

## 2010 SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ROSTER

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RULES  
2010**

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 HOUSE AND SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 341 of the State Capitol on January 26, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>  
Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
B. Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>  
Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Chip Pearson and Chairman Ron Stephens called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. This was an information meeting only to discuss different strategies for job creation in Georgia. The speakers included Robert Prechter, President of Elliott Wave International; Roger Tutterow, Chief Economic Adviser and Professor at Mercer University; Michael Toma, Armstrong Atlantic University; and Eugene James, Director at Atlanta Regional Metro Study.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:04.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building on February 2, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>  
Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Brown, 26<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>  
Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. **Senators Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, B. Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, and Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

**SR 801 (Senator Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>) U.S. Congress; Cap and Trade legislation; request to avoid passing an energy tax that hurts all Americans**

Senator Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>, presented the bill. Senator Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>, abstained from the vote stating that he believes that urging resolutions are insignificant and a waste of time. Mark Woodall from the Sierra Club spoke against the bill. Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to hold the bill to request additional testimony. Senator Brown, 26<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The motion failed 4-5. (Senators Brown, Buckner, Sims, and Thompson voted in favor of holding the bill. Senators Butterworth, Mullis, Murphy, Rogers, and Pearson voted against the motion. Senator Hooks abstained from the vote.) Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that **SR 801 “DO PASS.”** Senator Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-3. (Senators Butterworth, Mullis, Murphy, and Rogers voted in favor of the bill and Senators Brown, Sims, and Thompson voted against. Senators Hooks and Buckner abstained.)

NOTE: **Senator Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, arrived** at 1:26 p.m.

**SB 328 (Senator Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>) Electrical Service; require electric suppliers to provide cable companies nondiscriminatory access to electrical facilities**

Senator Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>, presented the bill and offered an amendment – LC 36 1519S. Stephen Loftin from CTAG, Andy Macke from Comcast Cable, and John Seiver from CTAG spoke in favor of the bill. Gary Miller from Greystone Power, Todd Pealock from Habersham EMC, Charlie Gatlin from the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Keith Bass from Electric Cities, Bruce Abraham from North Georgia Network, and Ted Lawrence from AT&T spoke against the bill. Senator Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, made a motion to table the bill. The Chairman did not entertain the motion. Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, offered an amendment pertaining to an exclusion for the Georgia Department of Transportation - AM 36 1123. Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that **AM 36 1123 “DO PASS”**. Senator Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The motion

passed 9-0. Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that [SB 328](#), LC 36 1519S as amended, **“DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE.”** Senator Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-4. (Senators Butterworth, Mullis, Murphy, Rogers, and Sims voted in favor of the bill and Senators Brown, Buckner, Hooks, and Thompson voted against.)

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Chip Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building on February 9, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>  
Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>  
B. Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>  
Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. **Senators Brown, 26<sup>th</sup>, Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, and Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

**SB 374 (Senator Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>) Legislative Economic Development Council; create** Senator Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>, presented the bill. No one spoke to the bill. Senator Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **SB 374 “DO PASS.”** Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 9-0

**SB 339 (Senator Seabaugh, 28<sup>th</sup>) Contractors; allow utility contractors to bid upon/perform work on any utility system in this state** Senator Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>, presented the bill. Vikki McReynolds from GUCA spoke in favor of the bill. Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that **SB 339 “DO PASS”**. Senator Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The motion passed 9-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
240 State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor

February 9, 2010

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

Dear Bob:

Please let this letter serve as official notice that Senator Hardie Davis, 22nd, is hereby appointed to the following Senate Committees:

Economic Development  
Insurance and Labor  
State and Local Governmental Operations  
Transportation  
Ethics  
Government Oversight

This appointment is effective immediately.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/ Casey Cagle  
Lieutenant Governor

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building on February 18, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>
- Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>
- Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>
- Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>
- Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>
- Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>
- B. Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>
- Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>
- Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order at 2:48 p.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. **Senators Brown, 26<sup>th</sup>, Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, and Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

**SB 368 (Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>) Fair Business Practices Act of 1975; deceptive representation/designations of geographic origins; provisions**

Senator Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. Len Collins from the Georgia State Floral Association spoke to the bill. Senator Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that LC 14 0144 **SB 368** “**DO PASS.**” Senator Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion.

The bill passed 9-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 310 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building on March 22, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>  
Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>  
Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:51 a.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. **Senators Brown, 26<sup>th</sup>, Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>, Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>, B. Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>, and Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

**SB 523 (Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>) Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Authority; reconstitute the governance; provide for new governing body for authority and its members**  
Senator Cowsert, 46<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. No one spoke to the bill. Senator Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **SB 523 “DO PASS.”** Senator Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Chip Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>, Chairman

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

**THE SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** met in Room 307 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building on April 13, 2010.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pearson, 51<sup>st</sup>  
Butterworth, 50<sup>th</sup>  
Buckner, 44<sup>th</sup>  
Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>  
B. Jackson, 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>  
Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>

Chairman Pearson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Committee Secretary called the roll and a quorum was present. **Senators Brown, 26<sup>th</sup>, Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Davis, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Harp, 29<sup>th</sup>, Murphy, 27<sup>th</sup>, Rogers, 21<sup>st</sup>, and Thompson, 5<sup>th</sup>, were absent.**

**HB 1388 (Representative Bearden, 68<sup>th</sup>) Development authorities; change a certain definition**

Representative Bearden, 68<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. Tim Kibler from the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance and Tom Harrold from Blue Ridge Atlantic Enterprises spoke in support of the bill. Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, made a motion that **HB 1388 “DO PASS.”** Senator Sims, 12<sup>th</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0.

**NOTE: Senator Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, arrived at 3:08 p.m.**

**HB 1251 (Representative Cecily Hill, 180<sup>th</sup>) Revenue Bond Law; undertakings include economic tourism development; define**

Representative Hill, 180<sup>th</sup>, presented the bill. Chip Drury from Laurel Island spoke to the bill. Representative Ron Stephens, 164<sup>th</sup>, spoke in support of the bill. Senator Hooks, 14<sup>th</sup>, made a motion that **HB 1251, LC 38 1137S, “DO PASS.”** Senator Mullis, 53<sup>rd</sup>, seconded the motion. The bill passed 7-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Ronnie Chance, 16<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

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May 20, 2010

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 2010 Legislative session of the General Assembly.

[SB 101](#)  
[SB 243](#)  
[SR 1172](#)

Sincerely,

/s/ Donna Yeomans  
Recording Secretary  
Senate Economic Development Committee