

## **Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee Members**

2010 Session

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# **Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee**

## **Rules**

### **2009-2010 Term**

1. These Committee Rules of Operation shall be constant with Senate Rule 2-1.5 (d) regarding the establishment of Rules of Operation
2. Quorum of the Committee shall be four (4) 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. 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 succinctly the 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 designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be the one whose name appeared first in the list of authors.
9. The Chairman reserves the right to delay action on substitutes and amendments not provided to the Chairman at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.
10. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern. (Senate Rule 2-1.5 {d})

## THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee met in Room 123 of the Capitol, February 11, 2010 at 9:05 a.m.

The following Senators were present:

Bulloch of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Hudgens of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Hawkins of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Goggans of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Heath of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Ex-Officio

Note: Senators Lester Jackson and Powell were absent

Chairman Bulloch called the meeting to order.

### **SB 384 (Sen. Bulloch, 11<sup>th</sup>) Buildings; pre-owned manufactured homes; standards**

Senator Bulloch presented the bill. He stated that it requires that the Fire Safety Commissioner establish by regulation an inspection program for pre-owned manufactured homes. Todd Edwards with ACCG spoke with no objections. Lamar Norton of GMA also supports the bill.

Note: Senator Orrock arrived at 9:15 a.m.

Senator Hudgens commented on the state handling this and Ron Jackson with the Commissioner of Insurance office stated that it would have to be handled on a local level.

Senator Goggans made the motion that **SB 384 “do pass”**. Senator Hudgens seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

**SB 384 DO PASS**

### **SB 237 (Sen. Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>) Commerce/Trade; prohibit pricing practices during an abnormal market disruption**

Senator Mullis introduced the bill explaining that under this bill it would be unlawful and deceptive trade practice for any person, firm, or corporation doing business to increase the price of their products during a state of emergency.

Senator Hawkins moved that the bill **“do pass by committee substitute”**. Senator Heath seconded the motion. The bill passed unanimously.

**SB 237 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

There being no further business, Chairman Bulloch adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Lee Hawkins, 49<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Sandy Hughes, Recording Secretary

## **THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee met in the Mezzanine of the Capitol, February 16, 2010 at 3:05 p.m.

The following Senators were present:

Bulloch of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Hudgens of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Heath of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Ex-Officio  
Jackson of the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Orrock of the 36<sup>th</sup>  
Powell of the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Note: Hawkins of the 49<sup>th</sup> arrived at 3:25 p.m.

### **SB 417 (Senator Bulloch, 11<sup>th</sup>) Property; conveyance of real property located; certification; termites**

Senator Bulloch presented the bill regarding termite inspections. Keith Hatcher of the Georgia Association of Realtors spoke on the bill and after much discussion, Senator Lester Jackson moved do pass and Senator Orrock seconded the motion. The vote was a tie and therefore failed.

**SB 417 FAILED**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Lee Hawkins, 49<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Sandy Hughes, Recording Secretary

## **THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee met in Room 125 of the Capitol, March 18, 2010 at 8:06 a.m.

The following Senators were present:

Bulloch of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Hawkins of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Secretary  
Goggans of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Jackson of the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Powell of the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Note: Senator Orrock arrived at 8:19 a.m. and Senator Hudgens arrived at 9:22 a.m. Senator Hawkins left at 9:00 a.m. and Senator Goggans left at 9:10 a.m.

### **SB 447 (Sen. Bulloch, 11<sup>th</sup>) State; preference to in-state materialmen, contractors, builders**

Senator Bulloch presented the bill regarding public works contracts so as to provide that the construction division of the commission shall give preference to in-state materialmen, contractors, builders, architects, and laborers when such preference does not impair quality and cost considerations. Mark Woodall and Tom Leslie spoke in favor of the bill and several Senators applauded Senator Bulloch's efforts with the bill. Senator Hawkins moved **do pass by substitute** and Senator Lester Jackson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**SB 447 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

### **SB 511 (Sen. Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>) Waste management; declaration of policy and legislative intent; provisions**

Senator Pearson presented the bill to allow landfills that process methane gas to accept compost waste. Wayne King with USCC, Tim Lesco with GreenCo., and Mark Woodall with the Sierra Club spoke against the bill. Calvin Booker with Waste Management, William Woodall with NSWMA and Rob Lystad with Bryan Cave LLP spoke for the bill. Senator Pearson closed and offered an amendment to the bill. After several questions, Senator Hudgens moved to amend the bill and the motion was seconded by Senator Lester Jackson. Senator Hudgens moved **do pass by substitute** and Senator Lester Jackson seconded the motion. The vote was 3-1 with Senators Hudgens, Lester Jackson and Powell voting yea and Senator Orrock voting nay. The bill passed.

