492 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.”** Senator Chance, 16th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 7-0.

HB 528 (Representative McCall, 30th) Specialized land transactions; developers provide audits to homeowners; require

Mr. Terry Hobbs presented the bill and offered a substitute on behalf of Representative McCall. Senator Harp offered an amendment to line 11 to change the number of homes from “50 or more home” to read “20 or more homes.” Senator Harp, 29th, made a motion to adopt the amendment. Senator Hooks, 14th, seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Senator Harp, 29th, made the motion that **HB 528 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.”** Senator Hooks, 14th, seconded the motion. The bill passed 7-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jim Butterworth of the 50th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

April 7, 2008

Mr. Bob Ewing
Secretary of the Senate
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Dear Mr. Ewing,

I hereby submit the following bills upon which no action was taken by the Senate Economic Development Committee during the 2009 Legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly.

[Senate Bill 101](#) failed in Committee.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donna Yeomans
Recording Secretary
Senate Economic Development Committee