

Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee

2011-2012

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RULES

SENATE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2011 Term

1. These Committee Rules of Operation shall be consistent 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 a time as shall be designated by the Chairman.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
6. Any members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report, in writing, with the Secretary of the Senate when the committee report is read, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.6.
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 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 twenty-four (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, pursuant to Senate Rule 2-1.5(d).

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Goggans, 7th
Senator Miller, 49th
Senator Orrock, 36th

Note: Senator L. Jackson, 2nd, was absent.

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. This was an organizational meeting. The Chairman introduced himself and the members of the committee followed with introductions. The rules of the committee were discussed. Senator Orrock, 36th, made a motion to adopt the Rules and Senator Goggans, 7th, seconded the motion. The motion carried 5:0.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn of the 47th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator L. Jackson, 2nd
Senator Miller, 49th
Senator Orrock, 36th

Note: Senator Goggans, 7th, was absent.

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

SB 61 - by Senator Loudermilk of the 52nd, Commerce; provide incandescent light bulbs manufactured in Georgia not exported from the state shall not be subject to federal regulation

Senator Loudermilk presented the bill to the committee.

Mark Woodall from the Sierra Club spoke against the bill. Senator Ginn, 47th, made a motion that **SB 61 “DO PASS”**. Senator Heath, 31st, seconded the motion. The bill passed 3-2. Senators Ginn, Heath, and Miller voted in favor and Senators L. Jackson and Orrock against.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn of the 47th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Thursday, March 10, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Goggans, 7th
Senator L. Jackson, 2nd
Senator Miller, 49th
Senator Orrock, 36th

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

SB 188 - by Sen. Goggans of the 7th, Deer Farming; provide for regulation of alternative livestock farming; authorize/regulate private harvest-hunt preserves

Senator Goggans presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute, LC 25 5878S. Senator Heath offered an amendment to strike lines 100 to the period on line 106; and again to strike the language on line 109 beginning at the words, “When such” and continuing through the period on line 110. Senator L. Jackson seconded the motion. Senator Miller made a motion to amend the amendment to add on line 110 “No person” and retain “shall be held liable for killing or wounding such escaped alternative livestock.” Senator Heath seconded the motion to amend the amendment. The motion passed 5-1 with Senator Orrock voting against. Senator Heath made a motion to amend line 139 to strike “\$1,000” and insert “\$100,000”. Senator Orrock seconded the motion. Senator Orrock made a motion to amend the amendment by striking “\$100,000” and insert “\$50,000”. Senator Ginn seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2 with Senator Goggans and L. Jackson voting opposed. Jessica Dubois from the Humane Society of the United States spoke against the bill. Senator Ginn made a motion that **SB 188 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE as amended”**. Senator Miller seconded the motion. The bill passed 4-2 with Senator Orrock and Senator Heath voting against the bill.

SB 206 - by Sen. Bulloch of the 11th, Wildlife Control Permits; provisions

Senator Bulloch presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 25 5877S. Jeffrey Harvey from Georgia Farm Bureau spoke for the bill. Senator Heath made a motion that **SB 206 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Ginn seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0.

HB 223 – by Rep. Jasperse of the 12th, Building codes; certain farm buildings or structures; provide exemption

Representative Jasperse presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill.

Senator Ginn made a motion that **HB 223 “DO PASS”**. Senator Heath seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0 with Senator Orrock abstaining from the vote. Senator Ginn will carry the bill in the Senate.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn of the 47th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room Mezz 1 of the State Capitol Building, Monday, March 21, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Goggans, 7th
Senator L. Jackson, 2nd
Senator Miller, 49th
Senator Orrock, 36th

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

HB 125 - by Rep. Dickson, 6th, Agricultural Education Advisory Commission was pulled from the agenda at the discretion of the Chairman.

HB 205 – by Rep. Dickson, 6th, Georgia Lemon Law was pulled from the agenda at the discretion of the Chairman.

HB 485 – by Rep. McCall, 30th, Wildlife control permits; release trapped feral hog into unfenced area

Chairman Bulloch presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator L. Jackson made a motion that **HB 485 “DO PASS”**. Senator Ginn seconded the motion. The bill passed 5-0.

Note: Senator Heath, 31st, arrived at 4:09 p.m.

HB 225 – by Rep. Holmes, 125th, Agriculture; state promote sustainable agriculture

Representative Holmes presented the bill to the committee. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Goggans made a motion that **HB 225 “DO PASS”**. Senator Ginn seconded the motion. The bill passed 6-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn of the 47th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE met in Room 125 of the State Capitol Building, Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bulloch, 11th, Chairman
Senator Heath, 31st, Vice Chairman
Senator Ginn, 47th, Secretary
Senator Goggans, 7th

Note: Senators L. Jackson, 2nd, Senator Miller, 49th, and Senator Orrock, 36th, were absent.

Chairman Bulloch, 11th, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

HB 125 - by Rep. Dickson, 6th, **Agricultural Education Advisory Commission** Representative Dickson presented the bill to the committee and offered a substitute LC 25 5907S. No one spoke for or against the bill. Senator Goggans made a motion that **HB 125 “DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE”**. Senator Ginn seconded the motion. The bill passed 3-0.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Frank Ginn of the 47th, Secretary

/s/ Donna Yeomans, Recording Secretary

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Rules

April 15, 2011

Mr. Bob Ewing
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol Bldg.
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Mr. Ewing,

I hereby submit the following bills upon which no action was taken by the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee during the 2011 Legislative session of the General Assembly.

[SR 43](#)

[HB 205](#)

Sincerely,

/s/ Donna Yeomans
Recording Secretary
Senate Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee