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## **Senate Public Safety Committee**

### **2009 Rules**

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be five (5) 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 24 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 the 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  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
January 27, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their first meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Newell Recycling in East Point, Georgia.

Members present were Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Murphy opened the meeting by stating that the Public Safety Committee is having the first meeting at Newell Recycling, because there is a problem with copper and other metals being stolen and taken to recycling plants such as this, in order to obtain quick cash. Chairman Murphy stated that we would be taking a tour of the facility after the meeting, as there may be legislation regarding this serious metal theft problem during session.

Chairman Murphy then asked the Committee to review the Public Safety Committee Rules. There was no discussion, and Senator Douglas moved "Do Pass," and Senator Butler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Murphy welcomed Senator Renee Unterman, 45<sup>th</sup> to the meeting as our visitor, as she is planning to sponsor legislation on metal theft and recycling. Guests who were attending the meeting and tour were Senator Ralph Hudgens, 47<sup>th</sup>, Representative Toney Collins, 95<sup>th</sup>, Rep. Kathy Ashe, 56<sup>th</sup>, as well as the Public Safety Committee staff.

Chairman Murphy introduced Mr. Chip Riley, President of Newell Recycling, to the Committee meeting. Mr. Riley welcomed the guests and expressed appreciation for our visit. He explained to everyone how the group tours would be arranged.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Murphy at 3:10 p.m., after which the Committee took a tour of the Newell recycling plant.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
February 3, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their second meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Committee members present were Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Vice Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Johnny Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Freddie Powell Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 38, Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, Health; authorize, Distribution of Cadavers, use of dead bodies; training.**

Chairman Murphy opened the meeting by stating that he will be hearing Sen. Harp's legislation first today, because Sen. Harp needs to attend another Senate Committee meeting which is being held at this time as well. Sen. Harp stated that his legislation expands current Georgia law to allow unclaimed deceased bodies to be donated for the advancement of law enforcement training, especially police dogs. This training will be used for search and rescue missions.

There were no questions, and Senator Seay moved "Do Pass," and Senator Douglas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 6, Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Driver's Licenses; restricted, change the penalty for violation.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Jackson to speak to his legislation. Senator Jackson stated that the legislation amends the Georgia code regarding truck drivers' violations of the driving laws and penalties. Current Georgia law imposes a six month suspension of the driver's license of truck drivers, and this legislation repeals the license suspension provision and imposes monetary penalties instead. This is only for a CDL license. Senator Jackson stated that the purpose of this legislation is to keep truck drivers from being out of work for six months.

After brief comments, Senator Mullis moved "Do Pass," and Senator Seay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 5, Thomas, 54<sup>th</sup>, Motor Vehicles; use of safety belts, eliminate certain exceptions.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Thomas to speak to his legislation. Senator Thomas stated that he is presenting a Substitute to SB 5 (LC 33 2887 S) to make a correction in the legislation. He stated that Georgia is the only state that does not require seat belts to be worn in pick up trucks, and that 67% of truck owners do not use their seat belts. This costs the state millions in health care expenses from injuries incurred from not using seat belts. Sen. Thomas also stated that there are federal financial incentives in passing this legislation. The Georgia DOT is in favor of the legislation as well.

Testifying in favor of the legislation included Mr. Bob Dallas from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Mr. Mike Healy from AAA, and Ms. Jamela Pope from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

After brief discussion Senator Mullis moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Murphy at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
February 10, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their third meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Emanuel Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, Senator Freddie Powell Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 4, Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Constables; notify protected persons upon the service; protected orders.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, to speak to her legislation. Senator Butler stated that this is a simple bill which gives a person taking out an order the right to notify the sheriff, constable, or marshal. These officials prefer to be notified by e-mail or telephone.

Speaking in support of the legislation were Shelly Senterfill and Michelle NeSmith of the Georgia Coalition on Aging and Domestic Violence.

There were no further comments or questions, and Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup> moved "Do Pass," and Senator Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup> seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 26, Shafer, 48<sup>th</sup>, Firefighters; limit the disclosure of certain private information.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Shafer, 48<sup>th</sup> to speak to his legislation. Senator Shafer stated that his Substitute (LC 35 1231 S) which he is presenting adds Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services to the list of groups for exemption from disclosure records that would reveal their personal information such as home address, telephone number, and social security number.

After brief discussion, Senator Seay, 34<sup>th</sup> moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Jones, 10<sup>th</sup> seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, arrived at the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

**SB 52, Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, Penal institutions; registry for persons convicted of certain theft crimes.**

Chairman Murphy stated to the Committee members and visitors that Senator Harp is attending another Senate Committee meeting at this time; therefore he would summarize the legislation and begin the discussion for the Committee. Chairman Murphy read the Summary of the legislation prepared by the Senate Research Office and stated that he would not be taking a vote today, but he wanted to open the discussion on this legislation.

Chairman Murphy introduced Sheriff Mike Jolley of Harris County who thanked Senator Harp and the Committee for bringing the legislation. He stated that metal theft can be copper wire from air conditioners or it can be gutters taken off of a house, and it has become a serious problem.

Senator Harp, 29<sup>th</sup> and Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup> arrived at the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Harp to speak to the legislation. Senator Harp stated that the legislation would shut down the illegitimate metal dealers in Georgia. He stated that thieves are stealing metals and selling it to Recycling Plants in order to buy drugs. The legislation would require a registry to identify the persons who are convicted of stealing metals, so that it would be easier for the police to identify these people. Senator Harp stated that the legitimate recyclers are in favor of his legislation.

Chairman Murphy stated that the Committee would continue this discussion on SB 52 at the next meeting.

**SB 20, Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>, Local government; prohibit sanctuary policies; provide penalties.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Pearson to speak to his legislation. Senator Pearson stated that this legislation is almost exactly the same as SB 340 from the 2007-2008 session of the General Assembly. That legislation did not quite make it past Conference Committee in the last minutes of the last night of the 40<sup>th</sup> day of the legislative session.

Senator Pearson stated that the legislation prohibits providing a sanctuary for illegal immigrants by any municipality or county. He stated that many states have counties and cities that provide sanctuaries for illegals. Although there are none known in Georgia at this time, the legislation is a preventive for this to happen.

Speaking in favor of the legislation were Mr. Lee Fleck, resident of Roswell, Georgia, Ms. Eager Eberhart from the Dustin Inman Society, Michelle NeSmith, ACCG, Stan Jones, Georgia Center for Non Profits, and D. A. King from the Dustin Inman Society.

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Speaking in opposition to the legislation were Azadeh Shah Shahanii from the American Civil Liberties Union and Peter Isbister from MALDEF.

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Mullis, Senator Chapman, and Senator Pearson for comments and questions regarding [SB 20](#).

Chairman Murphy asked the committee what was the pleasure of the Committee regarding this legislation, and Senator Jackson moved “Do Pass,” and Senator Chapman seconded. Voting in favor of the legislation were Senator Mullis, Senator Chapman, Senator Crosby, Senator Seay, Senator Jackson, and Senator Douglas. Voting in opposition to the legislation were Senator Butler and Senator Jones.

There was no further business, and Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
February 17, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their fourth meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Committee members present were: Senator Jeff Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Vice Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator William Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Senator Emanuel Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Freddie Powell Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 102, Hamrick, 30<sup>th</sup>, Criminal Records, increase the fees for providing certain records.**

Vice Chairman Mullis opened the meeting by stating that Chairman Jack Murphy was not able to attend the meeting today due to illness. Vice Chairman Mullis stated that he would not be hearing SB 102 today, due to the fact that Senator Hamrick is in a Judiciary Committee meeting at this time and cannot attend the Public Safety Committee meeting. The legislation will be heard possibly at the next meeting.

**SB 53, Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, Public Utilities/Transportation; inspection by law enforcement officers; prov.**

Vice Chairman Mullis called upon Senator Seth Harp, 29<sup>th</sup> to speak to his legislation. Senator Harp stated that SB 53 by Substitute (LC 36 1316S) relates to different issues regarding property seizure of vehicles and forfeiture for crimes involving scrap metal. Each of the 8 sections of the legislation has a special provision. The legislation details the seizure and forfeiture process which is to be carried out by law enforcement and the courts, and it also details how the property will be sold or retained.

Chairman Mullis asked for the pleasure of the Committee regarding the legislation. Senator Jackson moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Douglas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 52, Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, Penal Institutions; registry for persons convicted of certain theft crimes.**

Vice Chairman Mullis called upon Senator Seth Harp, 29<sup>th</sup> to speak to his legislation. Senator Harp stated that SB 52 by Substitute (LC 29 3669S) directs the Georgia Technology Authority to contract with a private company to create a metal theft registry which will collect the names, addresses, and photograph of any individual who commits any of several crimes relating to metal theft and recycling of metal.

Vice Chairman Mullis called upon Senator Jones for a question. Senator Jones asked how the registry will work and who will be put on the registry. He stated a concern that this bill will entrap youth who do something without realizing the consequences. Senator Harp responded by saying that this is not a minor offense for youth, some of the values of the metal can reach \$100,000. Senator Harp stated that the youth will be on the list permanently.

Senator Harp answered further questions from Senator Crosby, Senator Chapman, Senator Jones, and Senator Grant. Senator Harp also stated that a Judge has some discretion if a teenager is simply doing something dumb. He closed his testimony by urging passage of SB 52.

Vice Chairman Mullis then called upon those who signed up to speak to the legislation. Speaking in favor of the legislation were Mr. Joe Bulat of Snitzer, S. E., Mr. Mel Folse of Blaze Recycling, Mr. Terry Norris of the Sheriff's Association, and Ms. Maria Zack of ISRI.

There were no speakers opposed to the legislation.

Vice Chairman Mullis asked for the pleasure of the Committee in regards to [SB 52](#). Senator Seay moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Chapman seconded. The motion passed. Voting in favor of the motion were Senator Seay, Senator Chapman, Senator Butler, Senator Crosby, Senator Jackson, Senator Sims, and Senator Douglas. Voting in opposition to the motion was Senator Jones.

There was no further business, and Vice Chairman Mullis adjourned the meeting at 3:45.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
February 24, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their fifth meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Vice Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator William Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Senator Emanuel Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Freddie Powell Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 102, Hamrick, 30<sup>th</sup>, Criminal Records, increase the fees for providing certain records.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Hamrick, 30<sup>th</sup> to speak to his legislation. Senator Hamrick stated that SB 102 by Substitute (LC 35 1341S) increases the maximum fee that the Georgia Crime Information Center may charge for a requested criminal history record from \$20 to \$40. Senator Hamrick asked the Chairman if Irene Munn from the Lt. Governor's office might be able to testify to the nature of the legislation as well.

Ms. Munn stated that the legislation also requires the GCIC and the Division of Forensic Sciences to provide a separate annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing each entity's ability to timely and effectively perform its duties. Each report will also include information regarding any need for additional equipment and personnel. GCIC must also include the amount of funds collected for fees charged for the dissemination, inspection, or purging of criminal records.

Ms. Munn also stated that current law allows a fee of up to \$50 to be charged for expunging an individual's criminal records when the original charges were dismissed. This legislation clarifies this process and authorizes the original law enforcement agency to retain 50 percent of the fee while forwarding the other 50 percent to GCIC.

Chairman Murphy called upon Paul Heffner, Director of the Georgia Crime Division, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, to testify to the legislation. Mr. Heffner stated that 168,000 finger prints are done annually for which there are no fees. A small number of them are \$15.

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Jones for a question. Senator Jones asked that the Committee leave the fees at \$20 rather than going to \$40, because the fee change might impact businesses who may decide not to investigate finger prints because of the fees involved.

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Senator Hamrick stated that the \$20 fee only applies to local agencies.

Senator Hamrick stated that he would be willing to leave the \$20 as is, and not go up to \$40 on the fees.

Senator Jones made a motion to Amend SB 102 by Substitute, by changing the \$40. fee back to the original \$20.00. Senator Seay, 2<sup>nd</sup> seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Jones then moved "Do Pass by Substitute." Senator Sims seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 67, Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Driver's Licenses; examinations shall be administered only in English language; provide for an exception.**

Chairman Murphy spoke to his legislation regarding driver's license examinations. He stated that the legislation provides that the 20 test question written test shall be administered to permanent residents in English only. At present the Georgia license test is given in 13 languages. Senator Murphy stated that 13 countries in Europe only give a driving test in their own language.

Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, arrived at the meeting.

Speaking in opposition to the legislation were: Eleazah Hammond from the ACLU, John Park from the Center for Pan Azians, Peter Issbister from Maldef, and Frank Mulcahy from the Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Eric Bass, an unemployed private citizen from Roswell.

Speaking in favor of the legislation were: D. A. King and Inger Eberhart from the Dustin Inman Society and Phil Kent from the Pro English Society.

Chairman Murphy stated that due to controversy regarding the legislation, he will not take a vote on it at this meeting.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
March 3, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their sixth meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 307 Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Vice Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Johnny Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Senator William Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 67, Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Drivers' Licenses; examinations shall be administered only in English language.**

Chairman Murphy opened the meeting by speaking to his own legislation, SB 67 by Substitute. (LC 21 0358S) Senator Murphy stated that the legislation requires all persons who are permanent residents to take the Georgia Driver's examination in English only. It exempts all persons who are temporarily residing in the United States.

Senator Mullis moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Douglas seconded. Motion passed. Voting in favor of the legislation were Senator Mullis, Senator Douglas, Senator Chapman, Senator Crosby, Senator Grant, and Senator Jackson. Voting in opposition to the legislation was Senator Seay.

Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup> arrived at the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

**SB 153, Henson, 41<sup>st</sup>, Rules of the Road; use of more than one parking place by persons with disabilities.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Henson to speak to his legislation. Senator Henson stated that his legislation provides for handicapped persons to be able to park in one or more parking spaces when all places for persons with disabilities are full. They may take up two parking spaces in order to remove wheel chairs or other equipment from the car.

Senator Seay moved "Do Pass", and Senator Chapman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 196, Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Motor Vehicles; serious injury due to a right of way violation resulting in collision; revise penalties; provide a penalty for second offense.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Jackson to speak to his legislation. Senator Jackson stated that the bill provides for a 30 day suspension of a driver's license and fines from \$500 up to \$1,000 for persons convicted of causing serious injury two or more times to another person, due to a right of way violation resulting in a collision with a motorcyclist, bicyclist, pedestrian, or farmer operating any vehicle used to transport agricultural products. In addition persons may be imprisoned from 10 days up to 12 months. Senator Jackson also stated that these fines will be mandatory and may not be waived, suspended, or conditioned upon the completion of any course or prison sentence.

Senator Douglas made a motion to amend the bill to include all vehicles. There was no second to the motion.

After brief comments and questions from the Committee, Senator Seay moved "Do Pass," and Senator Chapman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 343, Collins, 27<sup>th</sup>, Public Safety, Department of; civilian weight inspectors for motor carriers; create.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Rep. Collins to speak to his legislation. Rep. Collins stated that the legislation addresses a need at weigh stations along the highway. It provides that members of the Motor Carrier compliance Division will be designated as Law Enforcement Officers by this legislation. It also establishes a position to be known as weight inspector within the Motor Carrier Compliance Division. They will be assigned to a fixed scales facility and will be authorized to enforce provisions relating to commercial motor vehicle weight, registration, size, and load and to assess a civil penalty for a violation of such provisions. Weight inspectors are authorized to carry a firearm or exercise any power of arrest other than a citizen's arrest.

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Chapman for a question. Senator Chapman asked if the weight stations would be open more and generate more revenue, and Rep. Collins stated that they would generate more revenue.

Speaking in favor of the legislation was Officer McCloud.

Senator Chapman moved "Do Pass" and Senator Seay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
March 5, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their seventh meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 125 of the Capitol.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Johnny Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Senator William Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Freddie Powell Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 180, Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, Driving Permits; allow issuance; under the influence; subject to conditions.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup> to speak to his legislation. Senator Cowsert stated that the legislation is supported by the Council of State Judges, and Judge Lawrence is in attendance at this meeting. The legislation will allow a limited driving permit on the second offense. The participant must blow into an interlock device to check for alcohol to be able to start his vehicle.

Senator Murphy left the meeting at 11:10 a.m. in order to attend another committee meeting, and Senator Chapman took over the meeting as Chairman of Public Safety.

Senator Butler asked Senator Cowsert how long the interlock will be on the car, and Senator Cowsert stated it would be 6 months minimum, and this would be a powerful tool for someone to turn their life around. It will have to be agreed to by the Judge in the case, as it is not an automatic thing to give the limited driving permit.

Speaking in favor of the legislation was Deborah Nesbit of the DUI Courts.

Senator Jackson moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Butler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Mullis arrived at the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**SB 56, Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Georgia Stop Meth log; establish.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, to speak to her legislation.

Senator Butler stated that she had a Substitute (LC 35 1223S,) and the Substitute provides for a log to be kept by pharmacists regarding products containing methamphetamine, and the log would be an electronic copy routed to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. She stated that the concern has always been funding, but that there is a federal program that may be able to fund it called HYTA. Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia could be hooked up together to monitor purchases of cold remedies containing the products that make Methamphetamine. At present a person can go from pharmacy to pharmacy to purchase all they need to make Methamphetamine.

