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Senate Economic Development Committee Rules 2011 - 2012

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 Georgia 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 the full Committee.

August 23, 2011

The Joint House and Senate Economic Development Committee met in Room 506 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 convening at 8:15 a.m. Senate members present are listed on the attached Roll Call sheet.

The meeting was called to order by Senator Ronnie Chance, Chairman of the Senate Economic Development Committee. He invited Davis of the 22nd to open the meeting with a prayer.

Co-Chairman Ron Stephens offered additional welcoming remarks.

This joint committee meeting was an informational hearing only and its purpose was to provide the members with an update on the Georgia Competitiveness Initiative. The program was created by Governor Deal to develop a long-term, statewide economic development strategy.

Chairman Chance introduced Chris Clark, President & CEO, GA Chamber of Commerce and Chris Cummiskey, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Commissioner Chris Cummiskey provided an in depth overview of the Georgia Competitiveness Initiative. He explained the structure, the areas of focus and the progress the team has made since its inception.

Structure of the Georgia Competitiveness Initiative:

Chair: Governor Nathan Deal

Co-Chairs: Chris Clark and Chris Cummiskey

Members: 22 business leaders from throughout the state and 14 ex-officio members representing various sectors of government

Partners: Georgia Department of Community Affairs (meeting logistics) and Carl Vinson Institute of Government (meeting facilitation)

Areas of focus for the Initiative and provided details for each area:

- (1) Education and Workforce Development
- (2) Innovation, (3) Infrastructure
- (4) Business Climate
- (5) Global Commerce
- (6) Government Efficiency

Following a series of comments and questions from the Committee members, President Clark offered closing comments regarding future plans of the Initiative Team.

The Chairmen expressed appreciation to President Clark and Commissioner Cummiskey for the valuable information they had shared with the Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Miller of the 49th, Secretary

/s/ Rita Smith, Recording Secretary

2011 SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Roll Call Sheet

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Joint House and Senate Hearing on the Georgia Competiveness Initiative

Chance, 16th - Chairman
Jackson, 24th – Vice Chairman
Miller, 49th - Secretary
Albers, 56th
Davis, 22nd
Gooch, 51st
Jackson, 2nd
Loudermilk, 52nd
Millar, 40th
Stoner, 6th
Thompson, 5th
Butterworth, 50th, Ex-officio
Mullis, 53rd, Ex-officio

Shaded = Present