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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.

March 9, 2011

The Senate Economic Development Committee met in Mezz 1 of the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 convening at 3:00 p.m. 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. Business was conducted as follows:

Adoption of 2011 Senate Economic Development Committee Rules: Motion by Butterworth of the 50<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Stoner of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Unanimous vote.

**H.B. 264 by Carter of the 175th and others** – This legislation moves authority of the Georgia Council for the Arts from the Office of Planning and Development to the Georgia Department of Economic Development. The Council will submit an annual report to the Governor and to the Commissioner of Economic Development concerning the appropriate methods to encourage participation and appreciation of the arts in order to meet the legitimate needs and aspirations of persons in all parts of Georgia. The Commissioner of Economic Development will select and appoint personnel to support the Council and its programs.

Carter of the 175th, author of the bill, presented H.B. 264. In the brief discussion that followed, Elmer Stancil, GA Department of Economic Development, expressed support of the bill and responded to a few questions from members of the committee.

A motion was made by Butterworth of the 50<sup>th</sup>, that **H.B. 264 “Do Pass”**, seconded by Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>. The bill passed by unanimous vote.

Senate Sponsor: Chance of the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**S.B. 159 by Mullis of the 53<sup>rd</sup> and others** – This bill creates a new code section protecting trade secrets associated with economic development projects conducted by private persons or entities from being considered public information.

Mullis of the 53<sup>rd</sup> presented a substitute (LC 35 2211S) for consideration, explained the provisions of the legislation and responded to questions from members of the committee.

Davis of the 22<sup>nd</sup> expressed concern with the term “agency” vs. “entity” in Section 1, line 10 and requested definition from Legislative Counsel staff. Chairman Chance noted that Legislative Counsel was not represented at the meeting and he asked Thompson of the 5<sup>th</sup>, as ranking attorney, the only attorney on the Committee, if he could provide clarification. Thompson of the 5<sup>th</sup> was familiar with the term due to his experience on the Judiciary Committee and he satisfied all concerns for the Committee as the discussion continued.

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The following individuals offered testimony in support of the bill:

Bob Simmons, Fulton County Development Authority  
Bob White, Henry County Development Authority  
Tim Martin, Stephens County Development Authority  
David Raynor, Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
Glennis Barnes, Georgia Power

The following individuals testified in opposition to the bill:

Mark Woodall, Sierra Club  
Jim Kulstad, Common Cause Georgia

Additional discussion ensued and Stoner of the 6<sup>th</sup> suggested that a Committee substitute be entertained to insert the word “private” in front of “person or entity” in Section 1, line 33. No opposition was expressed. The Chair asked if he was stating a motion. Stoner of the 6<sup>th</sup> responded in the affirmative.

Stoner of the 6<sup>th</sup> motioned that **S.B. 159** “**Do Pass by Substitute**” (Committee Substitute – Section 1, line 33, insert the word “private” in front of “person or entity...”).

The motion was seconded by Davis of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous vote.

**S.R. 163 by Jackson of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and others** – The bill supports the development, construction, and implementation of a cruise ship terminal facility in the Savannah Harbor; and for other purposes.

Jackson of the 2<sup>nd</sup> presented the bill. There were no questions.

Millar of the 40<sup>th</sup>, motioned that **S.R. 163** “**Do Pass**”, seconded by Albers of the 56<sup>th</sup>. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Senator Miller of the 49<sup>th</sup>, Secretary

/s/ Rita Smith, Recording Secretary

## 2011 SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### Roll Call Sheet

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Meeting: Economic Development Committee

[S.B. 159](#)

[S.R. 163](#)

[H.B. 264](#)

<b>Chance, 16th - Chairman</b>
<b>Jackson, 24th - Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Miller, 49th - Secretary</b>
Albers, 56th
Brown, 26th
Butterworth, 50th <b>Ex-officio</b>
Davis, 22nd
Gooch, 51st
Jackson, 2nd
Loudermilk, 52nd
Millar, 40th
Mullis, 53rd <b>Ex-officio</b>
Stoner, 6th
Thompson, 5th

*Shaded = Present*

September 9, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Ewing:

I return herewith to the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, the following bills which were not acted upon in the Senate Economic Development Committee during the 2011 Legislative Session:

[S.B. 257](#)  
[S.B. 258](#)

I also submit my completed minutes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rita W. Smith, Recording Secretary  
Senate Economic Development Committee