Senator Douglas and Senator Seay urged passage of the legislation.

Senator Seay moved “Do Pass by Substitute,” and Senator Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 218, Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, Rules of the Road; assessment of points for a violation of 40-6-241; penalty.**

Chairman Chapman called upon Senator Tate to speak to her legislation.

Senator Tate stated that the legislation is regarding limiting the use of text messaging while driving, as it has caused many automobile accidents.

Speaking in favor of the legislation was a constituent Ms. Irma Williams. Senator Mullis and Senator Chapman spoke in favor of the legislation as well.

Senator Chapman moved “Do Pass,” and Senator Butler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
March 9, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their eighth meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Vice Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator William Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Senator Freddie Powell Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 250, Hamrick, 30<sup>th</sup>, Education; unlawful disruption; operation of public schools; revise prov.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Hamrick, 30<sup>th</sup> to speak to his legislation. Senator Hamrick stated that SB 250 revises the provisions relating to unlawful disruption of or interference with the operation of public schools or public school buses. It provides that it is unlawful to “knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly” interfere with the operation of any public school, public school bus, or public school bus stop.

Speaking in favor of the legislation was Brian Fortner, Solicitor of Douglas County.

Chairman Murphy asked if there was any opposition to the legislation from the Prosecuting Attorneys, Defense Attorneys, or school boards, and there was none.

Senator Jackson moved “Do Pass,” and Senator Mullis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SB 253, Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Fireworks; provide a definition for the term “indoors.”**

Chairman Murphy asked Senator Mullis to speak to his legislation. Senator Mullis stated that the legislation Amends Code Section 25-10-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to define the definition of “indoors” in relation to fireworks. “Indoors” is defined to mean within a building or an enclosed structure or beneath any structure used for sheltering any use or or occupancy.

After brief questions from the Committee, Senator Jackson moved “Do Pass,” and Senator Douglas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
March 17, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their ninth meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 3:10 p.m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Vice Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Johnny Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Senator William Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>.

**HB 607, Talton, 145<sup>th</sup>, Public Safety, Department of; Board of Public Safety; change certain provisions.**

Chairman Murphy opened the meeting by calling upon Representative Talton to speak to his legislation. Representative Talton stated that the legislation specifies that the Governor appoint to the Board of Public Safety, with the advice and consent of the Senate, an individual who is a member of the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs. The number of Public Safety Board members will remain the same, since current law does not specify the member's professional background.

Senator Douglas moved "Do Pass," and Senator Jackson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**HB 57, Powell, 29<sup>th</sup>, Motor vehicles; Department of Revenue; administer the federal Unified Carrier Registration Act; designate.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Powell to speak to the legislation. Representative Powell stated that his legislation is a House Committee Substitute to HB 57 (LC 34 2169S,) and the legislation redesignates various state statutes relating to the Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005 from Title 46 to Title 40.

Representative Powell stated that he also has an Amendment to the legislation which he described to the Committee. This Amendment will add language between lines 116 and 117 and will be a new Code Section: 46-7-12.2. Senator Jackson moved "Do Pass the Amendment," and Senator Mullis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Murphy asked for a motion on the bill, and Senator Douglas moved "Do Pass by Substitute." Senator Chapman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A new Substitute to HB 57 will be drawn up today by Legislative Counsel.

**HB 160, Cole, 125<sup>th</sup>, Driver Services, Department of; increase fees; speed restrictions; provisions.**

Chairman Murphy stated that he will be hearing this bill today but will not be taking a vote. Representative Cole was not present because he was attending another committee meeting; therefore Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Heath, 31<sup>st</sup> to speak to the legislation.

Senator Heath stated that the legislation is the “Super Speeder” bill. Anyone who is caught speeding over 75 mph on a two lane road or over 85 mph on a 4 lane road will pay an additional \$200 fee. In addition there is an increased driver’s license reinstatement fee of \$200 for the first offense, \$300 for the second offense, and \$400 for the third offense.

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Douglas for a question. Senator Douglas stated his concern about the 85 mph speed being only 5 mph over the allowable limit of the Georgia State Patrol, in that the speed limit is 70 mph and they allow 10 mph over before giving a ticket. Therefore the 85 mph is only 5 mph over their allowable limit.

Chairman Murphy called upon Col. Hitchens of the Georgia State Patrol for a question regarding tickets. Col. Hitchens stated that the citations vary county by county.

Chairman Murphy then called upon Senator Grant for a question. Senator Grant suggested that a super speeder bill should be 90 mph.

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Jones for a question. Senator Jones asked Senator Heath how much money these fines would generate, and Senator Heath stated that they predict from \$13 or 14 million to \$25 million. The funds will be put into trauma care. Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Jones for a further question, and Senator Jones asked about insurance reflecting a “super speeder” on the driving record. Senator Heath stated that this designation will not be on his driving record and will not affect a person’s insurance. The speed may be recorded, but the term “super speeder” will not be recorded.

Chairman Murphy called upon Mr. Bob Dallas and Mr. Randy Clayton of the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety for questions. Mr. Dallas stated that Georgia is in the top 10 states for speeding. Their goal is to slow people down and change behavior.

Chairman Murphy called upon Ms. Jamila Pope of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta to speak. Ms. Pops stated that they support the legislation and hope this will provide funding for trauma care for them. Mr. Ethan James of the Georgia Hospital Association stated that they also support the legislation.

Chairman Murphy stated that he would hear the bill again on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> in the Public Safety Committee, and he asked Senator Heath to discuss the bill with those opposing.

**HB 258, Scott, 153<sup>rd</sup>, Driver's license; minor of disabled guardian; restricted learner's permit; provisions.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Rep. Scott to speak to his legislation. Rep. Scott stated that the legislation provides for a person holding a Class C learner's permit to be supervised by a disabled parent or guardian who has been issued an identification card containing the international handicapped symbol.

Chairman Murphy called upon Senators Douglas, Grant, and Jones for questions regarding the legislation. Representative Scott stated that the legislation was brought to him by a parent who has muscular dystrophy, and she wanted to be able to supervise her child in an automobile.

Senator Crosby moved "Do Pass," and Senator Mullis seconded. The motion failed. Voting in favor of the motion were Senator Crosby, Senator Mullis, and Senator Douglas. Opposed to the motion were Senator Seay, Senator Butler, Senator Jones, Senator Grant, and Senator Sims.

**HB 396, Graves, 12<sup>th</sup>, Drivers' licenses; driving record; uniform traffic citations; provide.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Rep. Graves to speak to the legislation. Rep. Graves stated that this is the Department of Driver Services housekeeping bill.

Chairman Murphy asked Mr. Matt Hicks of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia if they are in agreement with the legislation, and they are fine with the bill.

Mr. Ted Baggett of Georgia Municipal Association stated that there are two Amendments to HB 396. The first amendment is to Page 7, Line 230. Senator Grant moved "Do Pass," on Amendment 1 and Senator Seay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment 2 is to be inserted Section 4, between lines 113 and 114. Senator Seay moved "Do Pass," and Senator Grant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Douglas offered a third Amendment to Page 2, line 57, to change \$5 to \$4. Senator Douglas moved "Do Pass." There was no second to his motion.

Chairman Murphy asked the Committee if there was a motion on the bill. Senator Seay moved "Do Pass HB 396 by Substitute." Senator Sims seconded. The motion passed.

Voting in favor of the legislation were Senator Grant, Senator Crosby, Senator Jackson, Senator Sims, Senator Seay, and Senator Butler. Opposed to the motion was Senator Douglas. Legislative counsel will create a new Substitute with the two Amendments incorporated.

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There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
March 19, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their tenth meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 2:05 p. m. in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Vice Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator William Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, Senator Emanuel Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>.

**HB 160, Cole, 125<sup>th</sup>, Driver Services, Department of; increase fees; speed restrictions; provisions.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Heath to speak to the legislation. Senator Heath stated that the issues that were in question at a previous meeting have been resolved regarding the legislation. Chairman Murphy asked the various parties if all were in agreement, and they were all in agreement.

Senator Chapman moved "Do Pass," and Senator Mullis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 306, Walker, 107<sup>th</sup>, Electronic Pretrial release and monitoring program.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Walker to speak to his legislation. Representative Walker stated that this legislation provides terms and conditions of an electronic pretrial release and monitoring program for a defendant to be released from custody pending the trial of his or her case. It will save \$1.3 million and will cost \$8.00 per day, and it gives every county in the state a consistent procedure for monitoring.

Chairman Murphy asked Representative Walker if anyone has been opposed to the legislation, and he stated that the Georgia Sheriffs, Judges, Bail Bonding Associations, District Attorneys, Prosecuting Attorneys, County Commission Chairmen have given their concerns and those concerns are incorporated into the bill.

Senator Crosby stated to the Committee that this is a wonderful program.

Senator Seay moved "Do Pass," and Senator Mullis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 23, Ramsey, 72<sup>nd</sup>, Motor vehicles; cell phones; text messaging; prohibit use.**

Chairman Murphy stated that Representative Ramsey was attending another committee meeting, and he asked Les Hammond of the Department of Driver Services to describe the legislation. Mr. Hammond stated that it prohibits any driver under 18 years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communication device. Fines for this violation will be \$50 to \$100. It will also assess 2 points on the driving record.

Speaking in favor of the legislation were Dr. John Harvey of the Medical Association of Georgia and Mr. Bob Dallas of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Chairman Murphy announced that he would hold the bill in committee until the next meeting when Rep. Ramsey would be able to attend.

**SR 615, Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, Senate Georgia State Fire Services Study Committee; create.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Mullis to speak to his legislation. Senator Mullis stated that the legislation creates the Senate Georgia State Fire Services Study Committee which will explore the possibilities of combining state fire services to help eliminate confusion, create consistencies, avoid delays in the administration of services, preserve state resources and funds, and better provide training and education for fire officials and the public.

Senator Mullis stated that he would like to make a motion to Amend the Resolution on line 17 to include a member of the Senate Public Safety Committee in the Study Committee. Senator Douglas seconded the motion. The motion to Amend the bill passed unanimously.

Chairman Murphy then asked for a motion on the bill. Senator Douglas moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Seay seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Legislative Counsel will prepare a Substitute with the Amendment incorporated into the bill.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
March 25, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their eleventh meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 2:30 p. m. in Room 307 of the Capitol.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Crosby, 13<sup>th</sup>, Senator John Douglas, 17<sup>th</sup>, Senator Johnny Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Senator Emanuel Jones, 10<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>.

**HB 50, Channell, 116<sup>th</sup>, Death investigations by coroners; notification requirements; provide.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Channell to speak to his legislation. Representative Channell stated that this legislation provides that when a person dies in a hospital as a result of an event that occurred in another county, the hospital must immediately notify the coroner or the county medical examiner of the county where the act or event resulting in the death occurred. The legislation also requires law enforcement personnel to notify immediately the coroner or county medical examiner of the county in which the act or event resulting in one of nine unusual or suspicious deaths described in Code Section 45-16-24 occurred, or where the body can be found. The suspicious deaths are enumerated in the legislation.

After brief questions from the Committee to Representative Channell, Senator Grant moved "Do Pass," and Senator Seay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 464, Reece, 11<sup>th</sup>, Conditions of detention; certain medical costs; deductions from inmate account; modify provisions.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Reece to speak to her legislation. Representative Reece stated that this legislation provides for two changes to the code regarding inmates and their medical care. Inmates will be charged \$5.00 for prescriptions in order to prevent them from unnecessarily using the medical facilities of prisons and also to help inmates be more responsible and reduce the number of frivolous medical visits to the clinic.

Senator Jones asked Representative Reece a question regarding maintaining an account for each inmate. Senator Seay asked if prisoners are allowed to smoke in prison, and Representative Reece stated that they are allowed to smoke.

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Representative Reece stated to the Committee that there is a misspelled word in the bill in line 40 of Page 2, "department," and she recommended that the word should be corrected by an Amendment and that a Substitute should be created. Senator Seay moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Butler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Mullis arrived at the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**HB 662, Chambers, 81<sup>st</sup>, Public Safety, Department of; Capitol Police Division; create.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Chambers to speak to her legislation. Representative Chambers stated that the legislation requires the Georgia Building Authority to reimburse the Department of Public Safety for the cost of performing police and security duties within Capitol Square and designates the details of the property and boundaries as to the exact location of Capitol Square.

There were no questions, and Senator Douglas moved "Do Pass," and Senator Seay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 23, Ramsey, 72<sup>nd</sup>, Motor vehicles; cell phones; text messaging; prohibit use.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Ramsey to speak to his legislation. He stated that he has a Substitute which is LC 35 1494S.

Representative Ramsey stated that this legislation prohibits any driver who is under 18 years of age and who has an instruction permit or a Class D license from operating a motor vehicle while engaging in a wireless communication using a wireless telecommunications device. The exceptions to the prohibition are listed in the legislation.

