

2009 – 2010 SENATE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE ROSTER

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SENATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

2009 – 2010 RULES

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be three (3) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which bills and resolutions are to be considered and the order in which said measures are considered; the Chairman shall have the authority to call a bill, resolution, substitute, or amendment for debate and explanation only.
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 at such time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
4. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
5. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 48 hours prior to hearing.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report in writing, setting forth concise reasons for their dissent.
7. These rules may be amended upon a motion duly made and subsequently approved by a quorum of the Committee, in a meeting called by the Chairman.
8. A bill, resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principle author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
9. When these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

Minutes of the
Senate Science and Technology Committee
January 27, 2009

The Senate Science and Technology Committee met on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in room 310 of the CLOB. Chairman Staton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The following Senators were present:

Staton, 18th, Chairman
Heath, 31st, Vice-Chair
Powell, 23rd, Secretary
Jackson, L., 2nd

Chairman Staton welcomed Senator Lester Jackson to the Committee.

Chairman Staton explained the Committee Rules. Senator Heath made a motion to adopt the Rules and Senator L. Jackson seconded the motion. The rules were unanimously adopted.

Senator Thomas arrived at 3:03 p.m.

SR 83 (Sen. Staton, 18th) **Green Information Technology; create Senate Study Committee**

Chairman Staton explained his Resolution and asked for a favorable vote. Senator Heath made a motion to amend the Resolution by deleting lines 24 – 28. He explained that we do not have the information on hand to show that personal computers waste one-half of their power. Senator Heath explained that we do not want to create a negative impression of the industry and this will not affect the intent of the Resolution. Senator Heath made a motion to amend SR83 and Senator L. Jackson seconded the motion and the amendment passed unanimously.

Chairman Staton then asked for a motion that **SR 83 do pass as amended**. Senator Heath made the motion and Senator L. Jackson seconded the motion. SR 83 passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator J. B. Powell, 23rd
Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the
Senate Science and Technology Committee
February 10, 2009

The Senate Science and Technology Committee met on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in room 125 of the Capitol. Chairman Staton called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

The following Senators were present:

Staton, 18th, Chairman
Heath, 31st, Vice-Chair
Powell, 23rd, Secretary
Jackson, L., 2nd

SB 59 (Sen. Staton, 18th) Electronic Mail Fraud; definitions; prohibit a person from using certain computers to retransmit commercial email to deceive recipients

Senator Thomas and Senator Orrock arrived at 3:09 p.m.

Chairman Staton explained his bill and with there being no objections, he asked for a motion. Senator Heath made a motion that **SB 59 do pass**. Senator Powell seconded the motion and SB 59 passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator J. B. Powell, 23rd
Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the
Senate Science and Technology Committee
February 24, 2009

The Senate Science and Technology Committee met on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 in room 310 of the CLOB. Chairman Staton called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

The following Senators were present:

Staton, 18th, Chairman
Heath, 31st, Vice-Chair
Jackson, L., 2nd
Orrock, 36th
Shafer, 48th, Ex-Officio
Thomas, 54th, Ex-Officio

SB 130 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd) Electronic Lease-Purchase of Goods Act; provide data and personal information protection practices; definitions; establish procedures

Senator Mullis discussed the substitute and explained that it allows lease purchasing for equipment over the internet with massive consumer protection.

Sam Choate from Rental Center Stores spoke in opposition to the legislation.

Ron Jackson from the Insurance Commissioner's Office spoke in favor of the legislation.

Senator Mullis said that after concerns were expressed by the Committee, he would like to hold his bill until the next meeting. Chairman Staton agreed and with that the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Cecil Staton, 18th
Chairman

/s/ Betty Conner
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the
Senate Science and Technology Committee
March 9, 2009

The Senate Science and Technology Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2009 in room 310 of the CLOB. Chairman Staton called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

The following Senators were present:

Staton, 18th, Chairman
Heath, 31st, Vice Chair
Powell, 23rd, Secretary

SB 130 (Sen. Mullis, 53rd) Electronic Lease-Purchase of Goods Act; provide data and personal information protection practices; definitions; establish procedures

Chairman Staton said that the bill was discussed at length at the previous meeting and asked for a motion. Senator Powell made a motion that **SB 130 do pass by substitute**. Senator Heath seconded the motion and SB130 passed unanimously.

HB 436 (Rep. Parsons, 42nd) State government; Georgia Technology Authority; develop certain plans and reports; authorize

Chairman Staton said that he was very familiar with this legislation and asked for a motion. Senator Powell made a motion that **HB 436 do pass**. Senator Heath seconded the motion and HB 436 passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator J. B. Powell, 23rd
Secretary

/s/ Betty Conner
Recording Secretary