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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.
The Senate Urban Affairs Committee held its first meeting of the 2009 Session on Tuesday, February 17th, in room 455 (Mezzanine 1) of the Capitol. Chairman David Adelman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Members present at the meeting were as follows:

Senator David Adelman, 45th, Chairman
Senator Gail Buckner, 44th
Senator Gloria Butler, 55th, Ex-Officio
Senator Vincent Fort, 39th, Ex-Officio
Senator Emanuel Jones, 10th
Senator Nan Orrock, 36th
Senator Valencia Seay, 34th
Senator Doug Stoner, 6th
Senator Horacena Tate, 38th
Senator Curt Thompson, 5th

After welcoming Senator Gail Buckner to the Urban Affairs Committee, Chairman Adelman reviewed the agenda. Chairman Adelman asked the Committee to review the Senate Urban Affairs Rules. Senator Stoner made a motion to adopt the Rules and Senator Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the 2009 Rules were adopted.

Next, Chairman Adelman advised the Committee of the only piece of legislation to consider, SB 89. This bill, authored by Senator Butler, removes the statutory prohibition of the consumption of food or beverage in a rapid rail station or intermodal bus stations. However, SB 89 also allows individual public transit systems the option to adopt policies prohibiting food or beverage in their stations.

Chairman Adelman turned the floor over to Senator Butler and asked her to present the bill. Senator Butler thanked all the members for attending the meeting. Senator Butler specifically noted two points in her presentation: 1) MARTA is excited about the bill. According to Sen. Butler, MARTA supports the bill because they would like to offer eating establishments and refreshments to their patrons. Currently, MARTA cannot allow food and beverages to be sold in their stations due to the statutory prohibition. 2) Senator Butler emphasized that the sale of wine and beer will not be allowed at any MARTA stations.

Senator Butler concluded her presentation and asked for the Committee’s favorable vote on SB 89.

Chairman Adelman opened the floor for comments. Rhonda Briggs-Ridley, Senior Director of External Affairs and Scott Haggard, Director of Government and Constituent Relations for MARTA both rose in support of the bill.

Senator Fort inquired if MARTA had considered how they would handle the possibility of increased litter due to the sale of food and beverages.
Former Committee Member, Senator Weber, was present. Senator Weber suggested a friendly amendment to change the wording “its stations” to “such station,” so as to allow MARTA the option to adopt policies prohibiting the sale of food and beverages on a station by station basis. Senator Butler agreed such language would improve the bill and it was amended by unanimous consent.

Chairman Adelman entertained a motion on SB 89. A motion of Do Pass by Substitute was made by Senator Tate and seconded by Senator Fort. The bill passed 10-0 in favor of Do Pass by Substitute.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator David Adelman, Chairman

/s/ Karla Johnson, Recording Secretary