After brief questions from the Committee, Senator Chapman moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Seay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB 545, Willard, 49<sup>th</sup>, Commencement and service of civil actions; service of process; revise provisions.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Willard to speak to his legislation. Representative Willard stated that this legislation creates the profession of certified process server. These servers will be entitled to serve for any court of the state, provided that the sheriff of the county allows such servers to operate. The legislation has a sunset of July 1, 2015.

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Chairman Murphy called upon Terry Norris of the Georgia Sheriff's Association to speak, and Sheriff Norris stated that they had no opposition to the legislation.

Senator Crosby stated to the Committee that he appreciates the bill, as he serves as a Judge.

Senator Douglas moved "Do Pass," and Senator Crosby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no further business, and Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

Minutes  
**Senate Public Safety Committee**  
March 26, 2009

The Senate Public Safety Committee held their twelfth meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 3:30 p. m. in Room 125 of the Capitol.

Committee members present were: Senator Jack Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Chairman, Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary, Senator Gloria Butler, 55<sup>th</sup>, Senator Johnny Grant, 25<sup>th</sup>, Senator William Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, and Senator Valencia Seay, 34<sup>th</sup>.

**[HB 258](#), Scott, 153<sup>rd</sup>, Driver's License; minor of disabled guardian; restricted learner's permit; provisions.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Scott, 153<sup>rd</sup>, to speak to his legislation. Representative Scott stated that he has improved his legislation after the last meeting of the Public Safety Committee, and he has a Substitute to HB 258, LC 34 2273S. After brief questions by the Committee, Senator Grant moved "Do Pass by Substitute," and Senator Jackson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**[HB 422](#), Cooper, 41<sup>st</sup>, Uniform rules of the road; bicycles on sidewalks; local government; authorize.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Representative Cooper to speak to her legislation. Representative Cooper stated that the legislation provides that local governments will be able to allow children 12 and under to ride bicycles on a sidewalk. After brief discussion, Senator Seay moved "Do Pass." Senator Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Douglas arrived at the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**[SR 654](#), Tate, 38<sup>th</sup>, Legislative Solutions for the Safe Use of Cellular Telephones in Motor Vehicles; create Senate Study Committee.**

Chairman Murphy called upon Senator Tate to speak to her legislation. Senator Tate stated that the resolution creates this Senate Study Committee to examine the available evidence concerning the use of cellular telephones while driving, as well as the solutions found in other states and countries for increasing public safety while preserving the needs of cellular telephone users. Chairman Murphy congratulated her on bringing this legislation. Senator Jackson moved "Do Pass," and Senator Seay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Mullis arrived at the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**HB 2, Rice, 51<sup>st</sup>, Grants; recipients comply with certain provisions; require.**

Chairman Murphy stated that since Representative Rice was attending another meeting, Senator Rogers will speak to this legislation, as he will be carrying the legislation in the Senate. Senator Rogers stated that this legislation updates existing provisions in Georgia law related to illegal immigration.

Speaking in favor of the legislation were Inger Eberhart and D. A. King of the Dustin Inman Society and Ken Craft of Norcross, Georgia. Although Mr. Frank Mulcahy of the Georgia Catholic conference had signed up to speak, when he was called upon, he stated that he was withdrawing his name.

Senator Rogers stated that Representative Rice has a Substitute, LC 21 040069S. After brief discussion between Senator Rogers and the Committee regarding an amendment, Senator Douglas moved "Do Pass" to Amend the Substitute, seconded by Senator Mullis. Motion passed. Voting in favor of the motion were Senator Grant, Senator Jackson, Senator Chapman, Senator Seay, and Senator Mullis. Voting in opposition to the motion was Senator Butler.

Senator Mullis then made another motion on the bill, "Do Pass by Substitute." Senator Douglas seconded the motion. Motion passed. Voting in favor of the motion were Senator Grant, Senator Jackson, Senator Chapman, Senator Seay, and Senator Mullis. Voting in opposition to the motion was Senator Butler. The new Substitute is LC 35 1516S.

There was no further business, and Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Jeff Chapman, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Mary Whiting, Recording Secretary

May 12, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I herewith submit the bills remaining in the Senate Public Safety Committee for the 2009 Session of the General Assembly.

These bills are as follows:

[SB 287](#), [SB 291](#), [SR 513](#), [SR 570](#).

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Mary W. Whiting  
Recording Secretary  
Senate Public Safety Committee