**SB 511 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator Lee Hawkins, 49<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Sandy Hughes, Recording Secretary

## THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee met in Room 125 of the Capitol, March 25, 2010 at 2:04 p.m.

The following Senators were present:

Bulloch of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Hudgens of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Heath of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Ex-Officio  
Orrock of the 36<sup>th</sup>

### **HB 1106 (Rep. Maddox, 172<sup>nd</sup>) Animal protection; shelters scan for microchips prior to euthanasia; provisions**

Rep. Maddox presented the bill regarding the need for animal shelters to scan as soon as possible if the owner is not known for micro chips and must make a reasonable effort to contact the owner of the animal prior to euthanizing a dog, cat, or other large animal traditionally kept as a household pet. A letter of promise for 60 scanners was offered to the committee so as not to impede any additional costs to the state or facility. Senator Heath moved **HB 1106 do pass** with a second from Senator Hudgens. The vote was unanimous. Senator Goggans will carry this bill in the Senate.

**HB 1106 DO PASS**

### **HB 1090 (Rep. Scott, 153<sup>rd</sup>) Parks; Georgia Agrirama Development Authority; abolish; provide successor**

Chairman Bulloch, 11<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill for Representative Scott, 153<sup>rd</sup>, to abolish the Georgia Agrirama Development Authority and provide for a successor to transfer to Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College. Senator Hudgens moved **HB 1090 do pass** with a second from Senator Goggans. The vote was unanimous. Senator Bulloch will carry this bill in the Senate.

**HB 1090 DO PASS**

The committee is assigned the task of appointing members for the Commodities Commission and Georgia Seed Development Commission. Respectively, Mr. Charles "Chop" Evans, Jr. of Ft. Valley and Mr. Jimmy Clements of Albany were re-appointed and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Bulloch adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator John Bulloch, 11<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Sandy Hughes, Recording Secretary

## THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee met in Room 125 of the Capitol, April 1, 2010 at 9:05 a.m.

The following Senators were present:

Bulloch of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Chairman  
Hudgens of the 47<sup>th</sup>, Vice-Chairman  
Goggans of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Heath of the 31<sup>st</sup>, Ex-Officio  
Jackson of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **HB 1345 (Rep. Jacobs, 80<sup>th</sup>) Georgia Kosher Food Consumer Protection Act; enact**

Rep. Jacobs presented the bill that would amend the Fair Business Practices Act of 1975 by inserting a disclosure scheme for kosher food ads applying already existing civil penalties. Senator Hudgens moved **HB 1345 do pass** with a second from Senator Goggans. The vote was unanimous. Senator Balfour will carry this bill in the Senate.

**HB 1345 DO PASS**

### **HB 883 (Rep. Levitas, 82<sup>nd</sup>) Sanitary Activity for Food-Processing Enterprises (SAFE) Act; enact**

Rep. Levitas presented the bill that provides civil and criminal penalties for food processors not following the “Sanitary Activity for Enterprises” (SAFE) Act of 2009. A substitute and changes were offered and Senator Heath moved **HB 883 do pass by substitute**. The motion was seconded by Senator Goggans. The vote was unanimous. Senator Bulloch will carry this bill in the Senate.

**HB 883 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

### **HB 516 (Rep. Roberts, 154<sup>th</sup>) Industrialized buildings; comply with local ordinances and resolutions; provisions**

Rep. Roberts presented the bill prohibiting counties and municipalities from enacting ordinances and regulations that exclude residential industrialized buildings from being sited in the county or municipality in a residential solely because the building is a residential industrialized building. A committee substitute was offered and Senator Hudgens moved **HB 516 do pass by substitute** with a second from Senator Lester Jackson. The vote was unanimous. Senator Goggans will carry this bill in the Senate.

**HB 516 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**

There being no further business, Chairman Bulloch adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Senator John Bulloch, 11<sup>th</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Sandy Hughes, Recording Secretary

May 7, 2010

The Honorable Bob Ewing  
Secretary of the Senate  
353 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed are the following bills upon which no action was taken in the Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee during the 2010 Session of the General Assembly:

[SB 232](#)

[HB 381](#)

[SB 326](#)

[HR 583](#)

[SB 417](#)

[SB 507](#)

Sincerely,

/s/ Sandy Hughes  
Recording Secretary  
Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee